

**The Congregation at Prayer – March 29-April 4
Living Hope Lutheran Church**

The Order of Meditation and Prayer
Pray and confess out loud as much as you are able or as your family size and ages allow. Work on learning by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week. Other good forms for meditation and prayer are found in LSB on pages 295-298.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed (LSB page 322)

Memory Verse – John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

Children’s Memory Verse – Work on Easter Parts

Psalms for Prayer: 130, 31



Daily Readings (Page Numbers Correspond to "The Story Bible")

Day	Bible History	Reading
Sunday	Lent 4	
Monday	Jeremiah 1,23,31 215-216	John 16:25-34
Tuesday	1 Kings 16-17 217-220	John 17:1-26
Wednesday	5 th Midweek Lent Service	Watch service online
Thursday	1 Kings 18 221-223	John 18:1-24
Friday	2 Kings 2 224-226	John 18:25-40
Saturday	Look forward to Sunday's Texts	

Sunday's Texts - Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 118:19-29, Phil. 2:5-11, John 12:12-19

Catechism – The First Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Prayers of the Congregation

Don Bickham (ongoing issues with tremors), Missionary Todd Ohlmann (Cancer), Shut-ins: Gloria Longwitz, Harold and Carol Gilbertson, Joanne Johannes. For all in our community and country and world affected by the new coronavirus.

Monday – For our communities, workers, and business during this time of uncertainty and difficult choices. For wisdom for our leaders. For steadfastness in our vocations to love and serve one another. For peace in Christ who has overcome the world!

Tuesday – For faith to trust in God In the midst of difficult times: that he would provide our daily bread as He provided for Elijah, that He would bring us to trust in His Word, that we should be one and united in Him and that His Word be preached throughout the world.

Wednesday – Midweek Service.

Thursday – That we remember our God is the true God who showed His power in sending fire from heaven and His compassion in coming willingly to suffer and die that we might trust in Him when we don't understand, that we might follow Him when we don't know the way.

Friday – For hope in the God who brought Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind and who raised Christ to His right hand, that we would be patient, joyful, and steadfast looking forward to the day when we too will be seated in glory with Him.

Saturday – For grace to receive the Word with faith and joy. For the Spirit's sanctification. For growth in love and good works through the word. For humility and repentance. For the joy and comfort of the gospel. For all who have not heard that they may hear. For those in our lives who do not believe that they may be brought to repent and believe. For courage to witness to them and invite them to come to church.

Collect Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hymn of the Week – LSB 420:1-4

1. Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,--
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

The Evening Prayer: (Or in Morning Use Morning Prayer Page 327)

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed By Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.