

Congregation at Prayer

✠ Rorate Coeli ~ The Fourth Sunday in Advent ✠

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. *Matthew 28:19*

L O ✠ Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

L Make haste, O ✠ God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord. *Psalm 70:1*

C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia!*

Psalm(s)

Hymn

Learn-By-Heart Scripture

Additional Readings from Holy Scripture

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Learn-By-Heart Catechism

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47*

C Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be 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

Matthew 6:9-13

Prayer of the Week

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night from
all harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also from
sin and every evil, that all my doings
and life may please You. For into Your
hands I commend myself, my body
and soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe may
have no power over me. Amen.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. *[Psalm 103:1]*

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this
day; and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

I Am Not the Christ

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer

For the Week of December 25th~ December 31st

Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 111 Tone J

Hymn of the Week... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

John 1:20

"He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, 'I am not the Christ.'"

Daily Readings...

Monday (12/25): Isaiah 49:1-18; Matthew 1:1-17

Tuesday (12/26): Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4 – 51:8, 12-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday (12/27): Isaiah 51:17 – 52:12; Matthew 2:1-12

Thursday (12/28): Isaiah 52:13 – 54:10; Matthew 2:13-23

Friday (12/29): Isaiah 55:1-13; Luke 1:1-25

Saturday (12/30): Isaiah 58:1--59:3, 14-21; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday (12/31): Isaiah 60:1-22; Luke 1:39-56

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Lord's Prayer, LSB 324

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Prayer of the Week...

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ First Sunday After Christmas ~

Isaiah 63:7-16 Galatians 4:1-7 Luke 2:33-40