

Congregation at Prayer

✠ *Populus Zion ~ Second Sunday in Advent* ✠

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[C] Amen. *Matthew 28:19*
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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

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Learn-By-Heart Catechism

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give us this day our daily bread;
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and lead us not into temptation,
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Matthew 6:9-13

Prayer of the Week

Morning Prayer

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Filled with Joy

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer
For the Week of December 8th ~ December 14th

Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 50:1-15 (ant. v. 15), Tone D

Hymn of the Week... *Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending*

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Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

Romans 15:13

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the
power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

Daily Readings...

Monday (12/8): Isaiah 24:14 – 25:12; 1 John 2:15-29

Tuesday (12/9): Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24

Wednesday (12/10): Isaiah 26:20 – 27:13; 1 John 4:1-21

Thursday (12/11): Isaiah 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21

Friday (12/12): Isaiah 29:1-14; Jude 1-25

Saturday (12/13): Isaiah 29:15 – 30:14; Revelation 1:1–20

Sunday (12/14): Isaiah 30:15–26; Revelation 2:1-29

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, LSB 325

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY
TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

First

What is Baptism?

*Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command
and combined with God's word.*

Which is that word of God?

*Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit."*

Matthew 28:19

Prayer of the Week...

*Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son,
that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ Midweek Advent II ~

Genesis 1:26-31

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 2:21-25

~ Third Sunday in Advent ~

Isaiah 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 11:2-11

Congregation at Prayer
✠ *Gaudete ~ The Third Sunday in Advent* ✠

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Stewards of the Mysteries

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer
 For the Week of December 15th ~ December 21st

Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 85 (ant. v. 9) Tone F

Hymn of the Week... *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

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Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

1 Corinthians 4:1

*"This is how one should regard us,
 as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."*

Daily Readings...

Monday (12/15): Isaiah 30:27 – 31:9; Revelation 3:1-22

Tuesday (12/16): Isaiah 32:1-20; Revelation 4:1-11

Wednesday (12/17): Isaiah 33:1-24; Revelation 5:1-14

Thursday (12/18): Isaiah 34:1-2, 8 - 35:10; Revelation 6:1-17

Friday (12/19): Isaiah 40:1-17; Revelation 7:1-17

Saturday (12/20): Isaiah 40:18 – 41:10; Revelation 8:1-13

Sunday (12/21): Isaiah 42:1-25; Revelation 9:1-12

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, LSB 325

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

*It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives
 eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God
 declare.*

Which are these words and promises of God?

*Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is
 baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

Mark 16:16

Prayer of the Week...

*Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the
 darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign
 with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ Midweek Advent III ~

Genesis 2:15-25 Ephesians 5:20-33 Mark 10:2-12

~ Fourth Sunday in Advent ~

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 Philippians 4:4-7 John 1:19-28

Congregation at Prayer

✠ Rorate Coeli ~ The Fourth Sunday in Advent ✠

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Not Anxious but Thankful

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Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 111 (ant. v. 9) Tone J

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

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Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Daily Readings...

Monday (12/22): Isaiah 43:1-24; Revelation 9:13 – 10:11

Tuesday (12/23): Isaiah 43:25 - 44:20; Revelation 11:1-19

Wednesday (12/24): Isaiah 44:21 - 45:13, 20-25; Revelation 12:1-17

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

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

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

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

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, LSB 325

Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does
these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.
For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with
the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and
a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus,
chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by
the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ
our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become
heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." [Titus 3:5-8]

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...

~ Christmas Eve ~

Isaiah 7:10-14

1 John 4:7-16

Matthew 1:18-25

~ Christmas Day ~

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

Titus 3:4-7

John 1:1-18

~ The Festival of The Holy Innocents ~

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Revelation 14:1-5

Matthew 2:13-18

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On Mount Zion Stood the Lamb

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For the Week of December 29th ~ January 4th

Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 54 (ant: v. 4) – Tone I

Hymn of the Week... “When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love” 764

Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

Revelation 14:1

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000
who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Daily Readings...

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

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

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

Thursday (1/1): Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:57-80

Friday (1/2): Isaiah 62:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

Saturday (1/3): Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40

Sunday (1/4): Isaiah 63:15-65:7; Luke 2:41-52

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, LSB 325

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance
be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily
emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six:

“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just
as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a
new life.” Romans 6:4

Prayers of the Week...

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the
incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature.
Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your
praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict
with Your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with
our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ The Second Sunday after Christmas ~

1 Kings 3:4-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Luke 2:40-52