

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The First Sunday in Lent, *Invocavit*
March 9 – 15, AD 2025

We could sum up the will of God in the following way: The will of God is that sinners receive the salvation of God in Christ and that each of us is living a life of love toward God and our neighbor. There are a lot of specifics there. That means that things like hearing God's Word, prayer, being baptized, and receiving Holy Communion are not options that we are free to do or not do. It also means that we can't deal with our neighbor in anger or jealousy or covetousness. But that also means that we are given a great deal of latitude in our lives. There are so many ways in which we can go about loving our neighbor, providing for their temporal good and sharing with them the good news of Jesus. As Christians our will should look exactly like God's will. We don't expect that the will of our own flesh will look anything like God's will because the will of our sinful nature is, in every way, contrary to God's will. But Christ has set us free through the forgiveness of all our sins, so that now we can not only know but love and pray for the good and gracious will of God in our midst. Thus, it is to be our joy to hear God's Word and to walk the way of love. True, the third petition is a prayer against ourselves and our will, but that is only to pray against everything that is evil and harmful both to ourselves and to our neighbors. God grant that by His Holy Spirit we would know and love the good and gracious will of God and joyfully walk according to it in faith toward Him and in fervent love toward one another.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Isaiah 42:8 – I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Psalm 22

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” (LSB 718)

<https://youtu.be/aFkBcbwoh3I>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, INVOCABIT

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 4:1-11	
② MONDAY	JOHN 4:31-38	PSALM 40:4-10
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 4:(43-45) 46-54	1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25
④ WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 26:36-46	ROMANS 8:22-28
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 5:1-15	TITUS 3:3-8
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 5:10-23	1 JOHN 2:15-23
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 32:22-32	1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-7

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Cheryl Wildauer (11), Lucy Schwiesow (13), Ellen Horn (15).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Ken and Gloria Lawrence (9).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Devin Jackson, Gary Sakko, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Todd Hauth, JE Purcell.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere) – March 16, 2025

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – Conclusion

Hymns: 876, (945), 615, 602, 745, 718, 655, 708

Readings: Genesis 32:22-32, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7, Matthew 15:21-28

