

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of Quinquagesima
March 2 – 8, AD 2025

In our day and age it is very common for people to try to set up an antagonistic relationship between employers and employees. Employers are often described as nothing more than greedy brutes who care nothing about the people who work for them. Employees are likewise described as selfish and greedy, caring nothing about the people they work for. It's a really neat trick by the devil. But God would not have it so. Employers and employees are rather to be servants of one another, looking out for one another's good and seeking to improve and protect one another's lives and possessions. Employees are to humble themselves under their employers, try to increase the success of the company, and work as though God was the owner. They are to serve willingly and cheerfully. Employers are to treat their employees well and seek to use their own success to better the lives of those who work for them. They are not to look down on their workers but take a genuine interest in their welfare. God grant that these things be true of us, whether we are employee or employer, that all may richly benefit from the good order which God has established.

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.

Table of Duties: To Workers of All Kinds

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. *Ephesians 6:5-8*

Employers and Supervisors

Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. *Ephesians 6:9*

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 QUINQUAGESIMA

① SUNDAY	LUKE 18:31-43	
② MONDAY	JOHN 3:1-16	NUMBERS 21:4-9
③ TUESDAY	JOHN 3:16-21	EPHESIANS 5:8-21
④ WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 6:(1-6) 16-21	2 PETER 1:2-11
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 3:22-36	1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 4:1-30, 39-42	REV. 21:9-11, 22-22:5
⑦ SATURDAY	GENESIS 3:1-21	2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: John Ulmer (4), Brandon Lowery (8).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Jocelyn Reif (2), Aimee Hendon (3), Xariyah Slade (3).
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Joe and Brianna Mallon (8).
- 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

First Sunday in Lent (Invocabit) – March 9, 2025

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The Third Petition

Hymns: 500, (945), 656, 666, 718, 724, 659, 440

Readings: Genesis 3:1-21, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Matthew 4:1-11

