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**Please Pray For:**

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

14-Bob Schweitzer, 22-Pastor Emmrich

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

26-Mike and Lil Baker, 30-David and Nancy Emmrich

**The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

**The Second Sunday in Advent**

December 05, 2021

**ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

L: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 6*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,\*

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;\*

let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;\*

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;\*

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;\*

for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love;\*

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;\*

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;\*

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,\*

and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,\*

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**THE CATECHISM**  
**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**  
**AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A**  
**SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD**

**P:** *What benefits does Baptism give?*

**C:** **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.**

**P:** *Which are these words and promises of God?*

**C:** **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]**

**THE READINGS**

Sun	Dec 05	Isaiah 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22
Mo	Dec 06	Isaiah 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18
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Tue	Dec 07	Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14
Wed	Dec 08	Isaiah 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29
Thu	Dec 09	Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24
Fri	Dec 10	Isaiah 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21
Sat	Dec 11	Isaiah 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21

**THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:**

**Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

**Welcome to Worship!** God is coming soon—both at Christmas, and at the end of days, so the operative thought in today’s readings is *prepare for His coming*. The Introit begins, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” In the Old Testament reading Malachi says the messenger of the covenant is coming. The Gospel is the account of John calling the people to repent in view of the arriving Messiah. In the collect we pray that the Lord would stir up our hearts to make ready the way for Jesus. The Epistle is Paul’s prayer that the Philippians would be blameless at Jesus’ coming.