The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of The Third Sunday in Lent March 20, 2022

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 85; antiphon: v.

8¹LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

⁵Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
 ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
 ¹³Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

The Catechism Table of Duties CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS, ADMONISHING THEM ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

What does the Bible say about what the hearers owe their pastors?

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should

receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14 Anyone who receive

instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps

what he sows. Gal. 6:6–7 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Tim. 5:17–18 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12–13 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They

keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17

THE READINGS

Sun	Mar.20	Genesis 27:30-45,28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13
Mon	Mar.21	Genesis 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32
Tue	Mar.22	Genesis 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50
Wed	Mar.23	Genesis 37-1-36; Mark 10:1-12
Thu	Mar.24	Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31
Fri	Mar.25	Genesis 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52
Sat	Mar.26	Genesis 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Welcome to Worship! Today's readings focus on repentance and forgiveness. In the Old Testament reading, Ezekiel is told that God made him a watchman in order that he might warn the Israelites to repent. In the Epistle, Paul speaks about the Israelites who perished in the wilderness as a result of their impenitence. In the Gospel Jesus says to His disciples: "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." In the collect we pray that God would be gracious to all who have gone astray from His ways and bring them back again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith. Lent is the time of the church year when repentance is front and center as we consider the sins that brought Jesus to His cross, and by God's power, turn away from them in repentance, faith, and holy living.

SAY A PRAYER, SEND A CARD, OR GIVE A CALL Please Pray For:

Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Linda Bahr Gail Rose, sister of Fay Lageman Miller

March Birthdays

01 Darell Roddick, 06 David Ingwell, 09 Robin Lehmann, 30 Jeremy Lehman

Schedule for Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

March 23	Soup Supper 6:00-6:45pm. Lenten worship 7:00pm
March 30	Soup Supper 6:00-6:45pm. Lenten worship 7:00pm
April 6	Soup Supper 6:00-6:45pm. Lenten worship 7:00pm
April 14	Maundy Thursday worship 7:00pm
April 15	Good Friday worship 7:00pm
April 17	Breakfast 8:45am-9:45am Easter Worship 10:00am

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services with the exception of Good Friday.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you wish to bring food for the Soup Supper (does not need to be soup).