

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

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 29; antiphon: v. 3

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

The Catechism

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CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS, ADMONISHING THEM ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

What does the Bible say about our responsibility to civil government?

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Rom. 13:1–4

THE READINGS

Sun	December 8	Ezekiel 2:1-3:11; 2 Romans 1:18-32
Mon	December 9	Ezekiel 3:12-27; 2 Romans 2:1-16
Tue	December 10	Ezekiel 18:1-4,19-32; 2 Romans 2:17-29
Wed	December 11	Ezekiel 33:1-20; Romans 3:1-18
Thu	December 12	Ezekiel 34:1-24; Romans 3:19-31
Fri	December 13	Ezekiel 36:13-28; Romans 4:1-25
Sat	December 14	Ezekiel 36:33-37:14; Romans 5:1-21

The Prayer of the Week

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Welcome to Worship! Today's readings all point us to Jesus—God's chosen servant who came to take away our sin and give us His goodness. The Introit, Old Testament Lesson and the Gospel all quote God speaking about Jesus and putting His seal of approval on Jesus' redemptive work. When Jesus was baptized, He traded places with us, as it were, being baptized as if He were sinful and needed the forgiveness brought by Baptism. In the Epistle Paul points out that those who are baptized are credited by God with Jesus' dying and rising to life again. Because God chose for His Servant to undergo Baptism, our Baptisms enable us to "walk in newness of life" and become inheritors of eternal life.

LSLC Things to Know

-**OWLS** will meet on **Saturday, January 21st at 10:00am** at **River Front Family Restaurant** in Fort.

-Our first **Cabin Fever** activity will be an open house on Sunday, **January 22nd** at Pastor and Nancy's house from **12:00-4:00 pm**. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

-Pastor and Nancy wish to **Thank You** for the gifts and well wishes received from LSLC members during the Christmas season. We feel very loved by you all!

-**Church Council meeting next Sunday, January 15** in the pastors office following worship. If you are a church council member please make plans to attend.

-The **January Lutheran Witness** is here. Pick up your copy in the narthex.

SAY A PRAYER, SEND A CARD, OR GIVE A CALL

Please Pray For:

Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Lillian Baker

January Birthdays

8 Karl Schweitzer, 21 Gary Fry, 23 Tim Baker, 26 Carolyn Gerth