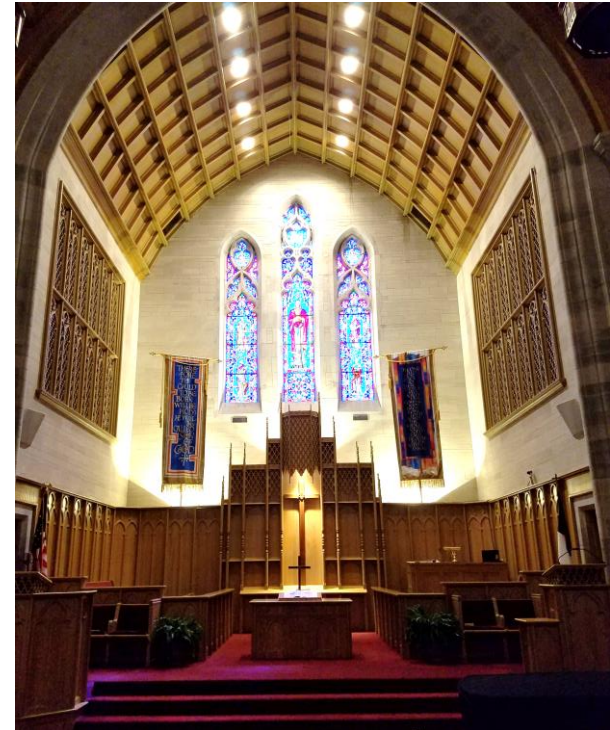


Our Family Daily Prayers

Gesima/Lent

Holy Week/Easter

2019



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Our Family Daily Prayers 2019

Follow the order for Daily Devotions in Lutheran Worship, p.293.

Week leading to Septuagesima: February 11-17, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 18(LW, p. 316-318)

Hymn – TLH #375, “If Thy Beloved Son, O God”

Daily Readings –

11 Monday	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-45
12 Tuesday	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
13 Wednesday	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Matthew 20:1-16	
14 Thursday	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18
15 Friday	Job 11:1-20	John 5:19-29
16 Saturday	Job 12:1-6, 12-25	John 5:30-47
17 Sunday	Job 13:1-12	John 6:1-21
10:15 AM	Septuagesima Exodus 17:1-7, 1 Cor. 9:24-10:5, Mt. 20:1-16	

#17- With Childish and Playful Methods: ⁷⁵ With childish and playful methods like these we may bring up our youth in the fear and honor of God so that the First and Second commandments may become familiar and be constantly practiced. Then some good may take root, spring up, and bear fruit, and men may grow up of whom an entire land may be proud. ⁷⁶ **This would be the right way to bring up children, so long as they can be trained with kind and pleasant methods, for those who have to be forced by means of rods and blows will come to no good end; at best they will remain good only as long as the rod is on their backs.**

⁷⁷ This kind of training takes such root in their hearts that they fear God more than they do rods and clubs. This I say plainly for the sake of the young, so that it may sink into their minds, **for when we preach to children, we must also speak their language.** Thus we have averted the misuse of the divine name and taught that its right use consists not only of words but also of practice and life. We want them to know that God is well pleased with the right use of his name and will as richly reward it, even as he will terribly punish its misuse. (Large Catechism -Tappert, p. 375).

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Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Mark 16: 6
Christus ist erstanden
Michael Weisse, 1531
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

7. 7. 7. 7., with Hallelujah

Christus ist erstanden
Based on "Christ ist erstanden"
Latin melody, c. 1100

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
2 He who gave for us His life, Who for us en-
3 He who bore all pain and loss Com - fort - less up-
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell Hath de - scend - ed

death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
dured the strife, Is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
on the cross Lives in glo - ry now on high,
in - to hell; He the strong man armed hath bound

Sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
We, too, sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
Pleads for us and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
And in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

5 He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!

6 Now He bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we, too, may enter heaven. Hallelujah!

7 Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today Thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away
That we all may sing for aye: Hallelujah!

passed out of death into life' ” (1 John 3:14). But he speaks of death and the things that pertain to death figuratively.

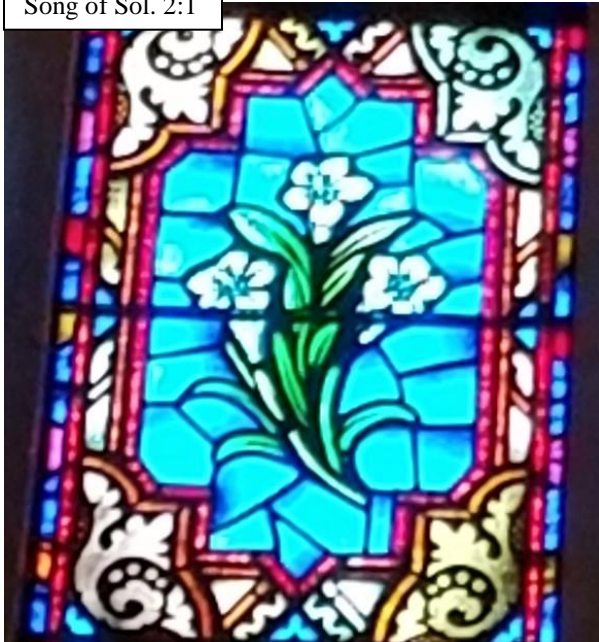
The appearance of coverings, which means that all nations are wrapped up in death. From this appearance of death and from death itself and from all evils we are set free by faith in the Word and through the Spirit. “The appearance of the covering” refers to death and all its evils. However, he calls it “the appearance of the covering” and shows that its appearance and bonds have easily been made subject to Christ” (Luther’s Works, v. 16, p. 196-197).

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20
(Repeat from Holy Week)

Easter Day

We implore you, Almighty and merciful God, cause us who celebrate Your Paschal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, ever to thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Song of Sol. 2:1



Easter Evening

O God, who in the Paschal Feast bestowed restoration upon the world, continue to Your people Your heavenly gift that they may both walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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If Thy Beloved Son, O God

Gal. 2: 16

Wenn dein herzlichster Sohn, o Gott

St. 1-4, Johann Heermann, 1630

St. 5, author unknown, 1661

Tr., composite

8. 7. 8. 7. 8. 8. 7.

Nun freut euch

“Erlisch” christliche Lieder”

Wittenberg, 1524

1 If Thy be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de - scend - ed
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest, De - spair no more reigns o'er me;
3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row ceas - es;
4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain, The Law brings con - dem - na - tion;

And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's pow - er end - ed,
No more am I by sin op - prest, For Christ has borne sin for me.
His words a - bid - ing peace im - part, His blood from guilt re - leas - es.
True right - eous - ness by faith I gain, Christ's work is my sal - va - tion.

Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In hell e - ter - nal -
Up - on the cross for me He died That, rec - on - ciled, I
Free grace thro' Him I now ob - tain; He wash - es me from
His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has paid the all - suf -

ly would pine Be - cause of its trans - gres - sion.
might a - bide With Thee, my God, for - ev - er.
ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored. A - men.

If Thy Beloved Son, O God

5 My guilt, O Father, Thou hast laid
On Christ, Thy Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, Thou my debt hast paid
And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Ghost, Thou Fount of grace,
The good in me to Thee I trace;
In faith do Thou preserve me.

Catechism - Office of the Keys, Questions One & Two

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." [John 20:22-23]

Collect for Septuagesima

O Lord, we implore You favorably to hear the prayers of Your people that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness, for the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Great Divide

These passages tell us of a great divide—a divide between God's Word and man's word the temptation for man to be his own god—'you will be like God'). It's a divide between two religions, two worldviews, two starting points. Simply put, there are only two ways to build your thinking. You can start with the One who knows everything, who has always been there, and who has revealed to us what we need to know. Beginning with Him, we can guild a solid and accurate worldview based on God's Word. The only other starting point is with sinful man's fallible word. But by adding man's word to God's Word (e.g., adding evolution/millions of years to Genesis), you end up compromising God's Word, and your starting point is flawed from the beginning. It's no longer God's infallible truth. Your starting point then is man's inherently fallible word" (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.53).

Easter Sunday: April 21, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 118 (LW, p. 346-347)

Hymn – TLH #190 "Christ the Lord is Risen Again"

Daily Readings –

20 Saturday	Easter Vigil from 7 to 10:30 PM Saturday 12 Old Testament readings, Col. 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10	
21 Sunday 7:00 AM 10:15 AM	Exodus 14:10-31	Heb 7:23-8:13
	Easter Dawn - Matins Isaiah 25:6-9, 1 Cor 15:1-11, John 20:1-1	
	Easter Day Job 19:23-27, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, Mark 16:1-8	

#33- With Christ—Out of Death to Life: Isaiah 25:6. *The Lord of hosts will make a feast.* Here the prophet is speaking of the abundance of the Gospel. This is Martin Luther's thought: In that time when the Gospel will be preached, God will prepare *a feast of fat things*; that is, Jerusalem, fat with great and many people, will be laid waste, and God will prepare this feast, namely, of the rich and powerful Jews. *For all peoples*, for the Romans and others. *A feast of lees*, not of grapes. He says that it will be a fat feast. All the fat animals will be devoured, and all the wine must be drawn out down to the lees. This means that this people of Judea is to be altogether exhausted and destroyed.

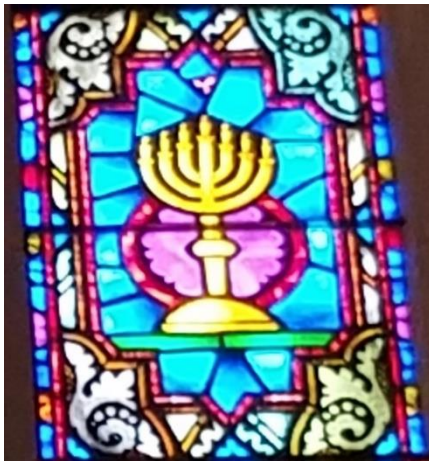
A feast of fat things full of marrow. He repeats what he has already said above. The inner and choicest part of the barley is called marrow; it is also called fat. He has fed them with the fat of the grain. Thus among this people He has oppressed princes, kings, and nobles, not just the common people.

Wine on the lees well refined for "grapes squeezed out." This means that everything is devoured and drained to the last dregs and remnants. Thus by this comparison he most aptly pictures the total reduction of Judea.

7. *And He will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all the peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.* He wants to say: "This will be the fruit of the Gospel, that He will remove from us every appearance of chains. And we rise with Christ. 'We have

something that only the godly souls understand. The ungodly world wants to be deceived. It does not receive things offered free of charge but spurns them as worthless. Yet it embraces the precious papistic things and does so even at a high price. Formerly the pope gnawed so much wealth away from Germany, and yet the Germans most vehemently strove to obtain his wares. At length so much was expended and set forth for those magnificent cloisters, and they were therefore regarded with the highest reverence. All things that are free are accounted worthless. Thus the Gospel, offered to the world free of charge, is not accepted. Only the simple and unlettered pay attention to it, receive it, and embrace it zealously, something that we scarcely achieve by supreme vigils, frequent readings, and sermons” (Luther’s Works, v. 17, p. 249).

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20
(Listed to the left)



Exodus 37:17ff
John 10:22-24
Revelation 1:13

Collect for Holy Saturday

O Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks that through death You have destroyed the power of death and delivered us, who through fear of death are in our lifetime subject to bondage, comfort us with Your precious merit and assist us in our last hour by Your grace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Week leading to Sexagesima: February 18-24, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 1 (LW, p. 313)

Hymn – TLH #375, “If Thy Beloved Son, O God”

Daily Readings –

18 Monday	Job 13:13-28	John 6:22-40
19 Tuesday	Job 14:1-22	John 6:41-59
20 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Job 15:1-23, 30-35	John 6:60-71
	Catechesis on Luke 8:4-15	
21 Thursday	Job 16:1-21	John 7:1-13
22 Friday	Job 17:1-16	John 7:14-31
23 Saturday	Job 18:1-21	John 7:32-53
24 Sunday 8:00 AM	Job 19:1-12, 21-27	John 8:1-20
	Matins on St. Matthias, Apostle Isaiah 66:1-2, Acts 1:15-26, Luke 6:12-16	
10:15 AM	Sexagesima Is. 55:10-13, 2 Cor. 11:19-12:9, Luke 8:4-15	

#18- Table of Duties: Husbands, Wives, Parents, and Children

“HUSBANDS - “You husbands, live considerately with your wives, bestowing honor on the woman as the weaker sex, since you are joint heirs of the grace of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered” (1 Pet. 3:7). “Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them” (Col. 3:19). WIVES - “You wives, be submissive to your husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are now her children if you do right and let nothing terrify you” (1 Pet. 3:1, 6). PARENTS - “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, lest they become discouraged, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21). CHILDREN - “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise) ‘that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth’” (Eph. 6:1-3). (Small Catechism -Tappert, p. 355-356).

Catechism - Office of the Keys, Question Three

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent

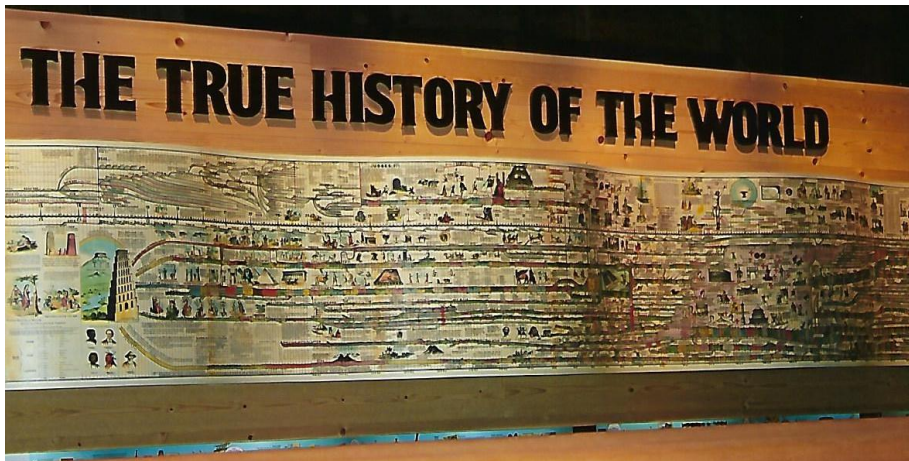
of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Collect for Sexagesima

O God, who sees that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Right Starting Point

So, the Jews had the right beginning. They had the right history. They had the right starting point of God's Word (the writing of Moses, beginning in Genesis). They were on the correct 'road' and heading to an accurate understanding of the gospel. That 'road,' beginning with creation, the Fall of man, and the promise of the Seed and the Messiah (Genesis 3:15, Daniel 9:24-27; etc.), is the right foundation to understanding the message of who Jesus is and why He died and rose from the dead. This 'road' they were on led up to the message of the Cross, even though many Jews rejected the idea that Jesus is the Messiah" (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.54-55).



Holy Saturday: April 20, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 16 (LW, p. 315-316)

Hymn – LW #332 "How Precious Is the Book Divine" (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

Saturday's Tenebrae Service on Friday at 3 PM		
20 Saturday 10:00 AM	Exodus 13:17-14:9	Hebrews 7:1-22
	<i>Holy Saturday - Matins</i> Daniel 6:1-24, 1 Peter 3:17-22, Matthew 27:57-66	
	7:00 PM Easter begins with The Great Easter Vigil 12 Old Testament readings, Col. 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10	

#32- The Gospel Offered Free of Charge: Isaiah 55:1. *Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money.*

THIS is an exhortation for Christians in the midst of their trials, lest disgust take control of all of them. This is a most destructive pestilence in the church. We must be acutely on guard and alert, although we dwell in the sluggish flesh, and be militant in the exercise of the Word. No matter how much the secure flesh sleeps, as in the case of those who are seized by the pestilence, we must nevertheless persevere against this temptation and overcome it. Let no one seem to himself to have accomplished much in Scripture and to have heard many things, since in spite of that he loses the knowledge of the Word in forgetfulness day by day. From there let the mind be restored and recleansed as from a fog of ignorance, so that the heat and fervor in the Word may increase against the gates of death. Where people have been especially trained in the Word, there they are most negligent. This is a common complaint of preachers. Such exhortation is therefore especially necessary, lest they fall into contempt and loathing of the Word.

Everyone who thirsts, etc. The church is the assembly that clings to the Word, an assembly that is in need, in hunger and thirst. Therefore it attracts those who seek and love the Word and deals with them, lest they be slothful or give up. It is as if he were saying: "Embrace this holy teaching which is applied and offered to you free of charge." Since it is a free gift, it is not to be acquired by one's own payment,

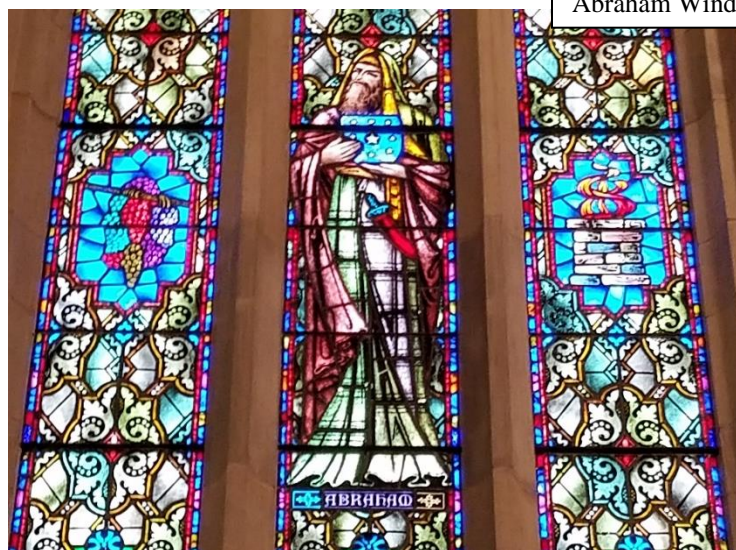
preached, but He shall nonetheless be received even by kings. This is a powerful text against the Jews. They can refer this preaching to no king but Christ.

For that which has not been told them. Paul alludes to this passage when he says that he has not come to Rome because he was kept from it by his preaching in a new place (cf. Rom. 15:22). That place deals with the propagation of the Word, so that His Word might be heard everywhere by kings who shut their mouths. Thus Christ is pictured as being preached even among the Gentiles. Here you clearly see a spiritual kingdom described, one that does not move forward with weapons but with word and recital. So this kingdom of Christ's suffering and resurrection was promoted in the church by preaching alone. " (Luther's Works, v. 17, p. 217-218).

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20
(Listed to the left)

Collect for Good Friday

Almighty God, we implore You graciously to be hold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Abraham Window

Week leading to Quinquagesima: February 25-March 3, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 77(LW, p. 334)

Hymn – TLH #375, “If Thy Beloved Son, O God”

Daily Readings –

25 Monday	Job 20:1-23,29	John 8:21-38
26 Tuesday	Job 21:1-21 <i>Optional: Job 21:22-30:15</i>	John 8:39-59
27 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Job 30:16-31	John 9:1-23
	Catechesis on Luke 18:31-43	
28 Thursday	Job 31:1-12, 33-40	John 9:24-41
1 Friday	Job 32:1-22	John 10:1-21
2 Saturday	Job 33:1-18	John 10:22-42
3 Sunday 10:15 AM	Job 33:19-34:9	John 11:1-16
	Quinquagesima 1 Sam. 16:1-13, 1 Cor. 13:1-13, Lk. 18:31-43	

#19- Parents Punish Evil in the Place of God: ¹⁷⁹ “*You shall not kill.*” ¹⁸⁰ We have now dealt with both the spiritual and the civil government, that is, divine and paternal authority and obedience. In this commandment we leave our own house and go out among our neighbors to learn how we should conduct ourselves individually toward our fellow men. Therefore neither God nor the government is included in this commandment, yet their right to take human life is not abrogated. ¹⁸¹ **God has delegated his authority of punishing evil-doers to civil magistrates in place of parents;** in early times, as we read in Moses, parents had to bring their own children to judgment and sentence them to death. Therefore what is forbidden here applies to private individuals, not to governments.

¹⁸² This commandment is simple enough. We hear it explained every year in the Gospel, Matthew 5, where Christ himself explains and summarizes it: We must not kill, either by hand, heart, or word, by signs or gestures, or by aiding and abetting. **It forgives anger except, as we have said, to persons who occupy the place of God, that is, parents and rulers.** Anger, reproof, and punishment are the prerogatives of God and his representatives, and they are to be exercised upon those who transgress this and the other commandments. (Fifth Commandment - Large Catechism -Tappert, p. 389).

Catechism - Lord's Supper, Question One

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Collect for Quinquagesima

O Lord, we implore You, mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Adam in the Garden of Eden

“Once we go through the anthropological, astronomical, biological, and geological history in the Bible, we explain how this history is true and confirmed by science. We then present the message of Christ, Cross, and Consummation that’s founded in that history” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.101).



Good Friday:

April 19, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 22 (LW, p. 319-320)

Hymn – LW #332 "How Precious Is the Book Divine" (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

	Friday's Tenebrae Service on Thursday at 3 PM	
19 Friday 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16 <i>Optional Lamentations</i> <i>5:1-22 and Psalm 22</i>	Hebrews 6:1-20
	Tenebrae Service	
	Good Friday Isaiah 52:13-53:12, 2 Cor 5:14-21, John 18:1-19:42	

#31- The Sprinkling with Blood Denotes Preaching: Isaiah 52:15. *So shall He startle many nations.* Here the glory appears again. The prophet proceeds with two members. He says that this Servant is wise and glorious, but there follows another member. He will be without glory and despised. Then follows that His glory will nevertheless be such that He will startle the nations, and the kings will shut their mouths. That is to say, all kings will become ashamed and will know that this King is supreme, and hence they will shut their mouths. They will all humble themselves. Reconcile⁹ this contradiction, that all kings regarded themselves as servants with relation to Him. And yet He will be despised and without glory. Therefore Christ's kingdom is indeed spiritual and ultimately beyond death.

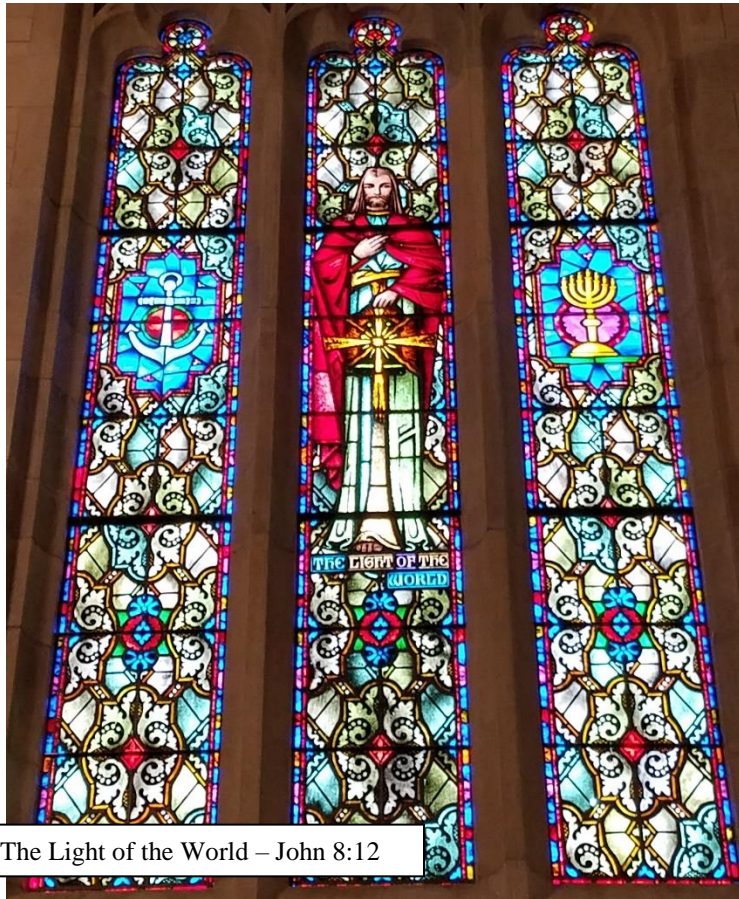
Sprinkle. This is a Hebraism for "it will be preached." Sprinkling in the Law denotes preaching, as if to say: "After Christ will have suffered, He will be proclaimed not only among the Jews but also among the Gentiles as water is thrown at and sprinkled on people." So Peter speaks of "sprinkling with His blood" (1 Peter 1:2) to denote preaching about the blood of Christ. So then we must preach that Christ is both glorious and despised. So Paul preaches Christ alone as misshapen and as crucified. And so He must always be

And His form beyond that of the sons of men. This repeats what was said above, that His form is more contemptible than that of other sons of men. No one is despised as much as He” (Luther’s Works, v. 17, p. 216-217).

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20
(Printed to the left)

Collect for Maundy Thursday

O Lord, who has left to us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Your Passion, grant we implore You that we may so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption continually may be manifest in us; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Light of the World – John 8:12

Teaching for Lenten Preparation-

"...on this day(Ash Wednesday) the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection." The season of Lent is a 40-day season in which God's baptized people dwell confidently upon God's Word giving attention "to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ." As we study God's Word, we examine ourselves so that with repentant hearts we may practice self-denial and put away any obstacles to God's grace that His kingdom may come.

All of this repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is done with a specific goal in mind. "...that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth." That feast for us is the Lord's Supper at the break of day on Easter morning. On that sacred {Saturday} night we passover from sin and death to holiness and new life in the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Lent is nothing new to us. Our entire Christian life is a daily drowning of the old man in our baptism that through Christ's resurrection, we may live a new life and when our last day comes pass over from death to eternal life.

Our own Catechism acknowledges, "Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training" (Sacrament of the Altar). Though we must constantly stress that it is faith alone which makes a person worthy, we should not disdain or at least not ignore the bodily preparation or discipline.

If you do choose to fast during Lent, understand that Christians do not fast to be like Jesus or to undergo some pseudo-religious suffering or discomfort. Christians don't fast to give up something sinful, just so they can pick it up again later.

FASTING IS DONE AS AN AID TOWARD REMEMBERING AND MEDITATING ON OUR LORD'S PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION. We fast on Friday as a reminder that this is the day that our crucified Savior died. We refrain from red meat as a reminder of his flesh that hung on the cross.

Prayer: "Blessed Savior, on this day(at this hour) You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to You and be saved; for Your mercy's sake. Amen" (*Hymnal Supplement*, p.30).

Collect for Lent

Merciful and everlasting God, who has not spared Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Days leading to Invocabit: March 4-10, 2019

Psalm – Mar 4-6 - Psalm 6 (LW, p. 314-315)

Mar 7-10 - Psalm 91 (LW, p. 336-337)

Hymn – TLH #375, “If Thy Beloved Son, O God”

Daily Readings –

4 Monday	Job 36:1-21	John 11:38-57
5 Tuesday	Job 37:1-24	John 12:1-19
6 Wednesday	Genesis 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
6:30 PM	Learn-by-Heart (but, no Catechesis Service)	
7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-19, 2 Pet 1:2-11, Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	
7 Thursday	Genesis 1:20-2:3	Mark 1:14-28
8 Friday	Genesis 2:4-25	Mark 1:29-45
9 Saturday	Genesis 3:1-24	Mark 2:1-17
10 Sunday	Genesis 4:1-26	Mark 2:18-28
10:15 AM	Invocabit Gen. 3:1-12, 2 Cor. 6:1-10, Matthew 4:1-11	

Ash Wednesday

#20- The Power, Right and Authority to Marry

¹⁸ For one thing, it is taught among us with regard to those who desire to marry that all those who are not suited for celibacy have **the power, right, and authority to marry**, for vows cannot nullify God’s order and command. ¹⁹ God’s command in 1 Cor. 7:2 reads, “Because of the temptation to immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.” ²⁰ It is not alone God’s command that urges, drives, and compels us to do this, but God’s creation and order also direct all to marriage who are not endowed with the gift of virginity by a special act of God. This appears from God’s own words in Gen. 2:18, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

(Apology XXVII, Tappert, p. 73).

Maundy Thursday: April 18, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 116(LW, p. 345-346)

Hymn – LW #332 “How Precious Is the Book Divine” (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

	Thursday’s Tenebrae Service on Wednesday at 3 PM	
18 Thursday	Exodus 12:1-28 <i>Optional Lamentations</i> <i>4:1-22 and Psalm 31</i>	Hebrews 5:1-14
3:00 PM	Tenebrae Service	
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Ex 12:1-14, 1 Co 11:23-32, John 13:1-15(34-35)	

#30- The Form of Christ’s Glorification: Isaiah 52:14. *As many as were astonished at Him.* The prophet describes the person. But this is the way it will be. The ministry and glorification of Christ will assume such a form that the whole world will be offended because of Him. This glorious King will be in such a form that many will be astonished at Him. I read it thus: Many are offended at Him. The Hebrew נִפְחָץ means to be startled, distorted. The word describes the posture of one about to vomit and of one full of revulsion, because His appearance will be so vile that many will be sick and offended. *At Him.* Why this?

Because *His appearance was marred beyond human semblance.* He looks repulsive by comparison with other people. Here you see the glorious King described as a man of the most hideous appearance in opposition to the Jews, who look for Him in a glorious form. It follows therefore that the Messiah is not to be looked for as coming with a physical kingdom, since His appearance is so extremely marred. He is numbered with the transgressors, crucified as a rebel, killed by His own people in supreme disgrace, and the most abandoned of men. His public appearance as of one doing nothing has magnificence. Note, then, that this Servant will be more disgraceful in the eyes of men than all other men. For that reason the Jews should receive Him, and yet for that reason many are offended because of Him, since His appearance will be so offensive.

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?*

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2 and Ephesians 5.

18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?* That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. *What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?* First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. *But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?* To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7.

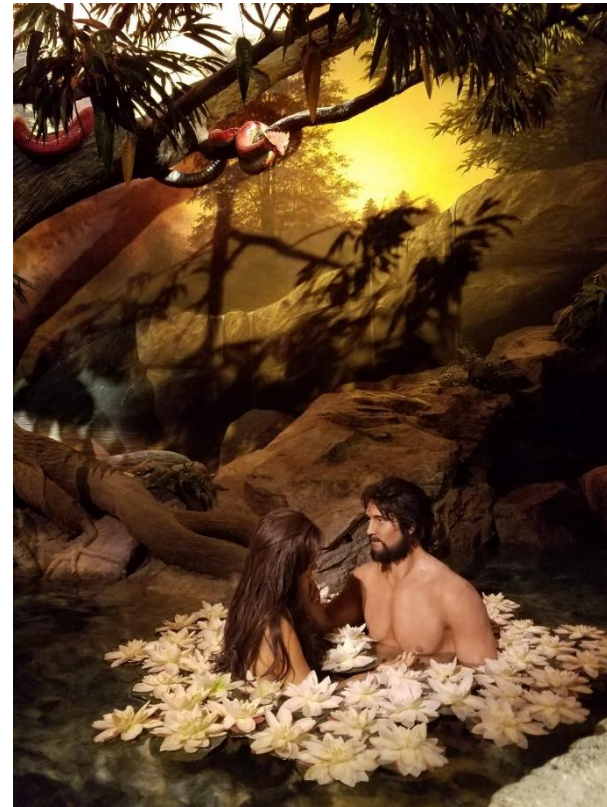
Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.



Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that You have made and who forgives the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

Note the snake above in the tree.

“Through the Answers in Genesis ministry, we are challenging generations today by helping them understand that many of them are on the wrong road {*evolution-based*}, and we want to do our best to get them on the right road.”
(*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.102).

Invocabit

#21- Parents Reprove Evil

²⁷⁴ So you see that we are absolutely forbidden to speak evil of our neighbor. Exception is made, however, of civil magistrates, preachers, **and parents**, for we must interpret this commandment in

such a way that evil shall not go unpunished. We have seen that the Fifth Commandment forbids us to injure anyone physically, and yet an exception is made of the hangman. By virtue of his office he does not do his neighbor good but only harm and evil, yet he does not sin against God's commandment because God of his own accord instituted that office, and as he warns in the Fifth Commandment, he has reserved to himself the right of punishment. Likewise, although no one has in his own person the right to judge and condemn anyone, yet if they whose duty it is fail to do so, they sin as much as those who take the law into their own hands without such a commission.

²⁷⁵ Necessity requires one to report evil, to prefer charges, to attest, examine, and witness. It is no different from the situation of the physician who, to cure a patient, is sometimes compelled to examine and handle his private parts. Just so, magistrates, **parents**, even brothers and sisters and other good friends are under mutual obligation to reprove evil where it is necessary and beneficial. (Large Catechism Eighth Commandment, Tappert, p. 401).

Collect for Invocabit

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from those who rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Catechism - Lord's Supper, Question Two

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

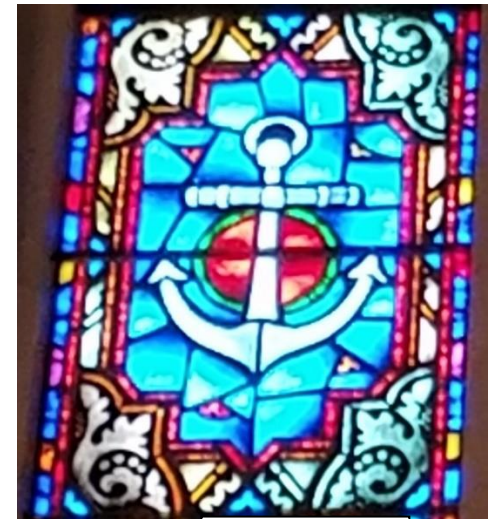
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

itself in violence and craftiness. Summary: It is incumbent upon the wise man not to rule by violence, not to ram his head through, but in the midst of an even desperate situation to see it through gently and bring everything to an orderly conclusion. Thus Christ will find an exceedingly involved situation. This affair will be imposed on Him in a way to make His task seem entirely impossible, and yet He will handle the matter so successfully that He will dispose of it without force and without danger. He has accomplished it wisely and without noise. This is the meaning of *My Servant shall prosper*. Before this no such person was found, although David is called a חָכָם, that is, a man wise in the Scriptures (1 Chron. 22:12). Summary: "My Servant will not be turbulent, as you hitherto acted under the Law with violence, but His ministry is supremely pleasant and joyful, and He handles everything in the gentlest manner, offending and hurting no one. Such sagacity is the very opposite of every kind of force and tyranny on the part of authorities. Then, when His first office and ministry have been accomplished, He will be in glory. He will bring it about that even in this life He will arrive at glory after many people have been gathered to Him." But I understand it simply in this way: Here, in the time of his earthly life, He will be Servant. After death He will be Lord. In His life He will be the most prudent Servant" (Luther's Works, v. 17, p. 215-216).

Collect for Holy Wednesday

Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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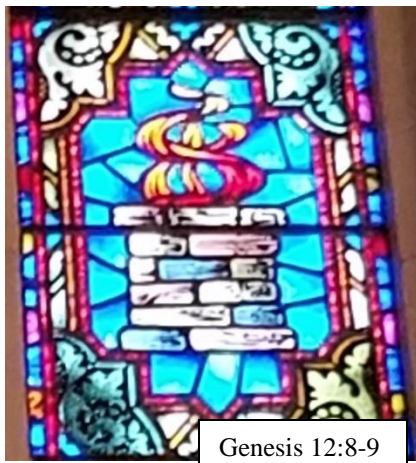


Hebrews 6:19

Holy Wednesday

**#29- The Servant Jesus Christ
Delivered From Death**

Isaiah 52:13. *Behold,*⁷ *My Servant shall prosper, He shall be exalted and lifted up.* We have understood this chapter to show the manner in which that king would set us free. *Behold, My Servant shall prosper.* Here we begin chapter 53. Until now you have heard Christ's kingdom depicted in the cross and that it is carried forward by faith and the Word alone. Yet that leading of faith, the Word, and the cross is not without deliverance and protection. In this chapter the prophet speaks primarily of the Head of the Kingdom as he treats of the person of the King and the manner of His deliverance. This is the foremost passage on the suffering and resurrection of Christ, and there is hardly another like it. Therefore we must memorize this passage, for it certainly drives out the stubbornness of the Jews. The Jews cannot deny that this passage speaks of Christ. They indeed grant the glories of Christ in this chapter, but they are unwilling to grant His cross and sufferings. Yet this is what the text says: This King will be glorious, but after His death. This indicates that this King is different from an ordinary one, since He will begin His reign after death. *Behold, My Servant shall prosper.* He calls Him Servant as He did above (42:1 f.): "He will not cry or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street." There He is not just called Servant, as the monastics think, but He is a servant, that is, a minister of the Word, an apostle and an ambassador. What will this Servant do? *He shall prosper.* The Hebrew word יִשְׁכֵּל⁸ means to act wisely, to be able to deal circumspectly with a matter. They are said to act wisely who carry an important and extremely dangerous matter through to its conclusion in such a way that they nowhere do violence to it. The political ruler needs this wisdom to take note of all dangers, beware of all snares, and bring everything to a successful conclusion. So Matt. 10:16 reads: "Be wise as serpents." Now, the serpent is a shrewd animal, involving



Genesis 12:8-9

Week leading to Reminiscere: March 11-17, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 25 (LW, p. 321-322)

Hymn – TLH #375, "If Thy Beloved Son, O God"

Daily Readings –

11 Monday	Genesis 6:1-7:5	Mark 3:1-19
12 Tuesday	Genesis 7:11-8:12	Mark 3:20-35
13 Wednesday	Genesis 8:13-9:17	Mark 4:1-20
	Option Genesis 9:18-11:26	
	Ember Wednesday in Lent Ex. 24:12-18, 1 Kings 19:3-8, Matt 12:38-50 No Catechesis on Matt 15:21-28	
14 Thursday	Genesis 11:27-12:20	Mark 4:21-41
15 Friday	Genesis 13:1-18	Mark 5:1-20
	Option Genesis 14:1-24 Ember Friday in Lent Ezekiel 18:20-28, John 5:1-15	
16 Saturday	Genesis 15:1-21	Mark 5:21-43
	Ember Saturday in Lent 1 Thessalonians 5:14-28, Matthew 17:1-9	
17 Sunday 10:15 AM	Gen. 16:1-9, 15-17:22	Mark 6:1-13
	Reminiscere Gen. 32:22-32, 1 Thess 4:1-7, Matt 15:21-28	

#22- Marriage A Divine And Blessed Estate to Beget and Bring Up Children:²⁰⁶

Inasmuch as this commandment is concerned specifically with the estate of marriage and gives occasion to speak of it, let us carefully note, first, how highly God honors and glorifies the married life, sanctioning and protecting it by his commandment. He sanctioned it above in the fourth commandment, "You shall honor father and mother"; but here, as I said, he has secured it and protected it.²⁰⁷ Therefore he also wishes us to honor, maintain, and cherish it as a **divine and blessed estate**. Significantly he established it as the first of all institutions, and he created man and woman differently (as is evident) not for lewdness but **to be true to each other, be fruitful, beget children, and support and bring them up to the glory of God.** (Large Catechism Sixth Commandment, Tappert, p. 393).

Catechism - Lord's Supper, Question Three

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Collect for Reminiscere

O God, who sees that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



God's Word is questioned and ignored:

The serpent said to the woman, "Has God really said you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Gen 3:1). The woman took of the fruit and did eat, and also gave to her husband with her, and he did eat (Gen 3:6).

The Fall into Sin

Note the forbidden fruit in their hands.

"This is the battle that began in the Garden 6,000 years ago, a war between God's Word and man's word. It's a battle over two starting points that puts people on two different roads. The starting point of God's Word puts one on the road that leads up to the message of the Cross. The starting point of man's word puts one on a road that leads only to destruction (Mt 7:13). One is narrow and the other is wide (Mt 7:13-14)" (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.99).

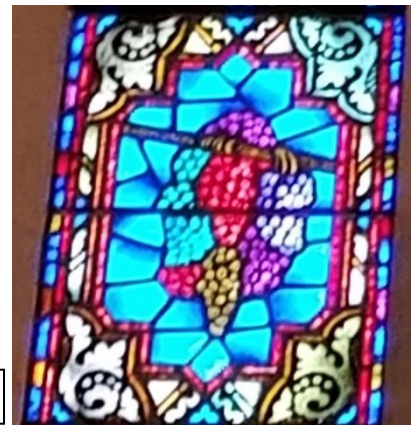
they murmured at the Red Sea, they murmured that they did not have food and water, they were always ungrateful to God. Thus the flesh does nothing good unless it is compelled. Therefore evil conditions of slavery are necessary in the world, and for that reason He always harassed them through the Amorites, etc. Yet always *He remembered the days of old*, the days of Abraham, Moses, and David, to whom He had given the promise that they should not perish but have peace and a perpetual kingdom. Thence He is moved not so much by our cries as by our reminders of His covenant and His promises. Therefore what He demanded of us is in place, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble" (Ps. 50:15). Hence Scripture always says "for My sake," in order to exclude boasting. He comes to our aid because of His promise in order to crush our pride.

Since, however, He has heard so many times before, however much they were sinners and embittered Him, yet He always pardons and hears, if only they will acknowledge themselves sinners against their conscience. Then He consoles us that He will come also to our rescue in afflictions, and when we are oppressed, we must cry. But this calls for Christians who must continue to pray for God's help beyond their sins by which they have angered God. Therefore He urges and places His person in the midst of the Babylonian captivity, where because of their distress people may cry to the Lord for help. But sin contradicts and tries to stop the mouth. However, one must break through beyond the consciousness of sin to implore God for His help, though the Holy Spirit is not with us or, if He is, He is present in secret. So much skill it takes to approach the Lord" (Luther's Works, v. 17, p. 358).

Collect for Holy Tuesday

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion that we may be sustained by the remission of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Promised Land - Numbers 13:23



Come, let us be judged. There is nothing evil in the whole world which they themselves commit and do not shove off on us, so as to have a cause against us because of the Gospel. Nevertheless, we can innocently say with Samuel (1 Sam. 12:3): “Whose ox have I taken? Or whose ass have I taken?” Yet they persecute us for the sake of their own tyrants. But we shall persevere.

9. *Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment*, that is, they will perish little by little through constant use rather than all of a sudden, but room will be given them for repentance. In another place we read ³: “My face is indeed weakened like a garment chewed up by worms.” Thus also our enemies will perish but “the word of our God will stand forever” (Is. 40:8)” (Luther’s Works, v. 17, p. 195).

Collect for Holy Monday

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we implore You that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the Passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Holy Tuesday

#28- Christians Continue to Pray for God’s Help

“Isaiah 63:9. *In His love He carried them.* Here belong all the stories of Exodus, the Judges, etc., where because of His mercy God carried them and consoled them in every difficulty.

10. *They, however, provoked Him to wrath.* The most ungrateful men have always embittered Him in response to His great blessings. Thus

Genesis 15:5-6



Days leading to Oculi: March 18-24, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 9 (Not in LW)

Hymn – LW #332 “How Precious Is the Book Divine” (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

18 Monday	Genesis 18:1-15 <i>Option Gen 18:16-20:18</i>	Mark 6:14-34
19 Tuesday	Genesis 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
20 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Genesis 22:1-19 Catechesis on Luke 11:14-28	Mark 7:1-23
21 Thursday	Genesis 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
22 Friday	Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67 <i>Option Genesis 25:1-26:35</i>	Mark 8:1-21
23 Saturday	Genesis 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38
24 Sunday 10:15 AM	Gen. 27:30-45, 28:10-22 Oculi Exodus 8:16-24, Ephesians 5:1-9, Luke 11:14-28	Mark 9:1-13

#23- Marriage A Blessed Estate Above All Others And Richly

Supplied: ²⁰⁸ God has therefore most richly blessed this estate above all others and, in addition, has supplied and endowed it with everything in the world in order that this estate might be provided for richly and adequately. Married life is no matter for jest or idle curiosity, but it is a glorious institution and an object of God’s serious concern. For it is of the highest importance to him that persons be brought up to serve the world, promote knowledge of God, godly living, and all virtues, and fight against wickedness and the devil.

²⁰⁹ Therefore I have always taught that we should not despise or disdain marriage, as the blind world and the false clergy do, but view it in the light of God’s Word, by which it is adorned and sanctified. It is not an estate to be placed on a level with the others; it precedes and surpasses them all, whether those of emperor, princes, bishops, or anyone else. Important as the spiritual and civil estates are, these must humble themselves and allow all people to enter the estate of marriage, as we shall hear. ²¹⁰ It is not an exceptional estate, but the most universal and the noblest, pervading all Christendom and even extending throughout all the world. (Large Catechism Sixth Commandment, Tappert, p. 393).

Sacrifice

Adam and Eve wearing animal skins.



“Paul would later write that the preaching of the Cross was a stumbling block to the Jews but foolishness to the Greeks (1 Co 1:23). But exactly why was it foolishness to the Greeks? Because Greeks had no concept of a Creator God (one God) as the Jews did. They didn’t have the history about Adam and Eve or the Fall of man in the Garden and the entrance of sin and death. They did not understand the sacrificial system God instituted in Genesis 3:21 (the first blood sacrifice as a covering for their sin, a picture of what was to come in Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world). They had the wrong foundation, and because of this, they didn’t understand the message of the Cross. Therefore, it was foolishness to them (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.62).

Catechism - Lord’s Supper, Question Four

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Collect for Oculi

We implore You, almighty God, to look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Your mercy to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Holy Week: April 15-17, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 38 (LW, p.326-327) and Psalm 51 (LW, p. 329-330)

Hymn – LW #332 “How Precious Is the Book Divine” (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

15 Monday 10:30 AM	Exodus 9:1-28 <i>Optional Lamentations 1:1-22</i>	Heb. 2:1-18
	Holy Monday Is. 50:5-10, 1 Pet 2:21-24, John 12:1-36 (37-43)	
16 Tuesday 10:30 AM	Exodus 9:29-10:20 <i>Optional Lamentations 2:1-22</i>	Heb. 3:1-19
	Holy Tuesday Jer 11:18-20, 1 Tim 6:12-14, Mark 14:1-15:46	
17 Wednesday 10:30 AM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	Exodus 10:21-11:10 <i>Optional Lamentations 3:1-66</i>	Heb. 4:1-16
	Holy Wednesday Isa 62:11-63:7, Rev 1:5b-7, Luke 22:1-23:56	
	Tenebrae Service	
	Catechesis on Mark 16:1-8	

Holy Monday

#27- With Christ, We Shall Persevere

Isaiah 50:7. *I have set My face like a flint.* A Christian might be thus influenced that he has a very hard face, since he will have to hear insults and even see openly that everything, however good, right, and true it may be, is given the worst possible interpretation. Let not then Christians despair when they hear such great blasphemies from the fanatics as even human nature cannot bear, unless the Word and the Spirit of God harden our face against the despisers of the Word.

8. *Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together.* “No one will dare to go into judgment with Me,” says Christ, for “God is for us, who is against us?” (Rom. 8:31). He brings it about that we consider it of no consequence, even though the whole world contends against us. The rule of the church is not located in pomp and appearance but in the Word, even in the spoken Word, on which we may stand firm against all insults. For “if God is for us, who is against us?”

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both be guided by His patience in this life and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 10-16

10. *Did the Father also die for you?* He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
11. *How do you know this?* From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
12. *What are the words of institution?* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?* Yes, I believe it.
14. *What convinces you to believe this?* The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.
15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?* We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?* First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

Week leading to Laetare: March 25-31, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 122 (Not in LW)

Hymn – LW #332 "How Precious Is the Book Divine" (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

25 Monday 10:30 AM	Genesis 29:1-30 <i>Optional Gen. 29:31-34:31</i>	Mark 9:14-32
	Annunciation of Our Lord Isaiah 7:10-14, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:25-38	
26 Tuesday	Genesis 35:1-29	Mark 9:33-50
27 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Genesis 37:1-36	Mark 10:1-12
	Catechesis on St. John 6:1-15	
28 Thursday	Genesis 39:1-23	Mark 10:13-31
29 Friday	Genesis 40:1-23	Mark 10:32-52
30 Saturday	Genesis 41:1-27	Mark 11:1-9
31 Sunday 10:15 AM	Genesis 41:28-57	Mark 11:20-33
	Laetare Exodus 16:2-21, Galatians 4:21-31, John 6:1-15	

#24- Marriage A Necessary Estate For Mankind: ²¹¹ In the second place, remember that it is not only an honorable estate but also a necessary one, and it is solemnly commanded by God that **in general men and women in all conditions, who have been created for it, shall be found in this estate.** Yet there are some (although few) exceptions whom God has especially exempted — some who are unsuited for married life and others whom he has released by a high supernatural gift so that they can maintain chastity outside of marriage. ²¹² Where nature has its way, as God implanted it, it is not possible to remain chaste outside of marriage; for flesh and blood remain flesh and blood, and the natural inclinations and stimulations have their way without let or hindrance, as everyone's observation and experience testify. Therefore, to make it easier for man to avoid unchastity in some measure, God has established marriage, so that everyone may have his allotted portion and be satisfied with it — although here, too, God's grace is still required to keep the heart pure. (Large Catechism Sixth Commandment, Tappert, p. 393-4).

CONSEQUENCES

Adam's rebellion brought physical death into this world. The moment he disobeyed, Adam also became separated from the God who gives life to all things. This separation, called spiritual death, passed on to all of Adam's descendants.

Because of man's rebellion against his Creator, God pronounced the following judgments.

<p>MAN</p> <p>"In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you shall return." — GENESIS 3:19</p>	<p>WOMAN</p> <p>"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you." — GENESIS 3:16</p>
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THE CURSE

<p>GROUND</p> <p>"Cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the herb of the field." — GENESIS 3:17-18</p>	<p>SERPENT</p> <p>"You are <i>cursed</i> above every beast of the field; you shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life." — GENESIS 3:14</p>
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Catechism - Lord's Supper, Question Five
Who receives this sacrament worthily?
 Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Collect for Laetare
 Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to

be punished, by the comfort of Your grace may be mercifully relieved; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

"How can you say there's a loving God? But if they knew the holy, just God of the Bible, these things would be explained for them. The suffering and death we experience here are a result of man's sin, not God's cruelty. Senseless murders in our society can be traced back to Adam's disobedience and the depravity of the sin nature, not to god. Even sickness, disease, and injustice are all a result of sin entering the world. And this same God that atheists argue against (and that, ironically, they don't believe exists!) will one day right all wrongs and put an end to injustice, suffering, sin, and death. That's far more than the atheist evolutionist has to offer!" (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.68).

theme in the Book of Job. The wisdom of the world cannot be put to shame except through foolishness and weakness.

I hid not My face from shame and spitting. What does that spitting accomplish except extolling the wisdom of the world? Thus our face toward the world, if anyone will look at it with spiritual eyes, is so spit upon, so polluted by endless disgraces, that no profession is less imposing in the world than that of those who profess the Gospel. But for one disgrace a hundred glorious rays will one day appear, because the Lord Himself is present as our Helper. He strengthens, preserves, and liberates the hearers" (Luther's Works, v. 17, p. 194-195).



"Zonkeys (from a male zebra bred with a female donkey) zorses (male zebra and female horse), and heras (male horse and female zebra) are all examples of hybrid animals. ...donkeys, zebras, and horses all belong to the horse kind... After the flood natural selection, mutation, and other mechanisms allowed speciation within the kinds to occur... This is especially well illustrated in the dog kind in which current members (e.g. coyotes, dingoes, and domestic dogs) are confirmed to be descended from an ancestral type of wolf" (*The New Answers, Book 3* by Ken Ham, p.40-41).

"All of these animals' ancestors that we have discussed above—horses, donkey, zebras, tigers, lions, whales, and dolphins—were created with genetic diversity within their various kinds (or by the older definition species). Through time, the processes of natural selection, mutation, and other mechanisms have altered that original information (decreased or degenerated) to give us even more various within a kind.... Great variety can be observed in the offspring of animal of the same kind, just as the same cake recipe can be used to make many different cakes with various flavors and colors.... What an amazing diversity of life God has created for us to enjoy!" (*The New Answers, Book 3* by Ken Ham, p.46).

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Week leading to Palmarum: April 8-14, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 73 (LW, p.332-334)

Hymn – LW #332 "How Precious Is the Book Divine" (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

8 Monday	Exodus 2:1-22	Mark 14:32-52
	Passion Monday John 7:32-39	
9 Tuesday	Exodus 2:23-3:22	Mark 14:53-72
	Passion Tuesday John 7:1-13	
10 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Exodus 4:1-18	Mark 15:1-15
	Passion Wednesday John 10:23-38	
	Catechesis on Matthew 26:1-27:66	
11 Thursday	Exodus 4:19-31	Mark 15:16-32
	Passion Thursday Luke 7:36-50	
12 Friday	Exodus 5:1-6:1	Mark 15:33-47
	Passion Friday John 11:47-54	
13 Saturday	Exodus 7:1-25	Mark 16:1-20
	Passion Saturday John 12:10-36	
14 Sunday 10:15 AM	Exodus 8:1-32	Hebrews 1:1-14
	<i>optional Psalm 118</i>	
	Palmarum Zech 9:9-12, Phil. 2:5-11, Matthew 26:1-27:66	

#26- Afflictions-As With Christ, So For All Christians: Isaiah 50:5. *I was not rebellious.* “It is the Lord who opens My ears.” So it is for Christ and so it is for all Christians, even if because of weakness and denseness they feel that all things are contradictions and hindrances and faults in sins, anxiety, poverty, blasphemy, etc. Nevertheless, to hear the Word in earnest and to bear all things for the sake of the Word, this is ultimately very difficult.

I turned not backward, that is, “I do not turn back to Egypt and become unbelieving, but I confess the Word with the mouth as well as in deed. I sing the praises of the power and might of that seemingly powerless and foolish Word.”

6. *I gave My back to the smiters, etc.* Christ is the first to undergo a host of afflictions because of the Word, and thus it is for us disciples the supreme usefulness, strength, wisdom, and power which enables us to bear all things, however difficult, for its sake. This is a

Week leading to Judica: April 1-7, 2019

Psalm - Psalm 43 (Not in LW)

or Psalm 143 (LW, p.363)

Hymn – LW #332 "How Precious Is the Book Divine" (TLH 285)

Daily Readings –

1 Monday	Genesis 42:1-34, 38	Mark 12:1-12
2 Tuesday	Genesis 43:1-28	Mark 12:13-27
3 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34	Mark 12:28-44
	Catechesis on John 8:42-59	
4 Thursday	Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28	Mark 13:1-23
5 Friday	Genesis 47:1-31 <i>Opt. Genesis 48:1-49:28</i>	Mark 13:24-37
6 Saturday	Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26	Mark 14:1-11
7 Sunday 10:15 AM	Exodus 1:1-22	Mark 14:12-31
	Judica Gen 22:1-14, Heb 9:11-15, John 8:(42-45) 46-59	

#25- Give Young People a Love To Enter the God-Pleasing

Married Life: ²¹⁷ I say these things in order that **our young people may be led to acquire a love for married life and know that it is a blessed and God-pleasing estate.** Thus it may in due time regain its proper honor, and there may be less of the filthy, dissolute, disorderly conduct which now is so rampant everywhere in public prostitution and other shameful vices resulting from contempt of married life. ²¹⁸ Therefore parents and magistrates have the duty of so supervising youth that they will be brought up to decency and respect for authority and, when they are grown, will be married honorably in the fear of God. Then God will add his blessing and grace so that men may have joy and happiness in their married life.

²¹⁹ Let it be said in conclusion that this commandment requires everyone not only to live chastely in thought, word, and deed in his particular situation (that is, especially in the estate of marriage), but also **to love and cherish the wife or husband whom God has given.** For marital chastity it is above all things essential that husband and wife live together in love and harmony, cherishing each other wholeheartedly and with perfect fidelity. This is one of the chief ways to

make chastity attractive and desirable. Under such conditions chastity always follows spontaneously without any command.²²⁰ This is why St. Paul so urgently admonishes husbands and wives to love and honor each other.²²¹ Here you have another precious good work — indeed, many and great works — which you can joyfully set over against all “spiritual estates” that are chosen without God’s Word and commandment.” (Large Catechism Sixth Commandment, Tappert, p. 394).

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 1-9

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?* Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. *How do you know this?* From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. *Are you sorry for your sins?* Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. *What have you deserved from God because of your sins?* His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Rom. 6:21, 23.
5. *Do you hope to be saved?* Yes, that is my hope.
6. *In whom then do you trust?* In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
7. *Who is Christ?* The Son of God, true God and man.
8. *How many Gods are there?* Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?* He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Collect for Judica/Passion Sunday

We implore You, almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

COVERINGS

*Although Adam and Eve deserved to die for their rebellion, God disclosed part of his permanent solution to man's sin problem. **GENESIS 3:15** reveals that a descendant of Eve would one day defeat the serpent. Scripture later explains that this seed of the woman would also pay for our sins in full and destroy their deadly consequences.*

TEMPORARY COVERINGS

Recognizing their nakedness, Adam and Eve made coverings of fig leaves for themselves and tried to hide from God (GENESIS 3:7-8). But these garments were insufficient. Since "the wages of sin is death" (ROMANS 6:23), blood needed to be shed to cover or atone for their sin, because "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (LEVITICUS 17:11).

In His mercy, God made garments of skin to cover Adam and his wife (GENESIS 3:21). The animals God killed to provide skins to cover Adam and Eve became the first of many sacrifices to cover sin. For centuries, animals would be sacrificed for sin, but because humans are not related to animals, these sacrifices could only temporarily cover sin.

PERMANENT ATONEMENT

To permanently remove our sins, a perfect, sinless man would need to be sacrificed in our place (HEBREWS 10:4, 11-14).

Jesus Christ is the "last Adam" (1 CORINTHIANS 15:45), the seed

of the woman, and the "Lamb of God" who died on the cross to take away the sin of the world (JOHN 1:29). Three days later, he demonstrated his power over sin and death by rising from the grave.

“Many Greeks held to an evolution-based culture. They believe in a form of naturalism and opposed their fellow Greeks who were polytheistic. Darwin did not invent the concept of evolution—he just re-popularized a particular view of it with a supposed ‘scientific’ justification. Whenever we see people rejecting the Creator God of Scripture, there is usually some evolutionary view substituted in an attempt to explain origins, life, and the universe” (*Gospel Reset* by Ken Ham, p.63).