

Morning Prayer for Saturday.

232. Praise be unto Thee, O heavenly Father, that Thou lookest upon my miserable estate so paternally, and hast shown me, a poor, weak, and perishable creature who am worth naught because of mine inborn sin, so great grace, even unto this day. Grant that I may fully realize my imperfections, and how I, conceived and born in sin, would be eternally lost on account of my sins if, for Thy beloved Son's sake, Thou hadst not been mindful of me, so that I may ever thank Thee and never abuse Thy grace and manifold benefits. Defend me henceforth against every disaster to body and soul. Let me not fall into pride or presumption, but rather, teach me that I must die and that my life has its goal, so that I may be daily prepared, when mine hour cometh to depart from this misery, to fall quietly and peacefully asleep in the knowledge of Thee, and, with all believers enter into eternal joy and glory. Amen. (Pages 388)

Evening Prayer for Saturday.

256. In the Name of Him with Whom I began this day and this now passing week, let me also end the same. Lord God, Father of my life, save me. Lord God, the Son, my Savior, defend me. Lord God, the Holy Ghost, preserve me that mine eyes close not in the sleep of death. Amen.

O Blessed, Holy Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, unto Thee I commend my all, body and soul, and all that is mine, and beseech Thee, send Thy holy angels to watch over me this night, to defend and save me, and keep from me the devil, so that he add no evil unto me. Keep me in Thy pure and all-saving word and let me not sink into the darkness of this world; but enlighten my heart to know what is good and what is evil. Blot out all my sins which, consciously or unconsciously, I have committed against Thee during this week. Let me begin a new life, acceptable before Thee, unto the glory of Thy Name and the salvation of my soul. Amen. (Pages 429)

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The Resurrection of Jesus in Matthew 28:1-4

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Week of Quinquagesima: March 5-8, 2025

Psalm 111 / Psalm 27

Hymn Ash Wednesday - "When o'er My Sins I Sorrow" (ASBH #19)

Daily Readings –

5 Wednesday	Luke 7:1-10	Exodus 33:1-23
6:30 PM	Learn-by-Heart (but, no Catechesis Service)	
7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Divine Service Jonah 3:1-10, Isaiah 59:12-21, Joel 2:12-19, Matt 6:16-21	
6 Thursday	Luke 7:18-8:3	Exodus 34:1-10
7 Friday	Luke 8:16-56	Exodus 34:27-35
8 Saturday	Luke 9:1-27	Exodus 40:1-38

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and Everlasting God, our Father, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive 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 Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Collect for Beginning of Lent

O Gracious God, Who retainest not Thine anger forever, but delightest in mercy and pardonest iniquity, Who wouldst be gracious to Thy people rather than pour out Thy wrath upon sinners, we beseech Thee, forgive us all our sins, and enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to go and sin no more; for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Thou hast condescended, from my youth up even unto this moment, so graciously to defend me against every danger and harm from Satan and this evil world: I humbly beseech Thee, by the great love which Thou bearest to me, that Thou wilt not now nor evermore remember against me what I have this day sinned against Thee; but wilt remit it unto me for the sake of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Who died and became my strength with Thee. Defend me and mine everywhere this night from harm and destruction by fire or water, from pestilence and every danger, and from an evil death. I, therefore, commend myself, body and soul, and all that I have unto Thy fatherly care. Let Thy holy angels be round about me, that I fear no evil. Amen. (Pages 348)

Morning Prayer for Friday.

207. In Thy Name, O crucified Lord Jesus Christ, I, a miserably great sinner, have risen. O Thou, Who in my stead hast meekly suffered the most painful death on the holy cross as a truly meek Lamb of Sacrifice, and with Thy crimson blood hast redeemed me from all my transgressions, from death, the devil, and from hell; direct me and so govern my heart by Thy Holy Spirit that it may be revived and refreshed with the heavenly dew of Thy grace. By Thy divine love, preserve me through this and all the days, and hide me, body and soul, within Thy holy wounds. Cleanse me from all sins. Keep me in all good works. And finally lead me from this vale of sorrow into eternal joy and glory, O most faithful Redeemer, Jesus Christ, my only comfort, hope, and life. Amen. (Page 357)

Evening Prayer for Friday.

228. Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I thank Thee that for my sake Thou didst condescend to this earth, really becoming true man, and hast tasted all manner of human misery and trial for my good and comfort. Heartily do I thank Thee also for Thy holy, painful sufferings, for the drops of blood, and for the shameful death which Thou didst suffer upon the cross for me, a poor, miserable, sinful being; thereby redeeming me from eternal death and God's just displeasure. I beseech Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, let not Thy holy and bitter pains and death be lost upon me, a miserable sinner; but, in my latter end, let them support and comfort me. O glorious God, grant me a blessed hour in which to die peacefully, and to rise again in joy. And now, when I lay me down to sleep, receive me into Thy hands and unto Thy bosom, and grant that I may rest peacefully in Thee. Amen. (Pages 380)

Saturday Prayers continue on back

Morning Prayer for Wednesday

164. Unto Thee, Lord, God Almighty, do I this day commend my body and soul, all my goods, my wife, child, father, mother, and all my thoughts and words, my heart, my ambitions and all my purposes. Again, I commend unto Thee also my tongue and all my words. All my acts also I commend, that the same may serve unto Thy honor and the welfare of my fellow men. Let me be this day a vessel of Thy grace and an instrument of Thy mercy. Bless all my undertakings, make my business to prosper, and prevent everything that could hinder these things. Amen. (Pages 288)

Evening Prayer for Wednesday.

180. Almighty and Most Gracious God, I give thanks unto Thee that Thou hast this day so graciously guarded me from all evil and danger in body and soul. By Thy divine grace, I beseech Thee, cover over all sins I have this day committed in thought or word, and especially my transgressions against Thee and Thy holy law, and leave not me, Thy creature, whom Thou hast purchased at so great a price with the blood of Thy Son, Jesus Christ; but shield me this night under the wings of Thy grace against the evil one who cometh abroad like a roaring lion to devour me. Cause me to rest and sleep in the shadow of Thy mercy, that the evil one come not nigh nor be able to harm me. Amen. (pages 316)

Morning Prayer for Thursday.

184. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, Thou most blessed Trinity, unto Thee do I commend my body and soul from this day forth and forevermore. I thank Thee most heartily that Thou hast not permitted the evil one to do me injury during the night now past. Thou hast kept me in health and strength through the protection of Thy holy angels. How shall I reward Thee? How shall I thank Thee? I will offer unto Thee an anxious and contrite heart, scarlet in sin, filled with remorse and sorrow. Condescend to accept it. Cleanse it with the blood of my Savior that it be white as snow, and hide it in His divine and innocent wounds, and thus graciously vouchsafe unto me the remission of my sins. As I can not know when Thou comest or how and where Thou wilt call me hence, grant that I may always be in such a state of Christian preparedness that I may enter into Thy eternal bliss. I ask this, O gracious God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Pages 322)

Evening Prayer for Thursday.

202. Most Merciful, Longsuffering God, Eternal Father, great is Thy sincere love and paternal providence toward me, a miserable sinner, that

Ash Wednesday –

#20 Part 1 Concerning the Practice of True Godliness, Introduction.

The holy apostle Paul prescribed this kind of rule for his disciple Timothy and others in 1 Tim. 4:8: **Train yourself in godliness; for the exercise of the body is of little use, but godliness is good for everything; and it contains the promise for this and the future life.** The first part is a *seria ad pietatis studium exhortatio* (a serious exhortation to strive for godliness), a sincere, faithful admonition that Bishop Timothy and all true Christians should train themselves in godliness. The second part is an *exhortationis illius pondus ac ratio*, a very important reason for Timothy and all Christians to be motivated to train themselves in godliness.

The first part consists of these words: **Train yourself in godliness.** In order that we properly understand this apostolic principle, we need to take note of two things: **First**, what is meant by **godliness**. **Secondly**, what it entails for one to train himself in **godliness**. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 9)



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Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives Luke 22:39-46

Week of Invocavit: March 9-15, 2025

Psalm 32 / Psalm 16 (Ember Days: Psalm 111/ Psalm 27)

Hymn – “O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day” (ASBH #20)

Daily Readings –

9 Sunday 10:15 AM	Invocavit Gen. 3:1-24, 2 Cor. 6:1-10, Matthew 4:1-11	
10 Monday	Luke 9:28-62	Numbers 3:5-13
11 Tuesday	Luke 10:1-22	Numbers 10:11-36
12 Wednesday 8:00 AM	Luke 10:38-11:13 Numbers 11:1-35 Matins on Ember Wednesday in Lent Ex. 24:12-18, Matt 12:38-50	
6:30 PM	Catechesis on Matt 15:21-28	
13 Thursday	Luke 11:29-36	Numbers 12:1-15
14 Friday 8:00 AM	Luke 11:37-54	Numbers 13:1-25
	Matins on Ember Friday in Lent Ezekiel 18:20-28, John 5:1-15	
15 Saturday 7:00 PM	Luke 12:1-34	Numbers 13:26-33
	Ember Saturday in Lent Deuteronomy 26:12-19, 1 Thess. 5:14-28	

#21 Part 2 First, The Strict and Narrow Use of the Term Godliness.

The little word **godliness** is used by the Holy Scriptures in a **two-fold manner**. First, *specialiter act stricte* (specifically and narrowly) when it indicates obedience towards the first table of the holy Ten Commandments and to the true worship which we offer to God the Lord with heart and mouth. It is used in such a manner when the words **righteous integrity**, or some other similar words, are added on, by which obedience to the second table of the holy Ten Commandments is indicated. So also St. Paul in this first epistle to Timothy (2:2) admonishes that a person **is to pray for those in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life under them with all godliness and integrity**; that is, in obedience to the first and second table of the holy Ten Commandments to love God and the neighbor in order to glorify God and for the benefit and good of the neighbor.

In this same epistle (6:11), he says to Timothy: **You man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and**

mine this day. Protect us, and grant that our course may be holy, and we live our lives unto Thy glory. Amen. (Page 182)

Evening Prayer for Monday.

128. Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank Thee, that Thou hast this day preserved me, Thine unworthy servant, not for any merit on my part, but out of pure, divine grace, and beseech Thee, Merciful Lord, grant me to spend this present night with a pure heart and body, that I may rise again, refreshed in health, to serve, praise, and glorify Thee; through Thy beloved Son, Our Lord. Amen. (Page 226)

Morning Prayer for Tuesday.

132. Lord Jesus Christ, Who alone art the Redeemer of the world, unto Thee do I lift up my heart, my will, and all my senses, to thank Thee that of Thine inexhaustible love and mercy Thou hast this night again preserved me against the craft and power of the evil one. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou art my treasure and my heritage, my salvation is all in Thy hand. I know of none other helper in heaven or earth than Thee alone. Therefore, of Thine unspeakable suffering and anguish, and the inexpressible bitterness of Thy death which Thou, Dear Lord, hast suffered in so great love for so miserable a sinner as I am, I beseech Thee to be gracious and merciful to me; and, do Thou, this day and throughout the days Thou grantest me, bless, prosper, defend, and preserve me from all evil; from this weary, miserable moment henceforth, until the day when Thou wilt graciously call me into eternal joy and blessedness. Grant this for the sake of Thy most Holy Name. Amen. (Pages 234-235)

Evening Prayer for Tuesday.

160. Eternal, Gracious, and Great God in heaven, Who through abounding grace and paternal care hast permitted me to complete this day in good health, I heartily render thanks unto Thee as is meet to do. Since I have not lived all this day unto Thy glory and honor, nor to the benefit of my fellows, because my whole nature ever inclines to evil rather than to the good, help me, who am conceived in sin, O most faithful God, that I may rightly acknowledge my weaknesses and become a partaker of Thy divine grace. Teach me often to dwell upon my latter days that I may compose myself thereunto through true repentance; and, when the end draweth nigh, may I gladly depart from this vale of sorrow to be translated with all believers into Thy heavenly paradise. In the meanwhile, so long as I am yet to abide here, receive me under Thy protection and graciously defend me against all harm and danger of body and soul, for Christ's sake. Amen. (Page 280)

Weekday Prayers

Morning Prayer for Sunday.

63. ETERNAL, Omnipotent God and Father, I give Thee hearty thanks that throughout the night now past, as throughout all my days, Thou hast, through Thy holy angels, so graciously preserved me from all evil to body and soul; and hast caused me to live on in health and peace to see this blessed sabbath day, in which not only Thou didst create the light, but didst raise up my Savior for my righteousness' sake. I beseech Thee, most heartily, pardon all my sins by which I have merited Thy wrath, and kindle my heart with Thy Holy Spirit so that I may daily increase before Thee in knowledge and in grace. Vouchsafe unto me Thy grace, that throughout this happy day I may fall into no sin or shame; but keep the day reverently, according to Thy will; and so to walk, that I, together with the loved ones whom Thou hast given me, may be defended from every evil of body and soul, ever remembering Thee in heart and mind. When at last my hour shall come, that I must depart hence, grant me to fall asleep blessed in the true knowledge of Thy Son unto eternal life. Amen. (Pages 98)

Evening Prayer for Sunday:

101. Lord Jesus, I confess my guilt, that I have not lived this whole day unto Thy praise and glory. I have lacked in gratitude toward Thee, and have not taken to heart Thy bitter sufferings and death as I should. O Lord, so many sins *(Here think what sins and omissions you have especially to lament and confess.) have I this day committed against Thy law. I have neglected so much †(Think upon the things which you have especially neglected to do.) and have not improved myself. Gracious Redeemer, forgive me for the sake of Thy blood which Thou didst shed for me. Defend me this night against all harm and sin. Let my heart find rest and awake again in Thee, unto Thy praise. This day and at all times I commit and commend unto Thee my body, soul, spirit, honor, possessions, and living, to do with me according to Thy good pleasure. When matters go contrary to my pleasure, grant me grace and patience. Let me realize how this life is a vale of sorrow, and have desire only for the blessed fatherland, that I may joyfully contemplate death and praise Thee at last, with all the elect in everlasting life, world without end. Amen. (Pages 172)

Morning Prayer for Monday

106. In Thy Name, O crucified Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast so preciousely redeemed me with Thy blood, I do now arise. I beseech Thee, bless me and



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (I:27)

The Temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11

humility. Here we see that godliness—that is, the service and obedience by which we deal with God without means—is distinguished from the righteousness of faith, love, patience, and humility. In the epistle to Titus, he states in 2:11-12: **The salutary grace of God which has appeared for all men disciplines us that we deny the ungodly way, and live chastely, righteously and godly in this world**—chaste towards ourselves, righteous towards the neighbor, godly towards God the Lord; chastity within us, righteousness next to us, godliness over us; chaste in word and conduct, righteous in deed, godly in heart. This is the understanding with which it is clarified as the “fear of God” in Acts 10:2 and “holiness” in Luke 1:75. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 9-10)

Collect for Invocabit

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, our Father, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive 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 Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen

Catechism - Lord's Supper, Question Two

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Jesus Before the High Priest in John 18:12-24

Collect for Misericordias Domini

God, Who by the humiliation of Thy Son didst raise up the fallen world, grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



The Good Shepherd. Sculpture in marble. Rome. Catacombs of Domitila, ca. 300-350 d. JC.

Week of Misericordias Domini: May 4-10, 2025

Psalm 103 / 23

Hymn – “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (ASBH #31)

Daily Readings –

4 Sunday 10:15 AM	Misericordias Domini Ezekiel 34:11-16, 1 Peter 2:21-25, John 10:11-16	
5 Monday	John 5:1-17	Micah 2:12,13
6 Tuesday	John 5:18-30	Isaiah 30:19-26
7 Wednesday 6:30 PM	John 5:31-47	Jeremiah 3:11-19
	Catechesis on John 16:16-22	
8 Thursday	John 6:16-29	Ezekiel 34:1-11
9 Friday	John 6:30-40	Ezekiel 34:12-22
10 Saturday	John 6:41-59	Ezekiel 34:23-31

#37 Part 18 Bodily Training Is Different from Godliness.

Bodily training is of little benefit, he says, however, godliness contains the promise of this and the future life. By *bodily training*, some understand *the training of the body*, as when one trains and is motivated to maintain bodily health and increase bodily strength. Others take it to mean practice of the ceremonial Law, which the apostle describes in **Heb. 9:13**, as *bodily cleansing*. However, the best explanation can be obtained from the previous words of this fourth chapter. For there the holy apostle proclaims that **in the last times, seductive spirits will appear who will teach to abstain from food which God has created to be received with thanksgiving** (v. 3). That is to say, they will make the distinctions about food a part of worship, and will forgo godliness—yes, even the grace of God and salvation which they possessed. The holy apostle speaks against food distinctions in v. 7—**nonspiritual and ancient fables enslave you** who give in, as if true godliness and God-pleasing piety consists in outward ceremonies like distinguishing between foods. **But you train yourself in godliness** which is far more beneficial and necessary than to practice such external statutes.

(Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 22)

Catechism - Table of Duties: *What the Hearers Owe Their*

Pastors: 1 Cor 9:14, Gal 6:6-7, 1 Tim 5:17-18, 1 Thess 5:12-13, Heb 13:17

Ember Days

#22 Part 3 Second, The General and Broad Use of the Term Godliness.

Next, it is also used *generaliter ac late* (in general and broadly) when it encompasses obedience **both towards the first and second table of the holy Ten Commandments** and also the entire Law—indeed, also the font and source of this holy obedience; namely, true, proper, contrite repentance and the true living faith in Christ. It is used this way when it is plainly composed for such and there is no other word to be found alongside that would especially indicate **obedience towards the second table of the holy Ten Commandments and the service which we are obligated to offer to our neighbor**. Thus, in 1 Tim. 6:3, the entire Christian religion is briefly and skillfully described: that it is a **doctrine of godliness**; namely, in that we are instructed and correctly informed by it to conduct ourselves in holiness and righteousness towards God and our neighbor. Even in the very same chapter (6:6), the holy apostle says: **It is a great gain for anyone who is godly**, that is, anyone who rightly confesses **God the Lord** from His Word, fears Him, glorifies, loves, serves Him, calls upon Him, thanks Him, and offers Him grateful obedience. Along with this, that with his works he zealously practices his calling and shows Christian love to his neighbor. In Tit. 1:1, all of Christianity is comprehended as possessing **faith** and the **knowledge of the truth for godliness**. Along with this is immediately revealed in v. 2, the **indescribable hope of eternal life** which is promised to the person who does not disavow it. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 10-11)



Week of Reminiscere: March 16-22, 2025

Psalm 130 / Psalm 25

Hymn – “O Faithful God, We Worship Thee” (Augustana SBH #21)

Daily Readings –

16 Sunday 10:15 AM	Reminiscere Isaiah 40:20-25, 1 Thess 4:1-7, Matt 15:21-28	
17 Monday 10:30 AM	Luke 13:1-17	Numbers 14:1-45
	St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor Hebrews 7:23-27, Matthew 25:14-23	
18 Tuesday	Luke 14:25-35	Numbers 16:1-22
19 Wednesday	Luke 15:11-32	Numbers 16:23-50
	St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary & Guardian of our Lord Ecclesiasticus 45:1-6, 2 Samuel 7:4,8-16, Matthew 1:18-21	
	No Learn-by -Heart/Catechesis	
20 Thursday	Luke 16:10-18	Numbers 17:1-13
21 Friday	Luke 17:1-10	Numbers 20:1-29
22 Saturday	Luke 18:1-8	Numbers 21:1-22:1

#23 Part 4 The General Use of the Term Godliness includes Faith and Virtue.

In this sense, the word “godliness” summarily includes all Christian striving and all those things that are called for in a holy and God-pleasing life, which St. Peter in 2 Pet. 3:11, summarily calls a **holy sojourn** and a **godly essence**. For this, **it is not sufficient for one to boast about his faith in Christ**; rather, one is also to publicly indicate the same with the testimony of good works, as James states in 2:18: **Show me your faith with your works**. And immediately before that in v. 17: **Faith itself is dead if it does not have good works**. But especially these golden chains, by which true faith and all Christian strivings are inextinguishably intertwined with each other and summarily belong to the golden treasure of true godliness, are indeed beautifully and artistically channeled together by St. Peter in 2 Pet. 1:5-7. He states there: **Direct all your zeal towards this and thereby obtain your faith’s virtue—do not think that it is sufficient for godliness and true Christianity to boast of one’s faith; rather, in such a faith, true virtue must be achieved**, for true, proper, living faith is active in love (Gal. 5:6). **A person ushers this in**

Quasimodogeniti

#36 Part 17 The Outstandingly Great Benefits of Godliness for the God-Fearing.

For he well knows how we are all generally minded: that **we first look for the benefit**, and soon we take care to ask: *Cui bono?* (Who benefits from this?) How am I improved by this? What may I expect from this if I become godly? Just as with the Israelites, this kind of question and complaint was raised in **Mal. 3:14—It is in vain that one serves God; and what does it benefit us that we keep His command and lead a difficult life for the Lord of Sabaoth?** However, here God the Lord Himself answers: **it shall not be in vain, and He will in no way forget what one had done in service to Him. The God-fearing, He says in v. 15, comfort each other in this way: The Lord takes note and hears and a reminder is written for Him about those who fear the Lord and remember His Name (v. 17). They shall, says the Lord of Sabaoth, be Mine inheritance in the day which I shall create, that is, they shall be My own special people who will be loved by Me like a precious treasure (Exo. 19:5, Psa. 135:4, Tit. 2:4) and I will take care of them like a man takes care of his son who serves him.** That is to say, when I punish the godless, I will protect the godly and perform goodness for them (v. 8). **And you will once again see what a difference there is between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.** For the former shall receive protection and rescue from tribulation, along with prosperity and blessings. The latter, however, will receive punishment and misfortune for this, even also in this life.

In the same manner, the holy apostle especially states here: **godliness is not without its outstandingly great benefits**. Instead, it contains **the promise of this life and the future life**. In other words, God the Lord has made the sure, unailing promise that for those who zealously pursue godliness, He will do good for them here in time and there in eternity. It will fare well for them in this life, and in everlasting life He will pour out on them heavenly blessings (Heb 6:10). **God is not unrighteous so that He will forget your works and labor of love which you have shown in His name, as you served the saints and still serve them.** That is, it will conflict with the righteousness of God if He does not richly reward with all sorts of blessings those who do good and practice godliness. The holy apostle explains such a glorious benefit from godliness *per antithesin, sive collationem imparium* [by antithesis or comparison of any quality]. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 20-22)

Week of Quasi Modo Geniti: April 27- May 3, 2025

Psalm 103 / Psalm 23

Hymn – “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (ASBH #29)

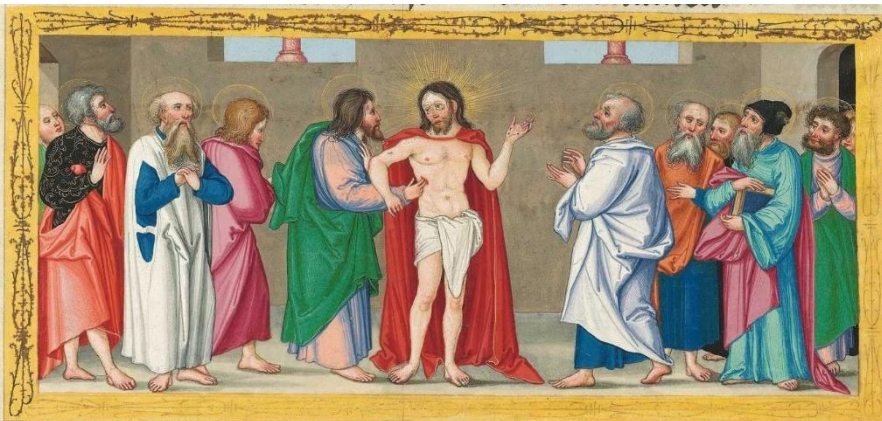
Daily Readings –

27 Quasimodogeniti	Quasi Modo Geniti Job 19:25-27, 1 John 5:4-12, John 20:19-31	
28 Monday Eldona Synod	John 21:1-25	Jonah 1:1-16
29 Tuesday	John 2:12-25	Jonah 1:17-2:10
30 Wednesday	John 3:22-36	Jonah 3:1-10
No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis		
1 Thursday No service	John 4:1-27	Jonah 4:1-11
St. Philip and St. James, Apostles Malachi 3:16-18, Eph 2:19-22, Jn 14:1-14		
2 Friday No service	John 4:28-38	Isaiah 33:2-6
St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor		
3 Saturday	John 4:39-45	Isaiah 10-17

Collect for Quasi Modo Geniti (ASBH)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord’s Resurrection may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - Table of Duties: *To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers*



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Jesus Appears after the Resurrection in John 20:19-31

through good works and all kinds of Christian virtues (Jam. 2:18) and with virtuous humility (Confession of the true God according to His essence and will—which confession is, at the same time, the light and guide for all Christian virtue, for as usual, zeal without the knowledge of God is not acceptable [Rom. 10:2]. Thus also, virtue without knowledge and humility cannot be acceptable.) and **with humble moderation** (Where there is true life-giving knowledge of God, there one also will find the ἐγκράτεια, i.e., **maturity**, so that a person refrains from **fleshly lusts which fight against the soul** [1 Pet. 2:11]). (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 11-12)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:58b)

Jesus Arrested in Luke 22:47-53

Catechism - Lord’s Supper, Question Three

Collect for Reminiscere

O God, Who seest that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Week of Oculi: March 23-29, 2025

Psalm 43 / Psalm 86

Hymn – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Augustana SBH #22)

Daily Readings –

23 Sunday 10:15 AM	Oculi 2 Sam 22:1-7, Ephesians 5:1-9, Luke 11:14-28	
24 Monday	Luke 18:15-30	Numbers 22:2-41
25 Tuesday 10:30 AM	Luke 19:1-40	Numbers 23:1-30
	The Annunciation of Our Lord Micah 5:2-4, Isaiah 7:10-14, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:25-38	
	Jakob Andreae, Confessor	
26 Wednesday	Luke 20:1-21:4	Numbers 24:1-13
	Catechesis on John 6:1-15	
27 Thursday	Luke 21:37-22:38	Numbers 27:12-23
28 Friday	Luke 22:39-71	Deuteronomy 5:1-33
29 Saturday	Luke 23:1-25	Deuteronomy 8:1-20



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:49)
Fishing After the Resurrection in John 21:1-14

#24 Part 5 Patient Godliness As We Abstain From Worldly Lusts.

Whoever, against conscience, follows the lusts of his flesh with sin, does not properly confess God—even though he may exalt himself in whatever way he wishes (1 John 3:6) and with **self-controlled patience** (if one wants to dampen and kill off the evil lusts of the old man, it is hard for flesh and blood to take this on account of the fact that it is called **a crucifixion and killing off of the flesh** [Gal. 5:24, Col. 3:5].

If one no longer wishes to conform to this world nor run with it in the wasteland of inordinate ways (1 Pet. 4:4), then repulsiveness and hostility soon arise; consequently, for such self-control and abstinence from fleshly, worldly lusts, patience is necessary); and, **in patient godliness** (through which we lift up our heart, mind, and attitude to God, and inwardly call upon Him). For it does not lie within the realm of our powers and desires to offer up such things which He through His good Spirit wishes to implant, sustain, and multiply in our hearts—things such as faith, virtue, discernment, self-control, and patience; and, **along with godliness, brotherly love:** (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 12-13)

Week of the Feast of the Resurrection: April 21-26, 2025

Psalm 2, 57, 111 / Psalm 113, 114

Hymn – “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (ASBH #29)

Daily Readings –

21 Monday No service	Easter Monday - Psalm 16 / Psalm 30 Hosea 13:14, Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:13-35	
22 Tuesday 10:30 AM	Matthew 28:1-15	Ezekiel 21:25-27
	Easter Tuesday Daniel 3:8-28, Acts 13:26-33, Luke 24:36-48	
23 Wednesday 6:30 PM	John 20:1-18	Haggai 2:20-23
	Easter Wednesday Acts 3:12-19, John 21:1-14	
	Catechesis on John 20:19-31	
24 Thursday	Luke 24:1-12	Zechariah 6:9-13
	Easter Thursday Acts 8:26-40, John 20:10-18	
25 Friday 10:30 AM	Luke 24:36-49	Ezekiel 17:22-24
	St. Mark, Evangelist Isaiah 55:1-5, Eph 4:7-16, Luke 10:1-9	
	Easter Friday 1 Peter 3:18-22, Matthew 28:16-20	
26 Saturday	Mark 16:9-14	Isaiah 44:21-28
	Easter Saturday 1 Peter 2:1-10, John 20:1-9	

Easter Monday Collect

O God, Who in the Paschal Feast hast bestowed restoration upon the world, continue unto Thy people Thy heavenly gift that they may both attain unto perfect freedom and advance unto life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Easter Tuesday Collect

Almighty God, Who through the Resurrection of Thy Son didst secure peace for our troubled conscience, grant unto us evermore this peace, that, trusting in the merit of Thy Son, we at length will come unto the perfect peace of Heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:26)
Jesus and Beelzebub in Luke 11:14-26

Catechism - Lord’s Supper, Question Four

Collect for Oculi

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Week of Laetare: March 30-April 5, 2025

Psalm 46 / Psalm 139

Hymn – “Christ the Life of All the Living” (Augustana SBH #23)

Daily Readings –

30 Sunday 10:15 AM	Laetare Isaiah 49:8-13, Galatians 4:21-31, John 6:1-15	
31 Monday	Luke 23:26-56	Deuteronomy 9:1-29
1 Tuesday	Matthew 26:1-35	Deuteronomy 10:1-22
2 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Matthew 26:36-75	Deuteronomy 11:1-32
	Catechesis on St. John 8:46-59	
3 Thursday	Matthew 27:1-38	Deuteronomy 28:1-14
4 Friday	Matthew 27:39-66	Deuteronomy 28:15-68
5 Saturday	Mark 14:1-31	Deuteronomy 34:1-12

#25 Part 6 Patient Godliness As We Abstain From Worldly Lusts.

(For when, through a godly prayer, we acquire such heavenly blessings from God, we, out of indebted gratitude, will be motivated to love Him for this and show our thanks. But since we are unable to give or extend anything to Him—since He already owns everything—we consequently turn our love to those whom God loves and has commanded us to love; that is, to our brethren and fellow-believers, to the true believers and godly, and, out of love, bestow upon them all good things to the best of our ability) And with **brotherly love, love in general** (for even if we especially love the brethren and fellow-believers and show them all kinds of good, love, nevertheless, is not to be boxed in and narrowly confined; instead, it is to be extended to all mankind in general; yes, also towards our enemies (Mat. 5:44, Gal. 6:10)—just as God’s love is granted to all mankind). (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristinatio Press, p. 13)

Catechism - Lord’s Supper, Question Five

#35 Part 16 First the Admonition to Godliness, Second the Reason and Benefits of It.

In summary, to practice godliness includes everything that belongs to true, righteous Christianity, to which God the Lord obligates and requires from each individual who, as a true Christian, wishes to receive salvation. The word “train” directs us: *quod studium pietatis debeat esse spontaneum & quotidianum* (that the pursuit of godliness should be spontaneous and daily), meaning that one willingly and daily should busy oneself with godliness. For that for which a person trains himself, he does so willingly and daily.

This, then, is **the first part** which is presented to us in the word of the holy apostles under consideration; namely, **the sincere, faithful admonition** that we are to train ourselves in **godliness**. **The second** contains within it **a vital reason which should move us** so that we follow this admonition and train ourselves in **godliness**. It consists of these words: For bodily training is of little use, but **godliness** is good for everything and contains **the promise of this and the future life**. The holy apostle could have presented many vital reasons for his admonition. However, on this occasion he merely used one, which is taken *ab utilitate* (on the basis of its utility), from the great benefit which we receive from godliness. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristinatio Press, p. 20)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:58)
The Women Come to the Tomb in Mark 16:1-8



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:46)

Peter and John Come to the Tomb in John 20:3-9

Easter Dawn

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection may by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit rise again from the death of the soul; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Easter Day (ASBH)

Almighty God, Who through Thine Only-Begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee that, as Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20

Collect for Laetare

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:4)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand in John 6:1-15

Passion Week: April 6-12, 2025

Psalm 110 / Psalm 27

Hymn – “Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God” (ASBH #24)

Daily Readings –

6 Sunday 10:15 AM	Judica Gen 12:1-3, Heb 9:11-15, John 8:46-59	
7 Monday	Mark 14:32-72	Jeremiah 2:1-19
	Passion Monday John 7:32-39	
8 Tuesday	Mark 15:1-19	Hosea 13:9-14
	Passion Tuesday John 7:1-13	
9 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Mark 15:20-47	Zephaniah 3:1-8
	Passion Wednesday John 10:23-38	
	Catechesis on Matthew 26:1-27:66	
10 Thursday	John 12:1-19	Micah 3:9-12
	Passion Thursday Luke 7:36-50	
11 Friday	John 12:20-50	Isaiah 66:1-9
	Passion Friday John 11:47-54	
12 Saturday	John 13:16-38	Zephaniah 9:1-17
	Passion Saturday John 12:10-36	

#26 Part 7 A True Living Active Faith AND Proper Saving Knowledge of Christ.

1 Pet. 1:8-9: **For whenever you possess such, it will not make you lazy or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But anyone who does not possess this is blind and with his hands is groping in the dark** (that is to say, he does not possess any proper, saving knowledge of God and His Son Jesus Christ. He has no true, living, active faith. He is unable to properly and rigidly set his foot on the Way. Instead, he gropes around like a blind person). Indeed, he also forgets the cleansing of his former sins. For without a true, living, active faith and without the proper saving knowledge of Christ, he cannot partake of the grace of God or the forgiveness of sins or the hope of everlasting life. Take note: this is the heartfelt apostolic description of true godliness, what it entails, and what pertains to it. It is in such a context that the apostle especially here uses the word **"godliness"** as he says to Timothy: **train yourself in**

Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025

Psalm 2, 57, 111 / Psalm 113, 114

Hymn – “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (ASBH #29)

Daily Readings –

19 Saturday	Easter Vigil from 7 to 10:30 PM Saturday 12 Old Testament readings, Col. 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10	
20 Sunday 7:00 AM	Easter Dawn - Matins Isaiah 25:6-9, 1 Cor 15:1-11, John 20:1-1	
	10:15 AM	Easter Day Isaiah 52:13-15, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, Mark 16:1-8

#34 Part 15 The Practice of Godliness Includes...

Furthermore, from this it is not so very difficult to conclude what it means to train oneself in godliness. It means to: acknowledge one’s sin from God’s Law, seek forgiveness for same from God the Lord and, in true repentance, seek in steadfast faith to cling to Christ and, **as a result, produce righteous fruits of repentance** (Mat. 3:8), to be **fruitful in good works** (Col. 1:10), to be zealous in good works (Tit. 2:14), to **abstain from evil and do good** (Psa. 34:15), to **abide in godly living** (Gen. 5:22), to **serve God with holiness and righteousness** (Luke 1:75), to **fear and love God** (Sirach 2:10), to **walk before God in all good conscience** (Acts 23:1), to **train oneself to have an imperishable conscience towards everyone** (Acts 24:16), to **deny ungodly ways and worldly lusts, and live chaste, righteous, and godly lives in this world** (Tit. 2:12), to be **pious before God and conduct oneself blamelessly in all His commandments** (Luke 1:6), to **dedicate one’s members to God as weapons of righteousness** (Rom. 6:13), to be **in service of righteousness that you may be holy** (v. 19). to **do the will of God** (1 John 2:17), to **enter in upon the way of the Lord** (Deu 8:6), to **hold to God’s Word** (Psa 119:9), to **walk blamelessly** (Psa. 81:12), to **cleanse oneself from the splotches of the flesh and go forth with holiness in the fear of God** (2 Cor. 7:1), to be **found in the stance of good works** (Tit. 3:8 and v.14), to be **rich in good works** (1 Tim. 6:10). (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 19-20)

the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. **Third**, the new obedience or fruitfulness in good works which occur according to the will of God as revealed in the Word. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 18-19)

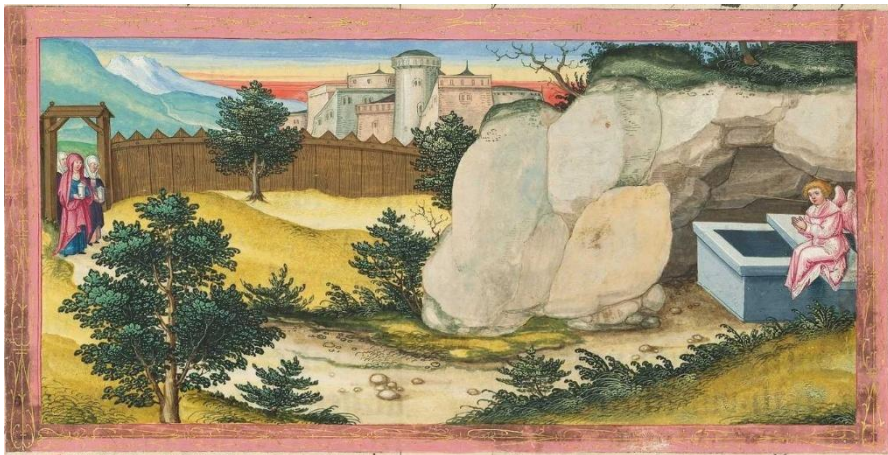
Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 17-20

Collect for Holy Saturday

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy Blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, the gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died and was buried and rose again for us, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for The Vigil (ASBH)

O God, Who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's resurrection, preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that, renewed in body and soul, they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:66)
The Women Come to the Tomb in Luke 24:1-12

godliness, that is to say, in faith, in virtue, in discernment, in moderation, in patience, in godliness, in brotherly love and love in general, so that you are not found to be lazy or fruitless in the knowledge of Christ. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 13-14)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:49b)
Jesus in the Temple in Luke 19:45-48

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 1-9

Collect for Judica/Passion Sunday

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Holy Week: April 13-19, 2025

Psalm 93 / Psalm 67

Hymn – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (Augustana SBH #25)

Daily Readings –

13 Sunday 10:15 AM	Palmarum Matthew 21:1-9 and Zech 9:9-10, Phil. 2:5-11, Matthew 26:1-27:66		
14 Monday 10:30 AM	John 18:1-18	Jeremiah 7:1-15	
	Holy Monday – Psalm 91 Is. 50:5-10, John 12:1-23		
15 Tuesday 10:30 AM	John 18:19-40	Isaiah 50:4-11	
	Holy Tuesday - Psalm 142, Jer 11:18-20, John 12:24-34, 1 Tim 6:12-14, Mark 14:1-15:46		
16 Wednesday 10:30 AM	John 19:1-12	Jeremiah 11:18-23	
	Holy Wednesday Isa 62:11-63:7, Rev 1:5b-7, Luke 22:1-23:43		
	3:00 PM	Tenebrae Service	
	6:30 PM	Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis on Mark 16:1-8	

#27 Part 8 Repentance Followed By The Fruits of Repentance.

So that we may all the more orderly and clearly show what the holy apostle wants us to understand by the godliness in which we are to train ourselves, it can readily be summarized in two parts; especially since true, upright, and God-pleasing **godliness**, first of all, encompasses within itself **true, genuine repentance**, followed by **righteous fruits of repentance**, namely **bettering of life, new obedience, and a holy conduct**. That is the form in which the tree, along with its fruit, is to be composed. Consequently, we may draw this kind of conclusion from this: Godliness is comprised of not only just one or two Christian virtues, not just one or two good works; rather, all Christian virtues in their entirety and the entire flow of good works; when St. Paul consequently says in 1 Tim. 2:10 that godliness is manifested through good works, he is not just talking about a good work as being one; rather, through good works, as though many. However, if truly good and God-pleasing works are to be produced by us, they have to flow forth from faith in Christ; for **whatever does not proceed from faith is a sin** (Rom. 14:23) and

Holy Saturday: April 19, 2025

Hymn – “Ere yet the dawn hath filled the skies” (ASBH #28)

Daily Readings –

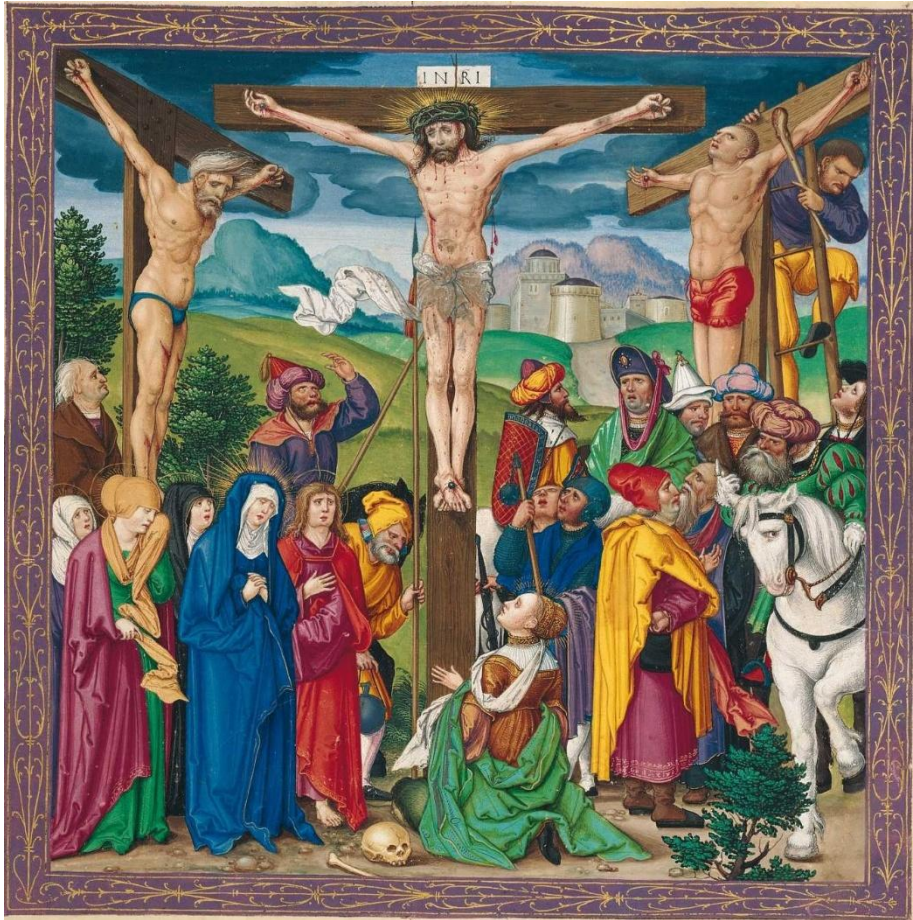
	Saturday’s Tenebrae Service on Friday at 3 PM	
19 Saturday 10:00 AM	John 19:38-42	Isaiah 52:13-15
	<i>Holy Saturday - Matins</i> Daniel 6:1-24, 1 Peter 3:17-22, Matthew 27:57-66	
7:00 PM	Philipp Melancthon, Confessor	
	Easter begins with The Great Easter Vigil 12 Old Testament readings, Col. 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-7	

#33 Part 14 Three Points of True Godliness.

From all this, it becomes clearly and indisputably apparent that the following three points are part and parcel of true godliness: **First**, knowledge of sin from the Law of God and heartfelt regret (contrition) over it. **Second**, true faith in Christ, through which we obtain forgiveness of sins, righteousness which avails before God, the gift of



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:65)
Burial of Jesus in Luke 23:50-56



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:57)
The Crucifixion in Mark 15:21-41

Collect for Good Friday

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy 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, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 14-15)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:61b)
Jesus Before Pilate in Luke 23:1-25

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast sent Thy 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 follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - Christian Questions with their Answers, 10-16



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:24)
 Palm Sunday Entrance in John 12:12-19

Holy Monday

#28 Part 9 Good Works are the Fruits of Faith.

No work pleases God the Lord—though it be as big and grandiose as it may wish—unless the person who does it is pleasing to God, just as it is described in Gen. 4:5: **God looked graciously on Abel and his offering**; namely, because it was brought to God through faith and in faith, just as it is explained in Heb. 11:4. Through this faith, Abel was reconciled with God and was made acceptable to Him. However, God did not accept Cain and his offering; namely, because it was offered there without faith and the person was not reconciled with God the Lord. The works which will please God the Lord have to flow forth from the Spirit of fellowship. For those whom God the Lord has not yet received as His beloved children, their works are unable to please Him. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 15)

Collect for Holy Monday

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the Passion and Intercession of Thine Only-Begotten Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Good Friday: April 18, 2025

Psalm 22 / Psalm 40, 143

Hymn – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (Augustana SBH #27)

Daily Readings –

Friday’s Tenebrae Service on Thursday at 3 PM		
18 Friday 3:00 PM	John 19:25-37	Lamentations 2:8-15
	Tenebrae Service	
7:00 PM	Good Friday	
	Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Isaiah 50:6-9, 2 Cor 5:14-21, John 18:1-19:42	

#32 Part 13 After the Fall Repentance At All Times.

However, after the tragic and lamentable fall into sin, things were regarded much differently, because through them [Adam and Eve], sin came upon the entire world (Rom. 5:12) so that from then on, all **mankind were sinners before God** (Rom. 3:23), **conceived and born in sin** (Psa. 51:7), were **by nature children of wrath** (Eph. 2:3), **whose hearts’ desires and strivings were constantly evil from their youth** (Gen. 6:5; 8:21). Thus, **none could any longer say: My heart is clean and I am purified from my sin** (Pro. 20:9). Instead, everyone has to sigh: **forgive my debt** (Mat. 6:12). **For if we say we have not sin, we mislead ourselves, and the truth is not in us** (1 John 1:8). Thus, from that time forth, it is of utmost necessity for genuine and God-pleasing godliness that repentance be initiated at all times; that is to say, that from the Law of God, one acknowledge the sin which constantly clings to us (Heb. 12:1), bear heartfelt regret over it and, in true faith, turn to Christ—the sole Throne of grace (Rom. 3:25) and, through Him, seek grace and forgiveness from God the Lord. Out of this, good works and zealous effort in godliness will consequently grow forth as righteous fruits. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 18)

#31 Part 12 Faith Confesses the Sickness of His Sin.

For a true, saving faith has no existence in a proud, haughty, and self-assured heart. Instead, true, saving faith only exists in a humble, crushed, and repentant heart. Whoever does not yet confess the sickness of his sin—how can he, through true faith, bear a longing for Christ, the eternal Physician for sin (Mat. 9:12)? Anyone who does not yet realize his unworthiness and corruption—how shall he have a longing for the grace of God in Christ? Anyone who does not yet from the Law realize the heavy burden of sin and the divine wrath over sin—how is he to become hungry and thirsty for the righteousness which is proffered to him in the Gospel (Mat. 5:6)? From this, it consequently follows that true, humble contrition—which includes realizing one’s sinfulness and genuine regret or sorrow over it—and faith in Christ are part and parcel of true godliness. From such repentance grow good works as fruits thereof (Mat. 3:8). Indeed, before the fall into sin and during the state of innocence, repentance was not even necessary for godliness, nor was it an essential part of it. Also, in the practice of godliness, it was in no way even required that repentance had to be initiated in the beginning. For since in that blessed state there existed no sin, what would be the necessity for acknowledging sin? At that time, the Law did not serve mankind **for the knowledge of sin and the wrath of God** (Rom. 3:20; 4:15; 7:7). Instead, it only served to give directions for good works, in order that they could recognize in what manner and with what works they were to serve God the Lord. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 17-18)

Collect for Maundy Thursday

O Lord God, Who hast left unto us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Thy Passion, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so use this Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood that the fruits of Thy redemption may continually be manifest in us; Thou, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:37)
Jesus in the Garden in John 18:1-11

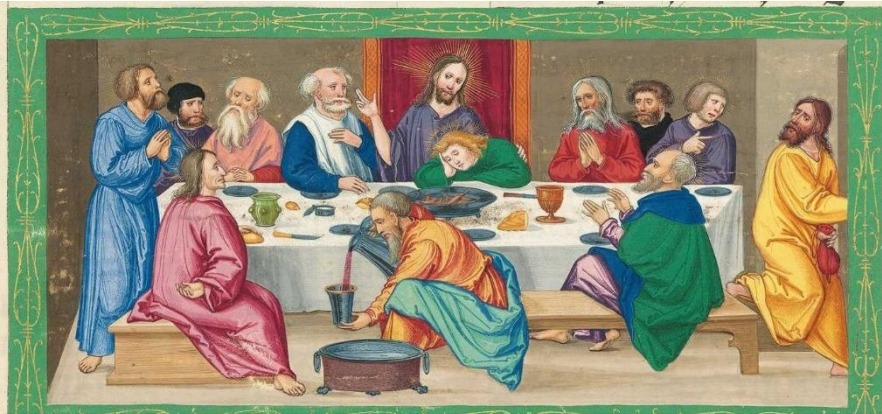
Holy Tuesday

#29 Part 10 God’s Children Have Faith and Christ Within Them.

Now, however, **we have become children of God through faith in Christ** (John 1:12). Consequently, it follows that without faith in Christ, no work is able to please God the Lord. The sum and substance of all good works consist of **love** (Rom. 13:8). But now upright, God-pleasing love sprouts forth out of faith, as it is written in Gal. 5:6—**Faith is productive through love**. Upright **good works** are **fruits of the Spirit** (Gal. 5:22). Now, the Holy Spirit is given into our hearts through faith in Christ (Gal. 4:6). **Since you are God’s children, God sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts. Through Him we cry out, Abba, dear Father. The good works are fruits of righteousness** (Phi. 1:11). But **we become righteous before God solely through faith in Christ** (Rom. 3:28). **Anyone who remains in Christ and Christ in him, the same person brings forth much fruit** (John 15:5). However, **now Christ resides in our hearts through faith** (Eph. 3:17). (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 15-16)

Collect for Holy Tuesday

Almighty and Everlasting God, grant us grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord’s Passion that we may obtain the pardon of our sins; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:57)
 Jesus at Last Supper in Luke 22:7-38

Holy Wednesday

#30 Part 11 Christ Lives in the Heart Through Faith.

Consequently, anyone who wants to bring forth fruits of good works, Christ has to live in his heart through faith. From all this it is sufficiently apparent, and it follows unequivocally, that genuine faith in Christ is part and parcel for godliness. Indeed, this same faith, so to speak, is the soul, the foundation, and the root for godliness. Just as the human body is dead without its soul, so also godliness and good works are a dead image if there is no faith in Christ alongside. **The righteous person shall live his faith** (Hab. 2:4, Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11). **What I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God**, Paul says about himself and all true Christians (Gal. 2:20). Accordingly, wherever there is no faith in Christ, there is also no spiritual life, there are also no upright good works as fruits of the spiritual life. In the same way that a building which has no foundation, but instead is built upon quicksand, is not stable (Mat. 7:26), so also where the foundation of faith is not placed upon Christ, there also the building of godliness and good works have no stability. Just as a tree grows up out from the root, so also godliness [from] true faith. If this root is taken away, then it also will soon lose its genuine godliness. Furthermore, just as godliness and good works cannot exist without true faith, so also true faith cannot exist without an honest confession of sin and genuine contrition over it. (Schola

Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 16-17)

Collect for Holy Wednesday

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Thine Only-Begotten Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:28)
 Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet in John 13:1-17

Maundy Thursday: April 17, 2025

Psalm 116 / Psalm 70

Hymn – “The Death of Jesus Christ, our Lord” (Augustana SBH #26)

Daily Readings –

	Thursday’s Tenebrae Service on Wednesday at 3 PM	
17 Thursday	John 19:13-24	Zechariah 3:1-10
3:00 PM	Tenebrae Service	
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday	
	Ex 12:1-14, 1 Co 11:23-32, John 13:1-15	