

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Week of Laetare(Lent IV): Mar. 16 - Mar. 21, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **1 John 1:7-** If we walk in the light, as He is in the light,
We have fellowship with one another,
And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

1st gr+ *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.

2nd gr+ *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.

Catechism Verse

3rd gr+ **John 6:35-** And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."



PRAYERS

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.
LET US PRAY...

- Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel
- Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, & for our teachers &
students who begin a new week of school
- Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be
comforted with the Gospel
- Wed ...for all husbands & wives, parents & children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word
- Thu ...for our Church, our pastors, our teachers, our missionaries, all who serve and volunteer at St. John's

Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this week, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick & dying

Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service tomorrow



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

March 15 - Judica- Fifth Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-14 - God Tests Abraham

Hebrews 9:11-15 - Redemption through the Blood of Christ

John 8:42-59 - Jesus Disputes with the Jews



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Judica (Lent V)- "Christ the Life of All the Living" (*LSB* 420)

School Hymn of the Month (Lent): "Glory Be to Jesus" (*LSB* 433)

School Year Theme Hymn: "With High Delight, Let Us Unite" (*LSB* 483)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Here is a short order you may follow for family devotions around the dinner table or in the living room.

Invocation - In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

Recite - the Apostles' Creed and the Learn-by-Heart Bible Verse & Catechism

Read and Discuss - one of the Scripture readings from this past Sunday, from school, or the coming Sunday

Pray - the Lord's Prayer, Luther's morning or evening prayers, and the topical prayers for the day of the week

Sing a hymn - use one of the hymns from the past Sunday, the coming Sunday, or the school year

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Luther's Morning & Evening Prayers

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night
from all harm and danger;
and I pray that You would keep me
this day also from sin and every evil,
that all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
That the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong,
and graciously keep me this night.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

