

*For the week of the Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 12th, through February 18th, 2023*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “Christian Duty” The catechism concludes with the Table of Duties—a listing of Bible passages addressing the very down-to-earth and yet high and holy callings of Christians in their daily lives. It is modeled after the listing of household responsibilities in **Colossians 3:8-4:1** and **Ephesians 5:22-6:9**. It is Luther’s way of applying the catechism to daily life. The list of Bible passages can be arranged under three general headings: (1) life in the congregation; (2) life in the civic community; and (3) life in the household. Luther says these passages of Scripture are “for various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities.”

In the Medieval Church, “holy orders” referred exclusively to religious orders (priests, monks, and nuns). Because God has established church, government, and household and declared them good, they are the true “holy orders” blessed by God’s Word. They are the places where we live in faith toward Christ and in love toward one another, sharing His Word with them.

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In the congregation, Christians are gathered by God’s Word. Preachers of the Word are charged with caring for God’s Church with integrity and faithfulness (**1 Timothy 3:2-4, 6; Titus 1:9**). Hearers of the Word have the responsibility to honor their pastors as these men faithfully carry out their work in the Lord’s name as servants of His Word (**1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17**). Hearers are commanded to provide financial support for their pastors (**1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18**).

—From Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation, 2017 ed.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.
Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

VERSE: PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

PSALM 119:1-8 or the appointed daily psalms

Prayer on the Psalm

Beloved Father in heaven, You are blessed for granting us the Word of Your grace, in which You have revealed to us Your will concerning our salvation. Teach us to love Your Word, diligently to hear and willingly to learn it, that guided by this lamp our feet may walk in the way everlasting.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	23, 24	26, 27	30, 32	33	35	37	39, 41	42, 43
Evening	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38	40	44

BIBLE READINGS

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	
Monday	The Passover Is Instituted—Exodus 12:1-14	1 John 1:1-2:6
Tuesday	The Death of the Firstborn—Exodus 12:21-30	1 John 2:7-29
Wednesday	A Life Restored, Jairus's Daughter—Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	1 John 3:1-23
Thursday	The Exodus—Exodus 12:31-42	1 John 4:1-21
Friday	Israel Journeys to the Red Sea—Exodus 12:31-42	1 John 5:1-21
Saturday	Exodus 24:8-18	2 Peter 1:16-21

CATECHISM — Table of Duties

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,	First Grade+
Not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.	Second Grade +
He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgement as the devil.	Third Grade +
He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.	Fourth Grade +

DEVOTION OR MEDITATION

DAILY PRAYER

Select from among the following prayers as time and circumstances allow:

Prayer on the Catechism

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Week

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacrament.*
- Monday:** *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday:** *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Congregation: Doris King; Keith King; Yvonne Knight; Barbara Kohlmeyer; Megan Kutzke, Grover, Sawyer; Dough & Nancy Lasseter; Kirk & Jennifer Lauritsen; Dar & Dawn Leadbetter, Hannah, Charlotte; Nancy Leadbetter; Kevin & Brandi Leadbetter, Colton.

Baptismal Birthdays: Claire Perry; Marie Roth; Grover Kutzke; Charlotte Leadbetter

Wedding Anniversaries: Larry & Deb Hanson

The Sick: Terry Rohlfing, David White

Friends of our Congregation: Brother of Grace Lines; grandson of Linda Herrick friends, mother of Thresa Scarberry.

Our Circuit:

Faith Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Adam Reichart

Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Eddie Hosch

Our District Staff and President, Rev. Justin Panzer.

Heather Williams, Business Manager

Shannon Fender, Administrative Assistant

Our Synod and President, Rev. Matthew Harrison

Our Community: city of Ottawa; Ottawa University; USD 290

Our State and Governor, Laura Kelly

LORD'S PRAYER

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER FROM THE CATECHISM

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.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 Manifested by the star
 To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David’s stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
 Anthems be to Thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan’s stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
 And at Cana wedding guest
 In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow’r divine,
Changing water into wine;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 Manifest in valiant fight,
 Quelling all the devil’s might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee;
 Christ will then like lightning shine,
 All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
 Thou by all wilt be confessed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
 Grace to imitate Thee now
 And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
 And may praise Thee, ever blest,
 God in man made manifest.

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Looking Forward to “The Transfiguration of Our Lord”

February 19, 2023

Service Hymns: 814, 416, 413, 417, 680, 620, 537, 821

Readings: Exodus 24:8-18 | 12 Peter 1:16-21 | Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

