

Daily Prayers for the week of Laetare – 03/14/2021

**OPENING VERSICLES:**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 122 and / or the psalms listed below**

Sun: 80; 81; Mon: 82, 84; 83; Tues: 85; 86; Wed: 88; 87; Thurs: 89; 90; Fri: 91; 93; Sat: 92; 94

**MARCH HYMN: 442 – All Glory, Laud and Honor**

Hymn: 743

**CATECHISM:**

*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.**

**GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-15 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat? <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little. <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many? <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, Have the people sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost. <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world! <sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**RESPONSE:** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CATECHESIS:**

When Jesus feeds the 5,000 in the wilderness is a miracle that attempts to teach His disciples a lesson that the Old Testament children of Israel refused to learn, that every craving and need of our lives can be satisfied only in Jesus Christ. He is the

true bread that came down from heaven. Whoever partakes of Jesus by faith alone will never hunger. He is forgiveness, life, salvation, health, wealth, peace, joy, and contentment. Jesus is the beginning and the end of faith and the One by whom we have everlasting life. The multitudes recognized the parallels with Jesus and Moses through whom the Lord fed Israel in the wilderness. They hailed Him as the prophet greater than Moses who was to come into the world. But only those in whom our Lord worked true repentance and faith came to believe in Christ alone as their source of forgiveness.

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**KYRIE:** Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** **Lord, have mercy.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE WEEK:**

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 Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:**

(p. 327 in the hymnal or in Section 2 Daily Prayers in the Catechism)

**BENEDICAMUS:**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Looking ahead to *Judica* – 03/21/2021:**

Gen 22:1-14; Heb 9:11-15; Jn 8:46-59;

Chief Hymn: 430 – My Song is Love Unknown