

Daily Prayers for the week of *Misericordias Domini* – 04/18/2021

OPENING VERSICLES:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
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.**
Glorify 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. Alleluia

PSALMODY: Psalm 33 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 112, 113; 114; Mon: 115; 116; Tues: 117, 118; 120, 121; Wed: 119:1-24; 119:25-48;
Thurs: 119:49-72; 119:73-88; Fri: 119:89-112; 119: 113-136; Sat: 119:137-152; 119:153-176

APRIL HYMN: 457 – Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today Hymn: 709

CATECHISM:

What does God's Word say the hearers of God's Word owe their pastors?
The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:6-7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Timothy 5:17-18

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-16 ESV

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

CATECHESIS:

Jesus said, "I lay down my life for the sheep." These words are spoken in the context of explaining that a hired hand does not care for the sheep as the Good Shepherd does. The hired hand flees when he sees the wolf coming. The wolf is Satan. He attacks us by using our sin against us. We have no defense in ourselves. But we have the Good Shepherd. He stood up to the devil by laying down his life on our behalf. The devil was out for blood. He demanded that blood be shed because of sin. Jesus was the only One who could make atonement for our sin. He loved us to the point of

laying down His life for us that we might be rescued from Satan and the condemnation of hell. The flock of Christ is kept safe by the forgiveness of sins which is ours in the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. The ministry of every pastor is to be patterned after the ministry of our Lord. As he loved us and laid down his life for our forgiveness, so pastors are to love their flocks and lay down their lives, so to speak, for the cause of proclaiming that Word of forgiveness that sets them free.

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:

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 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.**
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Looking ahead to *Jubilate* – 04/25/2021:

Isaiah 40:25-31; 1 Peter 2:11-20; John 16:16-22;
Chief Hymn: 483 – With high delight let us unite