

V: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth.
R: Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your name.
V: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart.
R: I will glorify Your name forever.
V: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
R: May those who love Your salvation always say, Let God be exalted.
V: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
R: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
V: Hear my prayer, O Lord.
R: Listen to my cry for mercy.

The Collect

Our merciful Father, the God who alone make minds of the faithful to be of one will, cause Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

In our prayers: Pastor, Sheila Cornelius, Aaron Cornelius, Jackie Caudill, Ashley Lopez, Jack Kyser, Jeff Houston

Luther's Evening Prayer (prayed together)

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 wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

V: Let us bless the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God.
V: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, + and bring us to everlasting life.
R: Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week

Rogate Sunday 27 April 2008

OT Lesson: Numbers 21: 4- 9

Epistle Lesson: James 1: 22- 27

Gospel Lesson: John 16: 23- 33

Sermon: Doers of the Word

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The week of Cantate

April 20-26, 2008

The Church Calendar

April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist

The book of Acts mentions a Mark, or John Mark, a kinsman of Barnabas (Col 4:10). The house of his mother Mary was a meeting place for Christians in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). When Paul and Barnabas, who had been in Antioch, came to Jerusalem, they brought Mark back to Antioch with them (12:25), and he accompanied them on their first missionary journey (13:5), but left them prematurely and returned to Jerusalem (13:13). When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out on a second missionary journey, Barnabas proposed to take Mark, but Paul thought him unreliable, so that eventually Barnabas made one journey taking Mark, and Paul another journey taking Silas (15:36-40). Mark is not mentioned again in Acts. However, it appears that he became more reliable, for Paul mentions him as a trusted assistant in Colossians 4:10 and again in 2 Timothy 4:11.

The Apostle Peter had a co-worker whom he refers to as "my son Mark" (1 Peter 5:13). Papias, an early second century writer, in describing the origins of the Gospels, tells us that Mark was the "interpreter" of Peter, and that he wrote down ("but not in order") the stories that he had heard Peter tell in his preaching about the life and teachings of Jesus.

Tradition has it that after the death of Peter, Mark left Rome and went to preach in Alexandria, Egypt, where he was eventually martyred. Mark's symbol in art is a Lion, usually winged. In the book of Revelation, the visionary sees about the throne of God four winged creatures: a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle. It has customarily been supposed that these represent the four Gospels, or the four Evangelists.

Collect: Almighty God, who by the hand of Mark the evangelist hast given to thy Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank thee for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Taken from James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

The Daily Office

V: O Lord, open my lips;

R: and my mouth will declare your praise

V: Make haste, O God, to + deliver me;

R: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: 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, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Daily Psalms: (Use either or both)

Su-93/136; Mo-97/124; Tu-98/66; We-99/8; Th-47/68;

Fri-96/50; Sa-92/23

The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	Old Testament	New Testament	Optional
Sun	Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27	Luke 11:37-54	SA 2/4:1-9
Mon	Leviticus 21:1-24	Luke 12:1-12	SA 2/4:10-16
Tue	Leviticus 23:1-22	Luke 12:13-34	SA 3/1-3/2
Wed	Leviticus 23:23-44	Luke 12:35-53	SA 3/3:1-18
Thu	Leviticus 24:1-23	Luke 12:54-13:17	Leviticus 25:1-55
Fri	Leviticus 26:1-20	Luke 13:18-35	SA 3/3:19-29
Sat	Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44	Luke 14:1-24	Numbers 1:1-2:34

The Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer

5. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

6. And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us to that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Hymn: LW # 334 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Lord’s Prayer (prayed together)

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.

The Creed (confessed by all)

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.

The Litany

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

R: And let my cry come to You.

V: In the day of my trouble I call to you

R: For You answer me.

V: Hide Your face from my sins.

R: And blot out all my iniquity.

V: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

R: And renew a right spirit within me.

V: Do not cast me away from Your presence.

R: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

V: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

R: And uphold me with a willing Spirit.

V: Because Your lovingkindness is better than life.

R: My lips shall praise You

V: Because You have been my help.

R: Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.