

**Congregation at Prayer**  
✠ *The First Sunday After Christmas* ✠

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19*

**L** O ✠ Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

**L** Make haste, O ✠ God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord. *Psalm 70:1*

**C** *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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia!

Psalm(s)

Hymn

Learn-By-Heart Scripture

Additional Readings from Holy Scripture

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Learn-By-Heart Catechism

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47*

**C** 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  
*Matthew 6:9-13*

Prayer of the Week

*Morning Prayer*

*Evening Prayer*

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.

**L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God. *[Psalm 103:1]*

**L** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all.  
**C** Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Listen to the Prophets!**

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer  
For the Week of December 30<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>

Psalm of the Week...

**Psalm 89:1-8 - Tone I**

Hymn of the Week... "Let All Together Praise Our God" 389

Learn-By-Heart Scripture... **2 Chronicles 24:19**

*"Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD.  
These testified against them, but they would not pay attention."*

Daily Readings...

Monday (12/30): Isaiah 58:1 - 59:3; 14-21; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday (12/31): Isaiah 60:1-22; Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday (1/1): Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:57-80

Thursday (1/2): Isaiah 62:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

Friday (1/3): Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40

Saturday (1/4): Isaiah 63:15--65:7; Luke 2:41-52

Sunday (1/5): Isaiah 65:8-25; Luke 3:1-20

Learn-By-Heart Catechism... **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, LSB 325**

**How Can Water Do Such Great Things?**

*Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." [Titus 3:5-8]*

Prayer of the Week...

*O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Looking Forward to Next Week...

~ The Eve of Circumcision ~ Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 2:21  
~ Christmas 2 ~ Genesis 46:1-7 1 Peter 4:12-19 Matthew 2:13-23