

## HOME DEVOTIONS – WEEK OF MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

For more detailed instructions on how to use the hymnal for your devotions, see “Home Devotions – How to Use the Hymnal.” This is available on the congregation’s website ([immanueleagle.org](http://immanueleagle.org)) under the “Resources” tab. This sheet is specifically for your home devotions from Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please take a hymnal home to use for your devotions. If you need extra ones so that family members can participate, take hymnals for them as well.

### Season of the Church Year ~ The Season of Lent

March 29<sup>th</sup> is the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Lent 5). Knowing where we are at in the Church’s Calendar will tell us what hymns, psalms and scripture readings to use for our home devotions.

### Daily Prayer

Daily Prayer *For Individuals and Families* (LSB 294-298) provides a simple structure that you can use at various times of the day for your devotions.

### Hymn, Canticle, or Psalm – Which one do I use?

Use either a hymn OR a canticle OR a psalm. If you like to sing, you may sing a hymn or a canticle or a psalm. If you prefer to speak, you might use the psalm.

Suggested HYMNS or CANTICLES for this week include: LSB 430, LSB 440, LSB 486.

PSALMS for Season of Lent (from chart, LSB 304). The psalm you use will depend on what time of day you have your devotions. The psalms are found in the front of LSB (LSB 1-150).

### Scripture Readings – Which one(s) do I use?

The Daily Lectionary (LSB 299-304) is a schedule of readings which includes two readings for each day. This Sunday (March 29<sup>th</sup>) is the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Lent 5), so the readings for this Sunday are Exodus 1:1-22 and Mark 14:12-31. You can see the readings assigned for the rest of the week there at LSB 299.

### Small Catechism – What portion do I use?

The Small Catechism can be found at LSB 321. Simply select a portion to use. You may want to begin with the Ten Commandments and work your way through the whole catechism. If you have children with their own catechisms, make use of them.

Apostles’ Creed & Lord’s Prayer can be found on the inside back cover of LSB.

### Prayers

Ask for family prayer requests. If you are uncomfortable with what words to pray, make use of the prayers in LSB (305-318). Also take note of the framework for prayer emphasis for each day of the week at LSB 294.

## Concluding thoughts & Additional Resources

Do not be overwhelmed with what I have presented. If you want to simplify these suggestions, you might use only one psalm, one scripture reading, or a small portion of the catechism. If you have questions, please contact me, as I'd love to help.

- Here is an instructional video for using Daily Prayer in LSB that might be helpful.
- <https://education.cph.org/teaching-the-faith-at-home/devotions-at-home-part-2/>

There are other resources available to you here on the table in the narthex. Take what you can use. You might also consider purchasing other resources to use for your home devotions.

- “A Year in the New Testament: Meditations for Each Day of the Church Year” (available at cph.org for \$30.99).
- “A Year in the Old Testament: Meditations for Each Day of the Church Year” (available from cph.org for \$30.99).
- “Treasury of Daily Prayer” (available from cph.org for \$50.99).

If you have questions and/or need assistance with your home devotions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105)*

*“We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” (Meaning of the First Commandment, Small Catechism).*

Peace be with you.

*Pastor Porath*