

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 7, 2018 through October 14, 2018

Catechesis Notes for the Week —Praying the Psalms: Psalm 4—Relying Upon the Righteousness of Christ Without Distress—David prays for relief against those voices who would attack that which is at the very center of our faith: that the righteousness of Christ is our salvation. Our Lord Jesus and what He has done for us is our glory. His righteousness gives us gladness, peace, safety, and salvation. The sons of men speak against this righteousness. The sons of men love the worthlessness of the works of man. It angers us when the enemies of Christ speak against our Savior and exalt their own works over the works of Christ. In his prayer, David says, “Be angry, and do not sin.” When the enemies of Christ speak against Him we are not to be embittered against them or lash out in anger. We meditate upon the Lord’s goodness and faithfulness in quiet confidence for we cannot fight against any of the enemies of the Gospel with any strength of our own. Our comfort, strength, and salvation rest in Him who gave His life for us. The sacrifices of righteousness are the prayers of faith that entrust ourselves entirely to the Lord and that commend the enemies of the Gospel to Christ. No earthly security is any security at all. “You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: The Son of Man Has Power on Earth to Forgive Sins!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 John 4:9

In this the love of God was manifested toward us,
that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world,
that we might live through Him.

Psalm 4 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, we know that the godly are those who trust in Your righteousness rather than their own. You are our glory. The light of Your countenance is Your righteousness that covers all our sin. Give us a calm and quiet faith to entrust ourselves to You when we are frustrated by those who attack our faith and the gift of Your righteousness. Teach us to commend ourselves to You in prayer, and to lie down and sleep in the confident peace of Your forgiveness; for You alone are the God of our righteousness, and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	1, 2	5	8, 9	10	14, 15	18	19, 20	22
Evening	3	4, 6	7	11, 12	13	16, 17	21	23, 24

Readings for the Week of the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy OR use → → → → →	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	The Healing of the Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8	Deut. 6:10-25	Matt. 9:18-38
Monday	Solomon Builds the Temple—1 Kings 6:1, 7, 11-30	Deut. 7:1-19	Matt. 10:1-23
Tuesday	The Ark of the Covenant Is Brought into the Temple—1 Kings 8:1-21	Deut. 8:1-20	Matt. 10:24-42
Wednesday	Solomon’s Prayer at the Temple Dedication—1 Kings 8:22-40	Deut. 9:1-22	Matt. 11:1-19
Thursday	God’s Word to Solomon—1 Kings 9:1-9	Deut. 9:23–10:22	Matt. 11:20-30
Friday	The Queen of Sheba and Solomon’s Wealth—1 Kings 10:1-13	Deut. 11:1-25	Matt. 12:1-21
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday’s Readings Sunday’s readings	Deut. 11:26–12:12	Matt. 12:22-37
Sunday	Look Ahead to Sunday’s Readings Sunday’s readings	Deut. 12:13-32	Matt. 12:38-50

The Catechism: The Creed—The First Article

What is the First Article of the Creed?

Preschool +

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

What does this mean?

First Grade +

I believe that God has made me and all creatures;
that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,
my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.
He also gives me clothing and shoes,
food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.
He defends me against all danger
and guards and protects me from all evil.
All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.
For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

Second Grade +

Prayer on the First Article

Heavenly Father, You are God Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. We give thanks to You that you have made us and all creatures; that You have given us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses, and that You still take care of them. You also give us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all we have. You richly and daily provide us with all that we need to support us in our body and life. You defend us against all danger and guard and protect us from all evil. All this You do for us out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. Grant us, through the grace of Your only-begotten Son, to believe that this is most certainly true, and to ever thank and praise, serve and obey You as long as we live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers: Catechism Prayers, In Our Prayers at Peace, and the Collect for the Week

In Our Prayers this Week

Kent and Christine Franklin celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary.
The family of Mary Schneider, Mark Schneider's mother, who mourn her death.
Don Linden, Diane Knappe's father, who suffered a stroke.
Elsie Neumann, recuperating at Manor Care nursing home.
Maria Flores, Jocelyn Bender's grandmother, Phyllis, sister of Rosie Koplting, and Fern Koch in hospice care.

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" (stanzas 1-3)

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Looking forward to the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

October 14, 2018

Hymns: 822, 942, 948, 828, 954, 960, 434, 563, 631, 938

Isaiah 55:1-9: *The Lord, through the prophet Isaiah, emphasizes that the message of the Gospel is, at its core, the message of salvation for sinners by grace alone. Salvation cannot be purchased with our money or good works; it must be received by faith from that One, our Savior, who has done all for us. "My thoughts are not your thoughts", says the Lord" is a reference to the fact that human thoughts always tend to be governed by works-righteousness when it comes to salvation and that God's thoughts are always governed by grace. It is precisely because His thoughts toward us are governed by grace that we may "Seek the Lord ..." and "Call upon Him" in every need and struggle with sin.*

Ephesians 5:15-21: *"Walking" is used throughout the Scriptures as a euphemism for faith. This is because faith in Christ is characterized by all kinds of external things that create and sustain faith as well as give expression to that faith outwardly. We are "followers" of Jesus. We listen to His Word. We pray, we worship, we confess, and we live in Christ's forgiveness with others. These are real expressions of our faith in Christ as "followers" of Jesus. We do NOT follow the beliefs, ways, and practices of the world because we do NOT believe in these things. This helps us understand Paul's catechesis in this week's epistle: "See then that you walk circumspectly [carefully], not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation [pouring out your faith upon the ground]; but be filled with the Spirit [who fills us through the ongoing hearing of the Word of God], speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ."*

Matthew 22:1-14: *"This parable concerns the preaching of the Gospel down through the ages. Many have heard the call to repentance and faith in Christ. Some refuse to believe the Gospel because they are occupied with the cares of this world. Others refuse to believe because they will not confess their sin, and so they abuse the messengers who proclaim it. The call of the Gospel goes out indiscriminately to all people, even the so-called "bad and good," that they might shed their own clothing of unrighteousness and be clothed in the garment of Christ's righteousness, apart from which they cannot be saved. God's judgment falls upon all who will not repent." (Excerpted from N.T. Catechesis)*