

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of All Saints'

November 4, 2018 through November 11, 2018

Catechesis Notes for the Week —Praying the Psalms: Psalm 8—Praising the Name of the Lord for His Salvation—Luther declares that Psalm 8 is “a prophecy of Christ—His sufferings, resurrection, and kingly rule over all creatures. This kingdom shall be established by the voice of children, that is, it will be established by Word and faith alone, not by sword or armor.” In Psalm 8 David praises the name of the Lord who has set His glory above the heavens precisely because He sent His Son into the world to establish His kingdom through suffering, death, resurrection, and the preaching of the Gospel. Out of everything that God has created and made, mankind is the object of His love and the glorious work of salvation in Christ. In the incarnation, the Son of God is joined to humanity in order to redeem mankind from the curse of the fall. “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?” Christ was made a little lower than the angels, but was crowned with glory and honor from the Father because of His obedient suffering and death on our behalf. Now we share in the glory that was His from the foundation of the world. No wonder the psalmist declares, “O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!”

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 Saints Share in the Blessedness of Christ.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Psalm 8 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, Your name is excellent in all the earth for You have loved us poor and undeserving sinners with an everlasting love that moved You to give Your Son into death for our salvation. You have made us a little lower than the angels, but in Christ You have exalted us to Your right hand and given us dominion over all the works of Your hands, having put all things under our feet. For all Your exceedingly great and precious blessings we give You thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91	92
Evening	79	81	83	86	87	90	93	94

Readings for the Week of All Saints'

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy OR use → → → → →	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12	Jeremiah 5:1-19	Matt. 22:23-46
Monday	Elijah Ascends to Heaven—2 Kings 2:1-15	Jeremiah 7:1-29	Matt. 23:1-12
Tuesday	Elisha Performs Miracles—2 Kings 2:19-25	Jeremiah 8:18—9:12	Matt. 23:13-39
Wednesday	Elisha and the Water from Edom—2 Kings 3:1-27	Jeremiah 11:1-23	Matt. 24:1-28
Thursday	Elisha and the Widow's Oil—2 Kings 4:1-7	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Matt. 24:29-51
Friday	Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son—2 Kings 4:8-37	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matt. 25:1-13
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings Sunday's readings	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matt. 25:14-30
Sunday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings Sunday's readings	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matt. 25:31-46

The Catechism: The Creed— The Third Article

What is the Third Article of the Creed?

**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.**

Preschool +

<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.</p>	First Grade +
<p>In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.</p>	Second Grade +

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

Prayer on the Third Article

O Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son to give life and salvation to the world, and who, together with the Father and the Son, we worship and glorify as the only true God, receive our thanks and praise for proclaiming Christ to us through the preaching of the Gospel and gifts of the holy sacraments. Faith in Jesus Christ our Savior, hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, and love for God and our enemies are all Your creations and gifts to us through the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Preserve the holy Christian Church among us through the faithful preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Bless the communion of saints that every baptized Christian, sharing in Christ's love through the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name, might abide in Christ and bear witness to His love in all that we do and say. Give us firm hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, so that we might faithfully endure persecution for Jesus' sake and suffer all, even death itself, rather than fall away from Him who gave His life for us. Hear us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Wedding anniversaries: Elton and Angela Volquardsen 25th; Lyle and Jan Wollin 59th.

Wayne Loose, suffering with cancer.

Bob Piper, undergoing stem cell therapy for blood cancer.

Laura Knoerr, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Dorothy Muenzmaier, recovering from a stroke.

Phyllis, sister of Rosie Kopleng in hospice care.

Collect for the week of All Saints'

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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

"Oh, How Blest Are They Whose Toils Are Ended" (stanzas 1, 4 and 5)

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Looking forward to the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

November 11, 2018

Hymns: 461, 755, 849, 640, 633, 919

Isaiah 51:9-16; Colossians 1:9-14; Matthew 9:18-26

A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us "to share in the inheritance of the saints of light" delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9-14). "I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, ... You are my people" (Is. 51:9-16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, "your faith has made you well" (Matt. 9:18-26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.