

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Feast of Pentecost

June 9 through June 16, 2019

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 36: A Prayer for Faithfulness to the Lord’s Word against False Doctrine—In the First Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, the Catechism teaches us that God’s Word is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and when we as the children of God also lead holy lives according to God’s Word. The transgression, pride, arrogance and evil against which Psalm 36 is directed is a prayer against heresy and false teaching which denies Christ and His righteousness as the source of salvation. Psalm 36 speaks comfort to Christ’s Church which clings in faithfulness to Christ and His Word: “How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.”

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: Come, Holy Spirit, and Enlighten the Hearts of Your Faithful People!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: John 15:26

Jesus said, “When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

Psalm 36 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us courage, hope, and confidence in Your Word when the enemies of the truth attack the Gospel with false doctrine. Establish Your Church upon the solid Rock of Christ and His Word of truth, that the light of Christ and His righteousness might be faithfully proclaimed in all the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

| Daily Psalms | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Morning | 54, 56 | 59 | 60, 61 | 65 | 66 | 68 | 71 | 73 |
| Evening | 55 | 57, 58 | 62 | 63, 64 | 67, 70 | 69 | 72 | 74 |

Readings for the Week of the Feast of Pentecost

| Day | Bible Stories for the Family and Academy OR use → → → → → | Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299 | |
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| Sunday | “If Anyone Loves Me, He Will Keep My Word”—John 14:23-31 | Num. 21:10-35 | Luke 21:20-38 |
| Monday | Jesus Cleanses a Leper—Luke 5:12-16 | Num. 22:1-20 | Luke 22:1-23 |
| Tuesday | Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic—Luke 5:17-26 | Num. 22:21-23:3 | Luke 22:24-46 |
| Wednesday | Matthew the Tax Collector—Luke 5:27-32 | Num. 23:4-28 | Luke 22:47-71 |
| Thursday | Fasting and the Sabbath—Luke 5:33-39 | Num. 24:1-25 | Luke 23:1-25 |
| Friday | Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath—Luke 6:1-11 | Num. 27:12-23 | Luke 23:26-56 |
| Saturday | The Twelve Apostles—Luke 6:12-19 | Num. 32:1-6, 16-27 | Luke 24:1-27 |
| Sunday | Sunday’s Readings | Num. 35:9-30 | Luke 24:28-53 |

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 +

What does this mean?

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.

First Grade +

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.

Second Grade +

Prayers: Catechism Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace, 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.

Daily Themes for Prayer LSB p. 294

In Our Prayers this Week

Mark Thoni's family who mourn the death of Mark's Aunt Mary.

Rev. Matt Uttenreither, hospitalized with dehydration, low potassium and sodium, and undergoing tests.

Rev. Herb Mueller, First-Vice President of the LCMS, recuperating from surgery for a brain tumor.

Thomas Verage, son of Rev. Kyle and Grace Verage, and Grayson, son of Ryan and Andrea Palmer, who continue to suffer health issues. The Sick: Loretta, mother of Karen Frerking and Cindy Hirtz recovering from colon surgery; Jim, father of Cindy Welch; Inez, sister of Verla Gatchell; Al Gabel recovering from surgery for a broken hip and wrist; Mary, niece of Beth Boehringer in treatment for cancer; Dan, friend of the Welches in treatment for cancer;

Achim, nephew of Luise Bollmeyer, recovering from a coma after an automobile accident;

Mike Gerlach recuperating from heart surgery. Sid Franklin, recuperating from hip surgery. Dave Frick, uncle of the Laubenstein kids, hospitalized with congestive heart failure and kidney failure.

Collect for the Feast of Pentecost

O God, on [the day of Pentecost] You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

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Looking forward to the Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019

Hymns: 499, 571, 395, 640, 639, 504

Isaiah 6:1-7: "I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah made this confession of his own sin and unworthiness when he was called by the Lord to be a prophet. This confession should be made by every minister of the Word. If our call was based upon our worthiness, there would be no ministers. Isaiah's worthiness was in the Lord who had purged him of his sins so that he might preach the Word of God faithfully. Herein lies an important message: the minister is equipped to preach the Gospel when he himself is a hearer and believer in that Gospel. If he doesn't hear and believe it for himself, he will never be able to minister it to others. The Vision of Isaiah is appointed for Holy Trinity Sunday because of the vision of the angels of heaven who sing the Sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy, around the throne of God. This song of the angels teaches us that life with and in the Blessed Trinity is opened to us through the ministry of the Word of God that proclaims forgiveness of sins to sinners.

Romans 11:33-36: Paul extols the richness of the grace and love of the Holy Trinity, which is beyond our capacity to fully grasp and understand. All glory belongs to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit because of His great mercy and lovingkindness to us.

John 3:1-17: God is revealed to us in our Baptism where we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit. In our Baptism God gives us His strong name which proclaims to us who He is and all that He does for us. It is as if He were saying, "I am the one true God. I give you my Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; You belong to me. I have adopted you as my very own. I am the Father who created you. I am the Son who has redeemed you by My blood. I am the Holy Spirit who has called you to faith and sanctifies you through the blood of Christ. I am your God." The strong name of the Triune God is our protection throughout life. Let us call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. "Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity: let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Your name in all the earth!" (From the Introit for Holy Trinity)