

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity  
November 10, through November 17, 2019

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 58: A Prayer of Comfort Against Enemies that Are Not as Strong as We Think—**  
Psalm 58 is a prayer of comfort for the Church and individual Christians when we are threatened by false teachers and the voices of a society and culture which appear overwhelming in their strength. It appears as if we are weak and that they are all powerful, but greater by far is Him who fights for us than all the forces of evil combined. The false teaching is like the poison of a snake, and the false teachers are like a deaf cobra who will not listen to the truth of God's Word but rather fight against it. Their lies are charming and their number is great. David commended his cause and the cause of the church to God. He will judge the wicked. Their apparent power is like a flood of water that soon dissipates, or like a crossbow and arrow that is soon broken, or slug that is soon dried up in the sun, or stillborn child whose life is no more, or a thornbush that is cut down and thrown into the fire. Although the world and her false teachers threaten the Church, the Lord will preserve His people from all harm, defend them from destruction, and judge His enemies. "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely He is God who judges in 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 Kingdom of God is Within You!

### Invocation

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

### Apostles' Creed

Verse: Ephesians 2:1

You He made alive,  
who were dead in trespasses and sins.

Psalm 58 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty and everlasting God, defend and protect Your Church from false teachers and the might of the world which threaten to destroy her. Judge our enemies. Vindicate the truth of Your Word. And give us quiet confidence in Your protection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147	148	1, 2
Evening	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145	143	149, 150	3

### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 25: "As in the Days of Noah"—Luke 17:20-30	
Monday	Isaac Is Born and Ishmael Is Cast Out—Genesis 21:1-21	Galatians 4:21-31
Tuesday	Sacrifice of Isaac—Abraham's Faith Is Revealed—Gen. 22:1-19	Hebrews 11:17-22
Wednesday	Abraham Sends for a Bride for Isaac—Genesis 24:1-28	2 Corinthians 6:11-18
Thursday	Rebekah—Gen. 24:29 (30-31) 32-38 (39-41) 42-49 (50-57) 58-67	Colossians 3:11-24
Friday	Jacob and Esau—Esau Sells His Birthright—Genesis 25:19-34	Romans 9:1-16
Saturday	Trinity 26: The Ancient of Days—Daniel 7:9-14	2 Peter 3:3-14

### 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, we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. Call us to faith in Jesus by the Gospel, enlighten us every day with Your gifts of baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper; and sanctify and keep us and the whole Christian Church on earth with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Forgive us our sins every day and give us the blessed hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**In Our Prayers this Week**

Wedding anniversaries: Matt and Verla Gatchell, 37<sup>th</sup>; Lyle and Jan Wollin; 60<sup>th</sup>.

Robert Haga, leaving for Marine Boot Camp in San Diego CA on November 18.

Kirstin Franklin serving with the LCMS Mercy Medical Team in Uganda for two weeks.

The family and friends of Brett Tjaden, friend of the Meyles, who died suddenly this past week.

The sick: Aubrey Krueger, suffering from postpartum complications;

Francis Sidwell, father of Donna Aufdemberge, recovering from pace maker surgery;

Roger Laubenstein, cancer treatment.

**Collect for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity**

*Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; 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**

**"The God of Abraham Praise" (stanzas 1 and 8)**

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**Looking forward to the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**November 17, 2019**

**Hymns: 564, 508, 661, 663, 642, 919**

***Daniel 7:9-14; 2 Peter 3:3-14; Matthew 25:31-46***

*"Behold, with the clouds of heaven there came One like a Son of Man" (Dan. 7:13). The Lord Jesus will return in glory on the Last Day with all His holy angels. "Before Him will be gathered all the nations . . . And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left" (Matt. 25:31-33). Those on His left will be cast into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For they rejected Christ by failing to receive and support His brethren, that is, the preachers of the Gospel. But those on His right will inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. For they received and supported His brethren and believed what they preached. We believe in the promise of Christ's coming, even if it is delayed because of His longsuffering mercy. Conducting ourselves in godliness, knowing that this fallen creation will soon pass away, we look forward to "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13).*