

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Third Sunday after Trinity
June 28 through July 5, 2020

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 82—A Prayer for Comfort against Tyrants—Luther writes: “The 82nd psalm is a psalm of comfort against the tyrants who oppress those in misery... After the Gospel or the ministry, there is on earth no better jewel, no greater treasure, nor richer alms, no fairer endowment, no finer possession than a ruler who makes and preserves just laws. Such men are rightly called gods.... But worldly government will make no progress. The people are too wicked, and the lords dishonor God’s name and Word continually by the shameful abuse of their godhead. Therefore, he prays for another government and kingdom in which things will be better, where God’s name will be honored, His Word kept and He Himself be served; that is the kingdom of Christ.... For Christ practices aright the three divine virtues.... He advances God’s Word and the preachers of it; He makes and keeps law for the poor; He protects and rescues the miserable. The service of God in Christendom is justice, peace, righteousness, life, salvation. Of this kingdom of Christ, the Gospels, and the Epistles of the apostles, preach and testify.” From *Reading the Psalms with Luther, CPH*.

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: Christ Came into the World to Save Sinners!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,
of whom I am chief.

Psalm 82 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Thanks be to You, Ruler of nations, because You have granted our native land free institutions of government, under which we enjoy both civil and religious liberty. By Your mighty hand protect the government of this free republic, and suffer it not to be overthrown by revolutions and civil wars; and always grant us honest and wise citizens for offices high and low; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	107	109	112, 113	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112
Evening	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 3: The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin—Luke 15:1-10	
Monday	A Girl Is Raised and a Woman Is Healed—Matthew 9:14-26 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles: Acts 15:1-12	Isaiah 23:6-14
Tuesday	Two Blind Men Are Healed—Matthew 9:27-34	Isaiah 24:14-23
Wednesday	The Sending Out of the Twelve—Matthew 9:35—10:15	Isaiah 25:1-5
Thursday	The Promise of Persecution—Matthew 10:16-31 The Visitation: Luke 1:39-45	Isaiah 25:6-9
Friday	Confessing Christ Before Men—Matthew 10:32—11:1	Isaiah 26:1-9, 12-13
Saturday	John the Baptist Sends Disciples to Jesus—Matthew 11:2-19	Isaiah 27:2-6

The Catechism: Christian Questions with Their Answers

What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us:
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins.
Only Christ, true God and man, could do that.
Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious.
Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone,
and through faith in Him be saved.

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

Prayer before receiving the Lord's Supper

Lord God, heavenly Father I come to the Altar at Your invitation to receive the holy body and the precious blood of My Savior Jesus Christ. I confess to You all my sins. I am heartily sorry for them. For Jesus' sake, I forgive my enemies and all who have sinned against me. I believe that You give me the forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life and salvation through the body and blood of My Savior. Through the Lord's Supper strengthen my faith in Christ, increase my love for others, grant me faithfulness in my vocation, and give me the joyous hope and confidence of eternal life and salvation in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Betsy Banasik (6/28), Elton Volquardsen (6/29), David Aumann, Florence Schmidt (6/30), Robin Theilacker (7/2), Sandy Lueck (7/3).

Wedding Anniversaries: Chuck and Jan Finke (6/28).

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

The sick: Roger Laubenstein, recovering from a blood infection and receiving cancer treatment;

Jeremy LaFore suffering with ALS;

Katie Fischer and her unborn baby;

David Berger recuperating from brain surgery;

Jim Nietzsche suffering pain from a fractured pelvis.

In hospice care: Kurt Scheler and Lois Verage.

Those who mourn: The family of Adele, friend of Mark and Julie Goltermann.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for The Visitation

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with 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

"Lord, to You I Make Confession"

LSB 608

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

July 5, 2020

Hymns: TBA

Genesis 50:15-21: Joseph, who forgave his brothers, stands as an icon to us of Christ. In the death of Jesus, the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh meant evil against Him but God meant it for good, to save many people alive as it is this day. All of the "wicked and evil things" that happen in the lives of Christians still bear the stamp of God's approval, not because He delights in evil, but to turn evil into our eternal good. Joseph is an icon of Christ because he endured all manner of wickedness at the hands of his brothers which God used to bring about their repentance and salvation.

Romans 12:14-21: The Gospel is radical: it proclaims forgiveness and mercy from God to sinners as a free gift of His grace in Christ Jesus. On account of Jesus' death, God freely forgives. Faith in this Gospel is equally radical: it results in a similar disposition of love and mercy to other sinners as God has shown to us. Faith lets God be God and commends even our enemies to Him that they might be saved. Faith suffers persecution and faith bears the afflictions of others, and faith does it all willingly for Jesus' sake. For this reason Paul says, "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

Luke 6:36-42: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (vs. 36). "Jesus is not speaking here of the kind of mercy that human reason commends and suggests to us. This is a mercy which is selfish and self-seeking, which gives to those who are important and learned, to those who have earned it and merited it, to those whom it loves or who are beautiful, to those from whom it can expect some benefit or advantage. This is a particular, beggarly, tattered and tousel mercy. For if I give to him who has earned it, or if I consider beauty or friendship, I am only performing a duty or paying a debt and not carrying out an act of mercy at all... The mercy of Christians does not seek its own advantage or repayment of any kind. It ... [is] always extended in all directions. We ... open our eyes and keep them fixed on all men alike, on friend and foe, and [are] merciful, even as our heavenly Father is merciful." - Martin Luther