

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
 For the Week of the Sixth Sunday after Trinity
 July 19 through July 26, 2020

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 85—A Prayer for Mercy for God’s People—Even when the Lord punished Israel and Judah with captivities that scattered them during times of captivity, He did so out of love to bring about their repentance. Psalm 85 speaks of the grace of God. He has been “favorable to His land” which means that His grace is upon the people whom He has chosen. He brings us back from the captivity of sin. He forgives our sin. He takes away His wrath. He turns from the fierceness of His anger. He causes us to hear again the sweet words of His forgiveness, mercy, and truth. “Righteousness and peace have kissed each other” speaks of how Christ’s righteousness has brought about our peace with God. When we are troubled in our conscience about whether or not God can forgive, restore, and bring us back from the folly of our wayward ways, Psalm 85 stands as a testimony to His abiding mercy and love for us.

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’s Righteousness Saves!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 6:6-7

Our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with,
 that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Psalm 85 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, bring us back from the threatening perils of our sins. Restore us by Your mercy and truth. Cover us with Your righteousness that we might know Your peace and be set free from a troubled conscience, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	8, 9	10	14, 15	18	19, 20	22	26, 27	30
Evening	7	11, 12	13	16, 17	21	23, 24	25	28, 29

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 6: Christ Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:17-26	
Monday	Jesus Walks on the Water—Matthew 14:22-36	Isaiah 39:1-8
Tuesday	Out of Man’s Heart Proceed Evil Thoughts—Matthew 15:1-20	Isaiah 40:1-11
Wednesday	A Canaanite Woman Trusts Jesus’ Word—Matthew 15:21-31 St. Mary Magdalene: John 20:1-2, 10-18	Isaiah 40:25-31
Thursday	The Feeding of the 4,000—Matthew 15:32-39	Isaiah 41:8-20
Friday	The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign—Matthew 16:1-12	Isaiah 42:1-13
Saturday	The Confession of Peter and His Rebuke—Matthew 16:13-23 St. James the Elder, Apostle: Acts 11:27—12:5	Isaiah 43:1-13

The Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.	Third Grade +
Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:	First Grade +
We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death	Kindergarten +
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. [Rom. 6:4]	Second Grade +

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

Prayer to Live in Daily Contrition and Repentance

Heavenly Father, through Your Word and Spirit, You call us to daily contrition and repentance for our sin that the Old Adam in us might be drowned and die with all his sins and evil desires. Work true repentance in our hearts every day. Teach us to confess our sins and to flee to Christ for our life and salvation. By Your Word of forgiveness raise up the new man of faith in us that we might live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for New Life in Christ

Almighty God, we give thanks to You for our baptism into Christ, where we were buried with Him through our baptism into His death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life. Grant us this new life, O Lord, that we might live faithfully and joyously as Your children in the blessed hope of everlasting life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Elizabeth Bender, Mary Bender (7/18), Talitha Schneider (7/20), Elias Giordano, Barry Wurster (7/23).

Wedding Anniversaries: Jim and Karen Frerking (7/19), Rev. Peter and Beth Bender, Mike and Laura Ferguson (7/21), Kerry and Cindy Welch (7/23).

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

The sick: Roger Laubenstein, receiving treatment at home for a blood infection with cancer treatment on hold;

Jeremy LaFore suffering with ALS; Kathy Federman with a concussion and broken wrists from a fall;

Carl Duwe recovering from eye surgery;

Shirley Alvaro, sister-in-law of Mary Schneider recently diagnosed with cancer and receiving treatment;

Abigail Sarfo in Ghana on dialysis for renal failure;

Katie Fischer and her unborn baby;

David Berger in serious condition recovering from the trauma of brain surgery;

Jim Nitzsche recovering from a fractured pelvis; Jim Weber, receiving in-home care following a series of falls.

In hospice care: Kurt Scheler and Lois Verage.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for St. Mary Magdalene

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, restored Mary Magdalene to health and called her to be the first witness of His resurrection. Heal us from all our infirmities, and call us to know You in the power of Your Son's unending life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for St. James the Elder, Apostle

O gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, 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

“All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall”

LSB 562

Looking forward to the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 26, 2020

Hymns: 561, 819, 625, 566, 704, 693

Genesis 2:7-17: The prophet Moses teaches us that we were created by God from the dust of the earth. Our life comes from the Word of God. The Tree of Life gave life according to God's promise, but man chose to turn away from that tree and go his own way. This is the origin of all sin and death. Christ redeems us from the curse by being lifted up upon the tree of the cross.

Romans 6:19-23: St. Paul teaches that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 8:1-9: Jesus is the bread of life. In the miracle of the feeding of the 4,000, He shows Himself to be the Savior of all people and the source of all life and salvation. The numbers in this story are not insignificant. Numbers in the Bible have familiar usages. The number seven is often God's number of perfection and is often associated with the Holy Spirit, His seven-fold gifts of grace, and the Church which is formed from every tribe and nation of people. The number four is often associated with the earth, sometimes spoken of as having “four corners”—north, south, east, and west—from which all the people of Christ's Church will come. The number ten is often the number of God's providential completeness in His dealings upon this earth. He does just the right things in just the right ways, etc. The number three refers to the Holy Trinity, Holy Baptism, and the Baptismal character of our faith, that we were buried with Him who was raised the third day. Therefore, by the use of the number three and the number seven multiplied ten times over, this miracle teaches that Jesus is Lord, the Holy One of God, the perfect and only savior of sinners who has provided salvation to the four corners of the earth.