

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
 For the Week of the Eighth Sunday after Trinity
 August 02 through August 09, 2020

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 87—A Prayer of Rejoicing in the Holy Christian Church—Zion is a type of the New Testament Church. Mount Zion was the location of Jerusalem and the Temple to which people of all nations were to be drawn for the gift of salvation and new life. Psalm 87 prophecies of how the Lord loves His Church, builds His Church, and will draw sinners of all nations into her. The new birth of Holy Baptism makes of people of many tribes, nations, and languages one people in Christ: “This one and that one were born in her and the Most High Himself shall establish her.” The Lord writes their names on the ledger of the Book of Life. In the Church there is deliverance from sin, death, and everlasting destruction. The Church’s choirs and musicians sing and rejoice in the Lord’s salvation in time and eternity.

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: Beware of False Prophets

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Matthew 7:15-16a

Beware of false prophets,
 who come to you in sheep’s clothing,
 but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
 You will know them by their fruits.

Psalm 87 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, we rejoice in the gift of Your Holy Christian Church into which You have drawn people of every tribe and nation to be born in her through water and the Word. Pour forth Your grace upon us that we may ever sing Your praises, for You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light, and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	45	48, 49	51	54, 56	59	60, 61	65	66
Evening	46, 47	50	52, 53	55	57, 58	62	63, 64	67, 70

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 8: “Beware of False Prophets”—Matthew 7:15-23	
Monday	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant—Matthew 18:21-35	Isaiah 47:5-11
Tuesday	Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce—Matthew 19:1-12	Isaiah 48:9-19
Wednesday	Jesus Blesses the Children—Matthew 19:13-15	Isaiah 49:1-7
Thursday	The Rich Young Ruler—Matthew 19:16-30	Isaiah 49:8-17
Friday	The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16	Isaiah 50:1-11
Saturday	Jesus Predicts His Passion a Third Time—Matthew 20:17-28	Isaiah 51:1-11

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer—First Petition

What is the First Petition? Hallowed be Thy name.	Preschool +
What does this mean? God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.	Second Grade +
How is God’s name kept holy? God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!	Third Grade +

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

Prayer on the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, You hallow Your name among us when Your Word is taught in its truth and purity and when we, as Your dear children, also lead holy lives according to it. We give thanks to You for the gift of Your Word; for our pastors, parents, and others who teach it; and for the holy lives of all Your faithful Christians who live according to it. Forgive us for the many ways in which we profane Your holy name among us by failing to teach Your Word in its truth and purity, to pray for our pastors and teachers, or to lead holy lives. Protect us from false doctrine and evil living. Help all who are called to teach and preach Your Word to do so with faithfulness, and grant us to receive Your Word rightly that our lives may be made holy by it: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Kay Trapp (8/1), Mary Duckert, Wyatt Thoni (8/2), Julie Goltermann, Polly Joubert (8/3),

Dave Hardenbrook, Keith Kunkel (8/4), Ted Dhein (8/5), Anna Steinhilb (8/6), Larry Martin, Mary Uttenreither (8/7).

Wedding Anniversaries: Tom and Donna Aufdemberge (8/4), Andrew and Jocelyn Bender, David and Christine Hardenbrook, Katie and Nathan Fischer (8/5), John and Kay Trapp (8//6).

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

Those who serve in the military: John Franklin (Minnesota National Guard); Jessica Franklin (Air Force); Mark Meyle (Marines); Robert Haga (Marines) and Evon Ingraham (Army Reserves),

The sick: Ed Lemke who is hospitalized for a UTI; Jackie Klug who is hospitalized;

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;

Shirley Alvaro, sister-in-law of Mary Schneider receiving treatment for cancer;

Harlan Petersen receiving treatment for prostate cancer;

Hadley Schumacher, granddaughter of Rev. Steven Schumacher, who is seriously ill;

Katie Fischer and her unborn baby;

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

Jim Nietzsche recovering from a fractured pelvis;

Jim Weber, receiving in-home care following a series of falls.

Tom Jahnke, brother-in-law of Donna Lovas, suffering with stage 4 cancer.

In hospice care: Kurt Scheler and Lois Verage.

Those who mourn: family and friends of Norman Meyer, brother-in-law of Bonnie Zeretzke, who mourn his death.

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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

"In God, My Faithful God"

LSB 745

Looking forward to the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 9, 2020

Hymns: 504, 536, 761, 743, 631, 526

2 Samuel 22:26-34: This passage of Second Samuel records for us part of the text that Jesus used in teaching the parable of the Unjust Steward. It speaks of how the Lord Himself is more shrewd and clever than even the most shrewd and clever of men: "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; with a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; with the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. You will save the humble people; but Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down" (vs. 26-28).

1 Corinthians 10:6-13: St. Paul uses the example of Old Testament Israel to warn the Corinthian Christians against the danger of idolatry (false faith and worship) which evidences itself in sexual immorality, murmuring, and complaining against the Lord. The end of such idolatry is the loss of faith and eternal death. This warning against the danger of idolatry is intended to draw us to the One Man, Christ Jesus, who alone can deliver us from these dangers in the time of such temptation: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (vs. 12-13).

Luke 16:1-13: "The master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when the earthly fails. These are our escape in temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam 22:26-34). —Excerpted from the LSB hymnal project