

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Tenth Sunday after Trinity
August 16 through August 23, 2020*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — **“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).** It is in our baptism that we have been crucified with Christ, so that Christ now lives in us. Since we have been crucified with Christ, the Law has been fulfilled for us, sin has been atoned for, and the gift of new life is ours. This new life begins now by faith in Christ the crucified. Victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil is **never** by the strength of our own will but solely by the merits of Jesus’ crucifixion. Faith receives Christ’s victory and lives in Him. Sin, death, and hell cannot destroy Him, and therefore, they cannot destroy us because He lives in us. This means that each day of our lives as Christians is lived **by faith** in the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us. Christ’s sacrifice of love for us upon the cross is always before our eyes. This means that “the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me,” is not only the object of my faith, but also the source and strength for living the Christian life. Day by day, moment by moment, our life in the flesh—with all its struggles, weaknesses, and failings—is lived by faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us.— Excerpted from Lutheran Catechesis, Catechist Edition, p. 280a (Used by permission.)

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 Longs to Visit You with His Mercy and Peace

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:3b

**No one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed,
and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.**

Psalm 92 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	82, 84	85	88	89	91	92	95, 96	98, 100
Evening	83	86	87	90	93	94	97	99

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 10: Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem—Luke 19:41-48	
Monday	Render to Caesar the Things That Are Caesar’s—Matt. 22:15-22	Isaiah 56:1-8
Tuesday	Questions About the Resurrection—Matthew 22:23-33	Isaiah 57:15-21
Wednesday	The Greatest Commandment—Matthew 22:34-46	Isaiah 58:6-14
Thursday	Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees—Matthew 23:1-36	Isaiah 59:1-8
Friday	Jesus Predicts the Signs of the End—Matthew 23:37—24:14	Isaiah 59:9-21
Saturday	The Great Tribulation—Matthew 24:15-31	Isaiah 60:1-7, 19-22

The Catechism: The Third Article of the Creed

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 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

Baptismal Birthdays: Jan Finke (8/16); Sierra Fredrich, Shawneen Schmitt (8/17); Brenda Greschner (8/18); Beth Bender, Mark Ruhbusch (8/20); Ashley Sawatzki, Wesley Giordano (8/21)

Wedding Anniversaries: Bob and Cheryl Piper (8/15), Bob and Doreen Corso (8/16), Barry and Maureen Wurster (8/20).

Thanksgiving: birth of Patrick Fischer, infant son of Katie and Nathan Fischer (born 8/10).

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

The sick and recovering:

Carl Stenke, in ICU at Waukesha Memorial following complications from surgery for a broken ankle.

Jeremy LaFore suffering with ALS;

David Berger recovering from the trauma of brain surgery;

Kathy Federman recovering from a concussion and broken wrists sustained in a fall-now receiving therapy at home;

Jim Nietzsche recovering from a fractured pelvis;

Those receiving cancer treatment:

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

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

Harlan Petersen receiving treatment for prostate cancer;

Allison Witte, wife of Rev. Keith Witte (Fairborn, Ohio) & friend of Kent & Christine Franklin.

In hospice care: Lois Verage.

Those who mourn: Family and friends of Ann Jonas, mother-in-law of Brian Ratzlaff.

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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 Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644

Looking forward to the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 23, 2020

Hymns: 686, 566, 433, 572, 865, 862

Genesis 4:1-15: Cain's offering was rejected because the faith of his heart was wrong. He trusted in himself and believed the Lord owed him because of his goodness. Abel's offering was accepted because the faith of his heart was in the mercy of God. Both offerings were outwardly "the best they had" but one was given with the idolatrous faith of works righteousness and the other as a confession of faith in God's grace. The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector is anticipated by the account of Cain and Abel.

Ephesians 2:1-10: This classic passage on salvation by grace alone teaches that man is spiritually dead in trespasses and sins apart from the operation of the Holy Spirit and that even faith in Christ itself is a gift of God's grace.

Luke 18:9-14: "The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering" (Gen 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (LSB hymnal notes)