

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
August 23 through August 30, 2020*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 89:1-18—Prayer in Remembrance of the LORD’S Faithfulness—The LORD’S faithfulness to His people is rooted in His mercy and loving kindness. The Lord keeps His promise of salvation. So the psalmist prays, “I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever...” Psalm 89 is a strongly Messianic psalm. It was a contemplation by Ethan the Ezrahite who remembered that the LORD had chosen David and made an everlasting covenant with Him. The LORD’S covenant with David was fulfilled in the coming of the Christ, David’s greater Son, and in the righteousness and justice that He would establish through His death and resurrection. This week’s section of Psalm 89 ends confidently with the assertion that all believers and the nation’s ruler are to rely upon what Christ has done for them: “In your righteousness they are exalted. For You are the glory of their strength...For our shield belongs to the Lord, and our king to the Holy One of Israel.”

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: God Be Merciful to Me, a Sinner!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Psalm 90: 1-2

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Psalm 89:1-18 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, give us a heart to believe and a mouth to sing of Your faithfulness and mercy all the days of our lives. Christ Jesus is our righteousness and strength. Grant us in every time of need the courage and confidence to look only to Him who gave His life for us, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	98, 100	101	103	105	107	109	112, 113	115
Evening	99	102	104	106	108	110, 111	114	116

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14	
Monday	Moses Receives the Law upon Tablets of Stone—Exodus 24:1-18 St. Bartholomew, Apostle—John 1:43-51	Hebrews 1:1-14
Tuesday	The Ark of the Covenant—Exodus 25:1-22	Hebrews 2:1-9
Wednesday	The Priestly Garments—Exodus 28:1-43	Hebrews 2:10-18
Thursday	The Ransom Money—Exodus 30:11-16	Hebrews 3:1-6
Friday	The Sabbath Law—Exodus 31:12-18	Hebrews 3:7-19
Saturday	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist—Mark 6:14-29	2 Corinthians 3:4-11

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—the First and Second Commandments

What is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods.	Preschool +
What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.	First Grade +
What is the Second Commandment? You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	Preschool +
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.	Second Grade +

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

Prayers on the First Commandment:

O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are the only true and living God. Forgive us our sins against the First Commandment. Strengthen us by Your grace to fear, love, and trust in You above all things; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Lord God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—You teach us to trust in You above all things because You are the only true and living God. You love us and provide us with everything that we need for our life and salvation. Forgive us for making gods out of ourselves. Forgive us for trusting in our works, money, pleasures, or anything in this world more than we trust in You. By Your forgiveness teach me to fear, love, and trust in You above all things, for You live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers on the Second Commandment:

Blessed Lord, we are not to misuse Your holy name by cursing, swearing, using satanic arts, lying, or deceiving others. Forgive us our sins against the Second Commandment. Teach us by Your Word and Spirit to call upon You in every trouble, to pray, praise, and give thanks to You at all times; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, You teach us to call upon Your holy name in prayer every day. You promise to forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. You promise to work for our good through the suffering, sickness, persecution, and tragedies that we face. For Jesus' sake, forgive us for failing to pray. Forgive us for cursing, for swearing falsely, for seeking help from Satan, and for lying or deceiving by Your name. By Your forgiveness, teach us to believe in Your promises and in every joy and sorrow of life to pray, praise, and give thanks to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Lance Carus, Jack Christopherson, Esther Prowatzke (8/25); Sarah Bender (8/26); June Brueck, Lucy Fischer (8/27).

Holy Baptism: Patrick Athanasios Fischer to be baptized on Monday, August 24 during the evening Divine Service.

Wedding Anniversaries: Jim and Shirley Weber (8/22), Mark and Pam Thoni (8/23), Tom and Nancy Landry (8/24).

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

The sick and recovering:

Karl Stemke, recently hospitalized 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 Nitzsche recovering from a fractured pelvis;

Those receiving cancer treatment:

Roger Laubenstein, recently hospitalized with blood clots and in treatment for cancer;

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

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, 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

"With the Lord Begin Your Task" (stanzas 1-2)

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Looking forward to the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Hymns: 841, 545, 557, 528, 630, 548

Isaiah 29:17-24; Romans 10:9-17; Mark 7:31-37

A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book" (Is 29:18–24). So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.