

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
October 4 through October 11, 2020*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 93 — A Confession of Faith in the Eternal Reign of the Lord—Psalm 93 is a confession of faith in the LORD as Creator and Savior, whose Word is foundational and true for all of faith and life. The name “LORD” specifically connects us to God’s revelation of Himself at the Burning Bush. He is the great “I AM”—the One and only eternal God of salvation who always was, who is now, and who shall always be. He is the LORD who reigns over His creation and who is also the God of salvation in Christ Jesus. Notice the foundational assertions upon which our faith is based: “The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.” We see the “clothing and majesty of the LORD” in the grandeur of His creation. Even though the waters of the Great Flood rose above the entire earth, yet it is the LORD who has established the earth so that it cannot be moved. The One who sent forth the Flood is mightier than the noise of many waters. How comforting it is in our age to know and believe that the LORD who is our Creator is also our Savior. It is He who has both established the earth and sustains her, and who gives salvation to us through His sacrifice upon the cross. The climax of this brief psalm is in the final assertion: The LORD’s testimonies are very sure. They will not be overthrown or contradicted. By the Word of the LORD the heavens and the earth were created and are sustained. When we enter the house of the Lord, we do so to hear these testimonies of the LORD, because they are the source of life, comfort, strength, and hope. By His true and faithful testimonies, the LORD adorns His house with holiness.

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: The Lord Does Good and Gives Life on the Sabbath!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Psalm 19:1

**The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handiwork.**

Psalm 93 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, You are God. You have created and sustain the earth. Your power and majesty cannot be overthrown. Give us faith to rely upon Your testimonies for Your Word alone is the ground of certainty and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	54, 56	59	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73
Evening	55	57, 58	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Man with Dropsy Is Healed on the Sabbath—Luke 14:1-11	
Monday	The Budding of Aaron’s Rod—Numbers 16:41—17:13	Hebrews 12:25-29
Tuesday	Moses Strikes the Rock—Numbers 20:1-13 (14-29)	Hebrews 13:1-6
Wednesday	The Bronze Serpent—Numbers 21:(1-3) 4-9	Hebrews 13:7-25
Thursday	Balaam’s Donkey (Part 1)—Numbers 22:1 (2-4a) 4b-5, 12-38	Gal. 1:1-10 (11-24)
Friday	Balaam’s Donkey (Part 2)-(survey ch. 23 and 24) 24:10-13 (14-19) 25	Galatians 1:11-24
Saturday	The Essence of the Law—Deuteronomy 10:12-21	1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The Catechism: The Creed—The First Article

What is the First Article of the Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures;
that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,
my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.
He also gives me clothing and shoes,
food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

Preschool +

First Grade +

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.
He defends me against all danger
and guards and protects me from all evil.
All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.
For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

Second Grade +

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

Prayer on the First Article

Heavenly Father, You are God Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. We give thanks to You that you have made us and all creatures; that You have given us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses, and that You still take care of them. You also give us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all we have. You richly and daily provide us with all that we need to support us in our body and life. You defend us against all danger and guard and protect us from all evil. All this You do for us out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. Grant us, through the grace of Your only-begotten Son, to believe that this is most certainly true, and to ever thank and praise, serve and obey You as long as we live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Donald Scholz, Benjamin Volquardsen, Patty Rothe, John Franklin (10/3), Sarah Uttenreither, Jon Leider (10/5), Lois Scaffidi, Philip Gehlbach, Debra Christopherson (10/7), Russell Sawatzki, Rachel Haga (10/8), Jim Wollin (10/9).

Wedding Anniversaries: Dave and Anna Steinhilb (10/4), Kent and Christine Franklin (10/5), Ted and Kristin Dhein, Dean and Kristi Hertzberg, Don and Jeanne Scholz (10/9).

The sick and recovering:

Mike Murphy, friend of the Schumachers, hospitalized and recovering from extensive surgery for cancer;

Luise Bollmeyer in therapy at Pro Health Rehab Hospital in Waukesha;

Lenny Schrauth, in treatment for parkinsons disease and other ailments;

Karl Stemke in therapy after a stroke;

Jeremy LaFore and his family as he battles ALS;

David Berger receiving in home therapy following the trauma of brain surgery;

Brian Nienabor, Roger Laubenstein, Harlan Petersen, and Allison Witte in treatment for cancer.

For those who mourn:

The family of Erma Suelflow

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week

"Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay" (stanza 1- "Triune God")

LSB 505

Looking forward to the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 11, 2020

Hymns: 505, 694, 838, 564, 692

Deuteronomy 10:12-21; I Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 22:34-46

The Pharisees ask a Law-question. Jesus asks a Gospel-question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "test" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34-46). The Law requires you to "fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the stranger" (Deut. 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).