

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Second Sunday after Trinity
June 13 through June 20, 2021*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 119: He and Waw — Meditations upon God’s Word—The He section of psalm 119 teaches us that God’s Word “teaches faith” and out of faith comes obedience to walk in the way of the Lord as His disciples. Out of the teaching of God’s Word comes delight in the ways of the Lord. What our eyes “look at” follows either the way of faith or the way of rebellion. So the psalmist prays, “Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in Your way.” In this section, statutes, law, commandments, testimonies, word, judgments, and precepts are the references to God’s Word. Ultimately, we long for His precepts because they revive us in the righteousness of Christ.

The Waw section of psalm 119 begins with the assertion that the Lord’s mercies and salvation not only revive the life of a Christian but also gives us the way to defend ourselves against those who attack and persecute us for our faith. God’s Word gives us an answer for those who attack us and the words by which we confess the truth. We love the Lord and His Word because it gives us true freedom. In this section, word, word of truth, ordinances, law, precepts, testimonies, commandments, and statutes are the references to God’s Word. Meditation, love, and delight in God’s Word is the cause of true joy for the believer.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess 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: Come to the Feast of Salvation! All is Ready!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 John 3:16

**By this we know love,
because He laid down His life for us.
And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

Psalm 119: He and Waw and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, revive me by Your Word, keep me in the path of truth, and turn my eyes from looking at worthless things. Do not take Your Word out of my mouth, but strengthen and preserve me by your mercies and salvation that I may love Your commandments and keep Your law continually, for 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	101	103	105	107	109	112, 113	115	117, 118
Evening	102	104	106	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Parable of the Great Supper—Luke 14:15-24	
Monday	The Sin of Simon the Sorcerer—Acts 8:14-25	Jonah 4:1-11
Tuesday	Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian Eunuch—Acts 8:26-40	Romans 1:1-17
Wednesday	The Lord Calls Saul on the Road to Damascus—Acts 9:1-9	Romans 1:18-32
Thursday	The Baptism of Saul—Acts 9:10-22	Romans 2:1-10
Friday	The Lord Delivers Saul from Death—Acts 9:23-31	Romans 2:11-16
Saturday	Peter Heals Aeneas and Raises Tabitha—Acts 9:32-43	Romans 2:17-29

The Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism— Part IV

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

The Office of the Ministry: Rev. Anthony Dodgers and Immanuel Lutheran Church as he deliberates the call to be our Associate Pastor and Headmaster.

Baptismal Birthdays: Joshua Franklin (6/13), Hannah Gierach, Sharon Martin, Christine Meyle, Marcy Gall, Jennifer Clark (6/15) Erich Greschner (6/18).

New Birth: Lawrence William Haga, son of Tyler and Rachel Haga, born June 9th.

The sick: Donna Lovas in rehab with a broken wrist after a fall; Paul Schneider recovering from heart surgery; Rev. Jon Leider recovering from a stroke and recent seizures; Frank Koplting recovering from abdominal surgery; Luisse Bollmeyer, recuperating at home; Barb Lavann, mother of Cheryl Gretzinger, recuperating from a second back surgery and several strokes; Jeremy LaFore and his family as he battles ALS.

Cancer treatment: Gabby Hartwig continuing treatment for childhood cancer; Rev. Timothy Kinne for multiple myeloma; Erwin Cabrera and Tom Pinzl for bladder cancer; Jim Nitzsche for lung cancer; Fr. Wokoma's daughter, Aburuyeba Amaso, Jill Franklin for breast cancer; and Alison Witte.

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus 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

“A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

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Looking forward to the Third Sunday after Trinity	June 20, 2021
Hymns: 608, 611, 570, 625, 573, 548	
Micah 7:18-20: The Triune God is the only true God, because He alone is the God of mercy and salvation by grace alone. Our life with Him is established only on the basis of His undeserved mercy, compassion, and loving-kindness toward us. “Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy” (vs. 18).	
1 Timothy 1:12-17: The Lord's salvation of Paul stands as a sign that God can save the worst of sinners. Paul clearly confesses that his office and apostleship was a gift of God's grace alone, that in Paul's ministry as an apostle, other sinners might come to know the overwhelming grace and salvation of God in Christ. Paul's conversion and reception of God's grace and salvation in Christ is a sign to all of us. If the Lord can rescue the likes of Saul of Tarsus who had persecuted the Church and fought so violently against the Gospel, then He can save any sinner from the condemnation of hell.	
Luke 15:1-10: The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin teach us that it is our Lord who takes the initiative to seek us when we have gone astray and to call us back to our Baptism and the salvation that He has won for us. Nothing matters more to our Lord than that we are rescued from the threatening perils of our sins. It is because of His great love for us in Christ that “there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over the ninety-nine who need no repentance.” But the truth is: there is not a person on earth who does not need the Lord's salvation.	