

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity
August 1 through August 8, 2021*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 119: Qoph and Resh—Meditations upon the Word of God—*Is there anything that we need for life and salvation for which God’s Word is not the source? No! The Word of the Lord is the fountain and source of everything that we need. In the **Qoph** section of Psalm 119, the psalmist speaks of the linkage between the Word of God and prayer. God speaks to us and prayer, as the voice of faith in God’s Word, speaks to God for everything that we need according to His Word. “I rise before the dawning of the morning and cry for help; I hope in Your word.” God hears our prayers on the basis of His loving promises to us in Christ. In this section, statutes, testimonies, word, and commandments are the references to the Word of God. In the **Resch** section of Psalm 119, the psalmist cries out to the Lord for deliverance from affliction, for the revival of his soul, for salvation renewal in the Word of God. Our relationship with God and everything we need from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comes from His Word. In this section, law, word, statutes, judgments, and testimonies are references to the Word of God.*

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: With the Merciful You Will Show Yourself Merciful.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 2 Samuel 22:26-27

**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.**

Psalm 119: Qoph and Resh and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: *O Lord Jesus, apart from You and Your Word we have no life or salvation. Strengthen our faith in Your precious promises that we might call upon You every morning for all that we need to support us in this body and life; 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	75, 76	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91
Evening	77	79	81	83	86	87	90	93

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Parable of the Unjust Steward—Luke 16:1-13	
Monday	The Beginning of the Gospel according to St. Mark—Mark 1:1-13	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Tuesday	Jesus Begins His Public Ministry—Mark 1:14-20	Jeremiah 2:1-8
Wednesday	The Signs of the Messiah—Mark 1:21-34	Jeremiah 3:1-5
Thursday	Jesus Preaches in Galilee and Cleanses a Leper—Mark 1:35-45	Jeremiah 3:6-15
Friday	Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic—Mark 2:1-12	Jeremiah 3:16-25
Saturday	Matthew the Tax Collector—Mark 2:13-17	Jeremiah 4:19-26

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer— Second Petition

<i>What is the Second Petition?</i> Thy kingdom come.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.	First Grade +
<i>How does God’s kingdom come?</i> God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.	Second Grade +

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

Prayer on the Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your kingdom comes to us wherever the Gospel of Jesus is preached and His sacraments are administered. Through these gifts You give us Your Holy Spirit and create faith in our hearts. We give thanks to You for these gifts. We give thanks to You for the promise that Jesus will come again in glory on the Last Day to give us all the fullness of His kingdom. Forgive us for failing to pray for the coming of Your kingdom. By Your Word and Spirit, reign in our hearts and in Your Church. Through the promises of the Gospel, continue to give us Your Holy Spirit, so that by Your grace we believe Your holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and forever after in eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

The Office of the Ministry: *The Lord's blessing upon Rev. Matthew Uttenreither and his family in his acceptance of the call to Ascension Lutheran Church in Niles, IL; the Lord's guidance and blessing on calling an ordained Headmaster/Associate Pastor.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Kay Trapp (8/1); Mary Duckert, Wyatt Thoni (8/2); Julie Goltermann, Polly Joubert (8/3); David Hardenbrook, Keith Kunkel (8/4); Ted Dhein (8/5); Anna Steinhilb (8/6); Larry Martin, Katie Uttenreither (8/7).*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Scott and Chantel Perry (8/1); Tom and Donna Aufdemberge (8/4); Andrew and Jocelyn Bender, David and Christine Hardenbrook (8/5); John and Kay Trapp (8/6).*

The needy: *For children in the foster-system and the adults who care for them.*

The sick: *Rev. Jon Leider, Jim Weber, and Kevin Kehres in rehab; Jeremy LaFore and his family as he battles ALS.*

Cancer treatment: *Gabby Hartwig continuing treatment for childhood cancer; Tom Pinzl, Rev. Timothy Kinne, Erwin Cabrera, James Loker, Jim Nitzsche, Aburuyeba Amaso, in various stages of cancer treatment.*

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

"One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure"

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Looking forward to the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

August 8, 2021

Hymns: 497, 644, 618, 743, 847, 734

Jeremiah 8:4-12: *The prophet Jeremiah warns of the peril of false teaching.*

Romans 9:30—10:4: *"Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." What does this mean? Answer: The Law not only describes and defines love and what is good, but it also demands punishment and retribution for those who have transgressed it. "Christ is the end of the law" in the sense that the law finds its "end" or "completion" or "fulfillment" in Jesus and His work. He is the one who is incarnate love and goodness, whose love was ultimately manifested in bearing the punishment of the law for sinners. This is the righteousness of God. Those who seek to establish "their own righteousness" apart from Christ and that which comes by faith are outside the kingdom of God and cannot be saved. Those who believe in Christ have His righteousness, or the "end of the law," in Him.*

Luke 19:41-48: *Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41-48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. "But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord" (Jer. 7:1-11; 8:4-12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom. 9:30-10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grants us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor. 12:1-11).*