

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Tenth Sunday after Trinity
August 8 through August 15, 2021*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 119: Shin and Tau—Meditations on the Word of God—Psalm 119 concludes with the **Shin** and **Tau** sections. Love for the Word of God is the cause of hatred and persecution from those who do not believe in the Lord. Love for the Word of God is also the source of peace and rejoicing for the Christian, especially in the midst of hardship and persecution. The Word of God inspires awe and reverence in the hearts of those who believe. The Word of God causes an aversion toward things that are evil. The Word of God gives peace to those who receive it. The Word of God upholds us so that we do not stumble. The Word of God gives us understanding and wisdom. It is the basis for our supplications and prayers to God. The Word of the Lord is the foundation of our confession of faith in Christ and all that we believe. The Word of God declares us righteous and bestows the gift of salvation. In the Shin and Tau sections of Psalm 119, word, law, righteous judgments, commandments, testimonies, precepts, and judgments are references to the Word of God. The Word of God gives assurance to the Christian that though we may stumble, the Lord will continually seek for us like a shepherd searching for a lost sheep.

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: 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 119: Shin and Tau and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your son, 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	91	92	95, 96	98, 100	101	103	105	107
Evening	93	94	97	99	102	104	106	108

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem—Luke 19:41-48	
Monday	Fasting and the Sabbath—Mark 2:18-28	Jeremiah 5:1-9
Tuesday	Healing on the Sabbath—Mark 3:1-12	Jeremiah 6:19-26
Wednesday	The Twelve Apostles—Mark 3:13-35	Jeremiah 7:1-16
Thursday	The Parable of the Sower and the Seed—Mark 4:1-20	Jeremiah 8:4-12
Friday	Jesus Tells Parables of the Kingdom of God—Mark 4:21-34	Jeremiah 9:11-16, 23-26
Saturday	Jesus Stills the Storm—Mark 4:35-41	Jeremiah 10:11-16

The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer — Third Petition

What is the Third Petition? Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.	Preschool +
What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.	First Grade +
How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.	Third Grade +

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

Prayer on the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your good and gracious will is to keep and preserve us in the true faith. Your good and gracious will is done without our prayer and does not depend upon us. For this we give You thanks. Forgive us for not trusting that You promise to preserve us in Christ. Break and hinder every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow Your name or let Your kingdom come. Strengthen and keep us firm in Your Word and faith until we die; 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: *Bryce Damato, Jacob Bender (8/10), Jennifer Johnson, Jessica Franklin, Caleb Ligrow (8/12), Mark Schneider (8/14).*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Rev. Robert and Louise Johnson, Ken and Laura Knoerr (8/8), Joseph and Elisabeth Schneider, Alex and Jennifer Scheler (8/10), Steven and Joanne LaSage (8/13).*

The sick: *Thomas F. Altmann, friend and sometime colleague of Paul Woehrmann, fighting Parkinson's disease; 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.*

Those Who Mourn: *Dick Grono and his family who mourn the death of his brother Edmund.*

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"

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Looking forward to the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 15, 2021

Hymns: 572, 559, 419, 608, 631, 825

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. "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. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." It is the grace of God that saves us. It is the grace of God that creates faith to trust in Christ. And it is the grace of God that fashions us into Christ's disciples and enables us to do good works for our neighbor. All depends upon the grace of God in Christ.*

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)*