

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
August 22 through August 29, 2021*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 121: A Prayer for the Preservation of Your Faith—The Songs of Ascent were prayed by the Old Testament faithful as the priest entered the Holy Place to intercede for the congregation. Psalm 121 is a prayer for the individual believer and for the whole congregation. The God of salvation is He who made the heavens and the earth. Our God is not only the God of salvation, but also the God who is the Creator and Preserver of all things. So, the psalm begins, “I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” “Help” is a reference to salvation and the preservation of our faith. It is as if the psalmist were praying, “My salvation comes from the Lord...the Preservation of my faith comes from the Lord...My protection from all enemies who seek to destroy me comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Our prayers, like Psalm 121, are always based upon the foundation of the sure and certain promises of the Lord. He will not allow us to stumble. He never slumbers or sleeps. He is the one who keeps or shelters us from harm. He is the one who preserves us from evil. He protects us as we go in and out from the Divine Service where He refreshes our faith and comforts us with His forgiveness and mercy. He who keeps the individual Christian and preserves him in the faith is also He who keeps and preserves the Church: “He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.” All of this is so, “from this time forth, and even forevermore.” Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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: Sanctify Us by Your Holy Word!

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart fail;

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 121 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, when we look up into the hills and the majesty of Your creation, grant us to trust in You will all our heart as the One who will preserve our faith, protect us from all harm, and comfort us with the promise of eternal salvation as we go out into our callings and come in to the Divine Service for refreshment; 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	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138
Evening	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134	136	139

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Healing of the Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37	
Monday	Saul Persecutes David—1 Samuel 19:1-18 (19-24)	1 Timothy 1:1-11
Tuesday	Jonathan Befriends David—1 Samuel 20:1-23 St Bartholomew, Apostle—John 1:43-51	1 Timothy 1:12-20
Wednesday	Jonathan Keeps His Promise to David—1 Samuel 20:24-42	1 Timothy 2:1-15
Thursday	David Flees from Saul—1 Samuel 21:1—22:2	1 Timothy 3:1-13
Friday	Saul Murders the Priests of Nob—1 Samuel 22:3-23	1 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Saturday	Sunday's OT and Epistle—2 Chronicles 28:8-15	Galatians 3:15-22

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

Peace Lutheran Academy as we begin another academic year.

The Office of the Ministry: *The Lord's blessing upon Rev. Matthew Uttenreither and our call process for headmaster.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Lance Carus, Jack Christopherson, Esther Prowatzke (8/25), Sarah Bender (8/26), June Brueck (8/27), Mike Ferguson (8/28).*

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

Thanksgiving for Sustaining Grace: *Tom Pinzl, Jim Nitzsche, Jeremy LaFore, Jon Leider, Jim and Shirley Weber, Erwin Cabrera, Timothy Kinne, Aburuyeba Amaso, Kevin Kehres, and Luise Bollmeyer.*

The sick: *Dave Spitzenberger, friend of John & Kay Trapp hospitalized and undergoing testing; Becky Boehlke for COVID-19.*

Cancer treatment: *Gabby Hartwig continuing treatment for childhood cancer; James Loker, liver cancer.*

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle (8/24)

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; 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

"We All Believe in One True God" (stanzas 1-3)"

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Looking forward to the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

August 29, 2021

Hymns: 765, 579 (Gradual Hymn), 683, 580, 640, 848, 649

2 Chronicles 28:8-15: *Israel shows mercy to her enemies by returning those who had been captured in battle.*

Galatians 3:15-22: *The spiritual function of the Law is to prepare for Christ by creating a need for Him, so that by faith in Christ we might be saved. The Seed of Abraham is Christ who delivers salvation to us by the promise of the Gospel.*

Luke 10:23-37: *The Parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates what it is to love God with all one's heart and to love the neighbor as oneself. The self-righteousness of the priest and the Levite who believed they had kept the Law caused them to be curved in upon themselves and unconcerned about the wounded man in need. Though they were Jews and had the Law, they did not believe or practice what the Law demanded. The Samaritan who was viewed as the enemy of the Jew is the one who demonstrates what true love is. He cares not for himself, but spares no time, effort, or expense to help the wounded man, even though the wounded Jew would have considered him his enemy. What a wonderful illustration of what Jesus has done for us. He fulfills the Law by loving us more than He loved Himself. Though we rebelled against God and were left for dead on the side of the road, Jesus came to our rescue, bandaged our wounds, brought us to the inn of the Church, and paid all the expenses necessary to bring us back to health. In Jesus we see what love really is as described by God's Law.*