

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Fifth Sunday of Easter/Cantate
May 15 through May 22, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — To Youth— “Submission” and “humility” are not terms that any of us naturally gravitate toward. The sinful flesh wants to submit to no one and is filled with arrogance and pride. If the sinful flesh doesn’t get its way, it rebels. Where does the will to “submit” and “humble one’s self” come from? It comes from faith in the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus submitted Himself as a young man, because He trusted in His Father who promised to do good through His submission. He humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross because, He trusted His Father to do good through His suffering. When youth are admonished to submit to their elders and humble themselves before them, they are really being invited to trust God to do them good in their office as youth, even though they may have to endure things that they don’t agree with or enjoy. The way of faith is always the way of deference toward others. This we learn to believe through the faithful reception of the Gospel and Sacrament of our Lord. [Reprinted from Lutheran Catechesis: Catechist Edition]

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: Sing to the Lord the New Song of Salvation.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Acts 14:22b

Continue in the faith ...

“We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

Psalm 98 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Thanks and praise be to You, O God of all grace, because You have delivered our souls from the bondage of Satan and have saved us through the Red Sea of the blood of Your Son. Cleanse us evermore with His blood that, with all Your saints, we may continually praise You; through the same 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	19, 20	22	26, 27	30	32	33	35	37
Evening	21	23, 24	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Promise of the Holy Spirit—John 16:5-15	
Monday	The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus—Luke 3:(1-20) 21-38	Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
Tuesday	The Temptation of Our Lord—Luke 4:1-15	Ecclesiastes 2:1-26
Wednesday	Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth—Luke 4:16-30	Ecclesiastes 3:1-22
Thursday	The Signs of the Messiah—Luke 4:31-44	Ecclesiastes 4:1-16
Friday	Jesus Calls Fishers of Men—Luke 5:1-11	Ecclesiastes 5:1-20
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Numbers 21:4-9	James 1:22-27

The Catechism: Table of Duties— To Employers and Supervisors; To Youth (Preschool children and everyone, review the primary texts of the first through tenth commandments)

<p>What does God’s Word say to employers and supervisors? Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.</p>	<p>Third Grade + Ephesians 6:9</p>
<p>What does God’s Word say to youth? Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”</p>	<p>First Grade + 1 Peter 5:5</p>
<p>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.</p>	<p>Second Grade + 1 Peter 5:6</p>

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

Prayer for Employers and Supervisors

Gracious Lord, You have given us great responsibilities and authority as employers and supervisors of others. Teach us by Your grace and mercy to treat our workers and those who are under us with respect, understanding, and compassion. Give us a humble spirit toward them and help us to see our workers as gifts of God who depend upon us for their livelihood and who enable us to be of greater service to others for whom we perform our life's work; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Youth

O Lord, as You in humility and faith submitted Yourself to Mary and Joseph and to every authority instituted among men for our salvation, teach us to submit to our elders and to believe that You will accomplish Your good purposes in our lives and in the lives of others through such honor and respect; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

The Lord's blessing upon Seminarian Brennick Christiansen, and his family, called to be our Associate Pastor and Headmaster.

Baptismal Birthdays: Doris Erickson (5/15), Kevin Larson (5/16), Hannah Hardenbrook, Ed Lemke, Jason Petersen, John Lehman (5/17), Jacob Weber (5/19), Bob Corso (5/20), Peter Greschner (5/21).

Wedding Anniversary: Steve and Sandy Lueck (5/15), Paul and Jennifer Johnson (5/18), Jeff and Ali Meehan (5/20).

The Sick: Rev. Gary Gehlbach with a kidney stone; Jeanne Scholz recovering from shoulder replacement surgery; Rev. Wolf Knappe recovering from a fractured shoulder; Jim Weber at the Pavilion Care Center in Slinger; John Paul Beine, in extended therapy following a head injury; Amy Bruss, in extended therapy following a stroke; James Loker and Josiah Boehringer in cancer treatment. Todd Fredrich diagnosed with liver cancer.

Hospice Care: Cliff Evans, Nancy Thiele, Dr. Roland "Cap" Ehlke.

For Those Who Mourn: The family of Alex Carus who died on Friday, May 13.

The people of Ukraine: wisdom and guidance for the governments of the world in dealing with the crisis of Russia's invasion.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter/Cantate

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (stanzas 1-4)

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Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday of Easter/Rogate

May 22, 2022

Hymns: 773, 766, 475, 770, 746, 747

Numbers 21:4-9: The bite of the fiery serpents was sent upon the Children of Israel that they might see the consequences of their rebellion against God. God afflicted them that God might bring them to repentance and faith. Moses interceded for them and the people confessed their sin in repentant faith. God's will was done. He provided salvation through the sign of the bronze serpent upon the pole that future generations would look upon the one who hung in shame from the cross for the salvation of the entire world. The innocent Son of God became what we are as the Father imputed to Him our iniquity, that we might become what He is: righteous, holy, and eternally reconciled to the Father. Whoever "looks upon the bronze serpent" or "believes in the Son's sacrifice for us upon the cross" shall be saved.

James 1:22-27: "Doing the Word" is produced by faith in the Word. If there is no faith in God's Word, there is no hope of "doing the Word". Works always flow from faith in Christ and in His Word of salvation. "The Law of Liberty" is a reference to the Gospel that sets us free from our sin and gives us true liberty. The Gospel does not coerce us. It creates a living trust of the heart that lays hold of Christ and desires to live according to His Word. We are not saved by our works, but the works that flow from faith are the living proof that faith is genuine.

John 16:23-33: Prayer is central to the Church, her ministry, and the Christian's own faith and life. "Prayer in Jesus' name" is prayer that asks for the gifts and help that Jesus promises in the Gospel. If the Church is troubled by persecution and suffering, she is to pray for strength. If she is tempted to unfaithfulness, she is to pray for faithfulness. If you have sinned, pray for forgiveness. If you are tempted by the devil, pray for deliverance. If you are weak in fulfilling the responsibilities of your calling, pray for strength. We have Jesus' sure and certain promise: "Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." Our prayers are heard and they are absolutely answered when they are anchored in God's Word. Like the disciples before us, our faith, too, often wanes. They scattered and fled from Him, yet they were able to be restored because of His promise of grace to them in the Gospel. The same is true for us. "These things I have spoken to you," Jesus said, "that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."