

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Feast of the Holy Trinity
June 12 through June 19, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Gift of Baptism for Every Day— Christians should look to their Baptism every day for their identity and strength. Our Baptism means that we are the children of God; Christ’s death for sin and His resurrection for our justification is ours; Christ’s righteousness clothes us and makes us acceptable to the Father; the Holy Spirit has been poured out into our hearts through Christ; and faith has been created in our hearts. What God has made us and given us in our Baptism also becomes the strength by which we live our lives, repent of sin, resist Satan, and enjoy the testimony of a clean conscience.

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: God So Loved the World that He Gave His Only-begotten Son!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 Timothy 3:16

**And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit,
seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles,
believed on in the world, received up in glory.**

Psalm 8 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O God, the Creator and Savior of the world, who has made Yourself known in the work of man’s redemption as the mystery of the ever adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one and one in three, we beseech You, reveal in us the full power of this faith, into which we have been planted by Baptism, that, being born of water and of the Spirit, we may by a life of holiness be formed into Your image here and rise to Your blissful presence hereafter, there to join, with the song of the seraphim, in praising You, Father, Son, and 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 Catechizes Nicodemus—John 3:1-17	
Monday	A Demon-Possessed Man Is Healed—Luke 8:26-39	Hosea 11:1-9
Tuesday	A Girl Is Raised and a Woman Is Healed—Luke 8:40-56	Hosea 14:1-9
Wednesday	The Sending Out of the Twelve—Luke 9:1-9	Micah 4:1-5
Thursday	The Feeding of the 5,000—Luke 9:10-17	Micah 5:2-5
Friday	Peter’s Confession & Jesus’ Prediction of His Suffering—Lk. 9:18-27	Micah 6:1-8
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Genesis 15:1-6	1 John 4:16-21

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer—First Petition

<p><i>What is the First Petition?</i> Hallowed be Thy name.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.</p>	Second Grade +
<p><i>How is God’s name kept holy?</i> God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!</p>	Third Grade +

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

Prayer on the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, You hallow Your name among us when Your Word is taught in its truth and purity and when we, as Your dear children, also lead holy lives according to it. We give thanks to You for the gift of Your Word; for our pastors, parents, and others who teach it; and for the holy lives of all Your faithful Christians who live according to it. Forgive us for the many ways in which we profane Your holy name among us by failing to teach Your Word in its truth and purity, to pray for our pastors and teachers, or to lead holy lives. Protect us from false doctrine and evil living. Help all who are called to teach and preach Your Word to do so with faithfulness, and grant us to receive Your Word rightly that our lives may be made holy by it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

The Lord's blessing upon Pastor-elect Brennick Christiansen to be ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry June 19.

Baptismal Birthdays: Jim Miller, Lisa LaFore (6/12), Joshua Franklin, William Haga (6/13), Jennifer Clark, Marcy Gall, Sharon Martin, Hannah Gierach, Christine Meyle (6/15), Erich Greschner (6/18).

The Sick: Jill Franklin continuing treatment after surgery; Rev. Tom Lock (Trinity, Denver) and Rev. John Pless (CTSFW), recovering from serious injuries in separate accidents, Walter Schmudlach, Mark's father, who suffered a stroke; Jan Wollin recuperating from a hospitalization, Ed and Bernice Lemke, hospitalized; Kent Kunkel, brother of Keith in step-down unit; Jim Weber at the Pavilion Care Center in Slinger; John Paul Beine and Amy Bruss, in extended therapy; Barbara Wieting, starting chemotherapy; Josiah Boehringer & Todd Fredrich with cancer.

Hospice Care: Cliff Evans

Peace for the war in Ukraine

Collect for the Feast of the Holy Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

822

Looking forward to the First Sunday after Trinity

June 19, 2022

Hymns: 797, 708, 700, 732, 696, 718

Genesis 15:1-6: The proper understanding of saving faith is that faith receives what God says and trusts in it. "Abraham believed in the Lord, and He [the Lord] accounted it [the promise] to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:6). Abraham believed in what the Lord said, and by that Word which Abraham received by faith, the Lord accounted Abraham righteous. In other words, the Word of Promise was Abraham's righteousness because the Word of Promise delivered Christ to Abraham. The righteousness that was "accounted to Abraham" is the righteousness of Christ Himself. This righteousness is received and accounted to us by faith in the Gospel. Faith saves, not because it is a good work of the sinner, but because it believes in the promise of righteousness in the Gospel. All the promises of God to the patriarchs are ultimately fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Christ for unworthy and undeserving sinners.

1 John 4:16-21: The Apostle John teaches us that God's nature is love. Unlike human loves which are corrupted by the self-centeredness of sin, God's love is pure and self-giving. Its ultimate expression is in the Father's giving of His only begotten Son to the death of the cross. Our faith as Christians clings to the love of God in Christ. It is a selfless and sacrificial love that moved the Father to give His Son and that moved the Son to willingly offer His life on our behalf. This love, received by faith in Christ's sacrifice for us, casts out the fear of judgment because the full and free forgiveness of all sins is at the center of this love. It is impossible to remain in the love of God and at the same time hate our brother and hold his sins against him. "We love because He first loved us." It is the reception of God's love in the forgiveness of our sins that creates the miracle of love for the brother and, especially, for those who have sinned against us.

Luke 16:19-31: The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus raises these questions: "Who is your god? What do you worship? Is God's judgment at death final? How does God warn me of the judgment of hell? What brings me to repentance?" The beggar was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man suffered in hell, gazing at Abraham and the beggar from afar. Each received what he believed in: the rich man received the comforts of this life and of his own achievements, which did not last, and the beggar received the comfort of God's salvation through the faith of Abraham, which endures to eternal life. The judgment of death is final: "There is a great gulf fixed" between heaven and hell. Those in one place cannot pass to the other. Repentance to faith in Christ comes only through hearing the message of Moses and the prophets, who actually proclaim salvation for sinners through the death of the resurrected One—Jesus Christ, our Lord.