

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity
October 24 through October 31, 2021*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 130: A Confession of Sin—As the faithful gathered for the daily evening sacrifice to confess their sins and receive the healing Word of forgiveness, each individual penitent prayed: “Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.” Psalm 130, another song of Ascents, was prayed as the high priest entered into the holy place to lead the people in the confession of sin. Like the Tax Collector who cried, “God be merciful to me a sinner,” the psalmist places no faith in his own righteousness but lays his sin before his gracious Lord. “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.” As we eagerly anticipate the absolution from the lips of our pastor, so the psalmist waited for the priest to emerge from the Temple and pronounce the Lord’s forgiveness to the penitent sinners. The foundation of the Church’s hope and confidence is that “with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.”

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: The Word of Christ Is Life and Salvation

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Isaiah 53:5

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Psalm 130 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, when my soul is languishing in the depths of my sin, grant me faith to call upon You for forgiveness and the courage to wait upon Your word of mercy for comfort and peace; 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	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147
Evening	127	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145	146

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Jesus Heals the Official’s Son—John 4:46-54	
Monday	Elijah’s Message to Ahab—1 Kings 18:1-19	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Tuesday	The LORD’S Victory on Mount Carmel—1 Kings 18:20-40	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Wednesday	The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel—1 Kings 18:41–19:9a	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Thursday	The LORD’S Revelation to Elijah—1 Kings 19:9b-21 St Simon and St Jude, Apostles—John 15:12-21	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Friday	Naboth’s Vineyard—1 Kings 21:1-16	1 Corinthians 4:1-13
Saturday	Sunday’s First Reading and Epistle—Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28

The Catechism: The Creed — The Second Article

What is the Second Article of the Creed? And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,	First Grade +
That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.	Second Grade +

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

Prayer on the Second Article

Heavenly Father, You have given us Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary to redeem us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, taking all of the punishment that we deserved for our sin upon Himself. He descended into hell, proclaiming His victory over the devil; and on the third day He rose again from the dead, preaching the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life in His name to the whole world. We give thanks to You for all that Your Son has done for us. Help us to know and believe in Jesus. He has now ascended into heaven and sits at Your right hand as our Savior and Lord. All the enemies of sin, death, and hell have been placed under His feet and He now rules over all things for the sake of His Church. Give us fervent faith in Jesus and the blessed hope that He will come again to judge the living and the dead, giving the gift of eternal salvation to all who believe in Him; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

The Office of the Ministry: *The Lord's guidance and blessing upon our calling of an Associate Pastor and Headmaster.*

Baptismal Birthdays: Robert Haga (10/24), Allan Gabel, Joanne LaSage, Lindsey Weber, Chuck Finke, Delaney DiPuma (10/25), Paul Kachelmeyer (10/29), Lydia Schneider (10/30).

Wedding Anniversaries: Jeff and Lindsey Kenyon (10/26), Larry and Sharon Martin, Matt and Sarah Damato (10/28).

Thanksgiving for healing and sustaining grace: *For all those recovering from Covid.*

The Sick: Brett Arnold, friends of the Trapps, hospitalized with complication following kidney transplant surgery; Else Schulz, mother of Anne Schumacher who suffered a stroke; Tom Pinzl recovering from surgery for a blocked kidney; Jeremy LaFore, and Luisse Bollmeyer in continued care.

Cancer treatment: Gabby Hartwig (childhood cancer), Aburuyeba Amaso (breast cancer), Jim Nitzsche (lung cancer), James Loker (liver cancer).

Collect for the Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles (October 28)

Almighty God, You chose Your servants Simon and Jude to be numbered among the glorious company of the apostles. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Hymn of the Week

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come" (stanzas 6-10)

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Looking forward to Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

Hymns: 714, 942, 948, 656, 954, 960, 434, 556, 645, 938, 582

Revelation 14:6-7: *The first reading for Reformation was chosen because the Lord brought forth the clear preaching of the Gospel of God's free grace and mercy in Christ Jesus. Luther is like an angel "flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach" for the joy and edifying of all Christ's holy people.*

Romans 3:19-28: *What is "the righteousness of God apart from the Law"? It is the offering of Christ by the Father into the death of the cross for us. The sinless One willingly became the sin bearer and poured out His lifeblood under the curse of the Law in order to propitiate (take away and satisfy) God's wrath. For Jesus' sake, God the Father justifies (declares righteous) all whose faith is in Christ. We are justified by grace as a free gift of God in Christ Jesus. What we could not accomplish by the Law because of our sin, Christ accomplished for us in the shedding of His blood on our behalf.*

Matthew 11:12-19: *The Kingdom of heaven has been coming into the world violently. Wherever the Gospel is preached and sinners are being brought into the Kingdom of God through faith in Christ, there is the violence. The Old Adam dies, sinners are claimed from the kingdom of darkness, and Satan becomes agitated by it all. Wherever the Gospel is preached and repentance is wrought in sinners, Satan will be close at hand to stir up trouble and agitate against the Christian faith and the claims of the Gospel. Christians should be taught to expect such upheaval from within and without. As it was in the days of John the Baptist when multitudes were being brought to faith, so it was in Luther's day, and so it will be in our own day.*