

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Septuagesima Sunday
February 13 through February 20, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 146: A Confession of Faith in the Lord—To confess the truth of who the Lord is and what He has done and continues to do for us is the source true happiness, well-being, and contentment. It is also the foundation for proper praise of the Lord which gives all glory to Him because He has done all things for us. The God who made us is also the God who saves us. Our redemption in Christ restores us to what God called us to be. The forgiveness of sins in Christ makes all things new. So the psalmist confesses this faith in a song of praise: “Praise the LORD! Praise the Lord, O my soul! While I live, I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.” Politicians and princes cannot save. “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever.” The LORD executes justice for the oppressed in the cross of Calvary. Christ’s redeeming work then becomes the fountain and source of all blessings. “The LORD gives freedom...opens the eyes of the blind...raises those who are bowed down...loves the righteous...watches over the strangers...relieves the fatherless and widow.” For all this we “Praise the LORD!”

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: For By Grace You Have Been Saved!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:4

All drank the same spiritual drink.

**For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them,
and that Rock was Christ.**

Psalm 146 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord Jesus, I will praise You as long as I live, for You made the heavens and the earth, You keep Your promises, You have established justice in the cross, and have restored us through Your redeeming work. Grant us the happiness, contentment, and wellbeing that comes through faith in You alone, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	10	14, 15	18	19, 20	22	26, 27	30	32
Evening	11, 12	13	16, 17	21	23, 24	25	28, 29	31

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16	
Monday	No School—Winter Break	Proverbs 3:27-35
Tuesday	Daniel Interprets King Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream—Daniel 2:24-49	1 Peter 2:11-25
Wednesday	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace—Daniel 3:1-28	1 Peter 3:1-7
Thursday	The Humbling of Nebuchadnezzar—Daniel 4:1-37	1 Peter 3:8-17
Friday	King Belshazzar and the Handwriting on the Wall—Daniel 5:1-30	1 Peter 3:17—4:6
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Isaiah 55:10-13	Hebrews 4:9-13

The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar—What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this Written?

<p><i>What is Sacrament of the Altar?</i> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Under the bread and wine, Instituted by Christ Himself For us Christians to eat and to drink.</p>	First Grade +
<p><i>Where is this written?</i> The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:</p>	Second Grade +

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.

This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying,

“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

Prayer before Receiving the Lord’s Supper

O Lord Jesus, we give thanks to You that on the night You were betrayed You instituted the Lord’s Supper from the Old Testament Passover and showed Yourself to be the true Passover Lamb. You redeemed us from slavery to sin, death, and the power of the devil through Your body and blood that was given and shed for our forgiveness upon the cross. Prepare us faithfully to eat and to drink of Your body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, that we might receive every blessing of salvation that You won for us in Your suffering and death upon the cross. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of the Altar

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your own words You have instituted the Lord’s Supper, teaching us to believe that it is Your true body and blood, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink. We give thanks to You for this precious gift. Give us true faith in Your words that we might receive Your body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation as You have promised. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

The Office of the Ministry: *The Lord’s blessing upon the call we have extended to a seminary graduate.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Katie Larson (2/13), Lynn Leider (2/16), Doug Pom (2/17), Carol David (2/18), Matt Gatchell, Cole Petersen (2/19).*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Aaron and Jeanine Walentoski (2/14), Bob and Geri Zaretzke (2/19).*

Thanksgiving: *Jeremy LaFore for continued recovery from paralysis; Gabby Hartwig for a reprieve from cancer, even as she continues to undergo therapeutic treatment.*

The Sick: *Ralph Fischer hospitalized with pneumonia and blood clots; Amy Bruss, daughter-in-law of Jon and Marty Bruss, recovering from brain hemorrhage and surgery, Harold Kampin at Linden Grove; Jan Wollin, recovering from eye surgery; Rev. Duwayne Schneider, entering nursing home care.*

Cancer Treatment: *Nancy Thiele (leukemia), Aburuveba Amaso (breast cancer), Jim Nitzsche (lung cancer); James Loker (liver cancer), Josiah Boehringer (childhood cancer).*

Those who Mourn: *Family and congregation of Rev. Michael Pfingsten, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls.*

Collect for the week of Septuagesima Sunday:

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

“By Grace I’m Saved” (stanzas 1-4)

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Looking forward to Sexagesima Sunday

February 20, 2022

Hymns: 942, 948, 823, 953, 960, 434, 586, 634, 938

Isaiah 55:10-13: *The prophet Isaiah catechizes us on the power and efficacy of God’s Word. God’s Word gives life. It creates faith. It bestows the blessings of God in Christ, according to His good and gracious will. Everything depends upon God’s Word. God’s Word shall not return to Him void. It will accomplish the things for which He sends it. The Word of God is the power of God to salvation. It puts us to death in the preaching of repentance and it raises us to new life in the preaching of forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the power and all-sufficiency of God’s Word.*

Hebrews 4:9-13: *In the midst of the battles and struggles that the Church militant endures against her faith, the apostles’ words are most comforting: “There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.” We are “diligent to enter that rest” by faithfully hearing the Word of God which is “living and powerful.” God’s Word kills and it makes alive that we might find our lives and eternal rest only in Him who bore the brunt of the battle for us.*

Luke 8:4-15: *The seed that is planted in the ground appears so lifeless and insignificant, yet from the seed there springs forth new life. The Word of God is life-giving seed. It is planted into the soil of the human heart. It is the source of the new life of faith in Christ. Apart from the Word there is no faith, life, or salvation. Observe the way in which God sows the seed of the Word which is so different from the common human sower. He sows the Seed of the Word everywhere! It falls on the wayside, among the rocks, and among the thorns and thistles. This is not the way of the so-called “skilled sower.” To sow seed in this way would be such a waste by the world’s standards. But that is the way God operates. He preaches His Word, even where it might appear to be wasteful and useless, so great is His desire to shed the love of Christ abroad in the hearts of sinners. This parable teaches us that the miracle of faith is dependent upon the Word of God. It teaches us that the enemies of faith are Satan, persecution, and the riches of this world. With man it is impossible to overcome these threats to faith, but not with God; with God all things are possible, even deliverance from these enemies.*