

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Third Sunday of Easter/Misericordias Domini
May 1 through May 8, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart— “To ‘fear, love, and trust in God above all things’ means that we trust in Him for everything we are and need for life and salvation. To trust in God above all things means that we yield our own reason, will, and understanding to Him precisely because all our faculties are corrupted by the self-centered, sinful perversions of the flesh. Faith is the living trust of the heart that relies on, depends upon, and looks to the LORD for everything. Faith yields to the LORD in all circumstances of life and confesses that the LORD’s will is always good and always right. The LORD promises to ‘direct’ or ‘make smooth’ our paths as we rely upon Him through faith in His Word. This does not mean that life will go the way that we desire; it rather means that our faith and life will rest confidently in the sure promises of God’s Word.”—Excerpted from *Lutheran Catechesis, Catechist Edition, p. 38b*

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: The Lord Is My Faithful Shepherd!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.

Psalm 33 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, by Your Word the heavens were made and all the host of them by the breath of Your mouth. Grant that we who have been given all things by Your almighty Word may rightly praise You for Your steadfast love and mercy, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in godly fear throughout our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147	148
Evening	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145	146	149, 150

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	“I Am the Good Shepherd”—John 10:11-16 St Philip and St James, Apostles—John 14:1-14	
Monday	Jesus Eats Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias—John 21:1-14	1 Peter 1:3-12
Tuesday	Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25	1 Peter 5:1-11
Wednesday	The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20	Daniel 7:9-14
Thursday	Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples—Luke 24:44-53	Genesis 22:1-19
Friday	The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:1-14	2 Kings 2:1-15
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Lamentations 3:22-33	1 Peter 2:11-20

The Catechism: Table of Duties— To Parents and Children (Preschool children and everyone, review the primary texts of the Ten Commandments)

What does God’s Word say to parents? Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.	Third Grade + Ephesians 6:4
What does God’s Word say to children? Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” — which is the first commandment with a promise— “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”	First Grade + Ephesians 6:1 Second Grade + Ephesians 6:2-3

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

Prayer for Parents

Heavenly Father, You have given us the gift of children who are to be brought up in the training and instruction of the Gospel of Your Son. Give to all Christian fathers and mothers the strength and will to teach the Word of God to their children, and to see this responsibility as their most important duty. Deliver them from the temptation to abandon this sacred trust. Grant them faithfulness in their calling as parents, that they might love and care for their children even as You love and care for them in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Children

Heavenly Father, grant Your grace in Christ to all Christian children that they might honor their parents in spite of their failings, and enjoy a long and blessed life according to Your will; through 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 Lord’s blessing upon Seminarian Brennick Christiansen, and his family, called to be our Associate Pastor and Headmaster.

Baptismal Birthdays: Andrew Stauber, Mark Thoni (5/2), Corey Venkitaswaran (5/5).

Wedding Anniversary: Larry and Cathy Drahos (5/4), Jack and Debra Christopherson 5/5.

The Sick: Jim Weber at the Pavilion Care Center in Slinger; Jon Bruss recovering from pacemaker placement; Al Gabel and Jan Wollin in therapy; 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.

Hospice Care: Cliff Evans, Nancy Thiele and Dr. Roland “Cap” Ehlke.

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 Third Sunday of Easter/Misericordias Domini

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Saints Philip and James, Apostles (May 1)

Almighty God, Your Son revealed Himself to Philip and James and gave them the knowledge of everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, and steadfastly to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same 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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (stanzas 1-3)

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Jubilate

May 8, 2022

Hymns: 708, 725, 483, 646, 920, 479, 818

Lamentations 3:22-33: The Prophet Jeremiah experienced much suffering throughout his ministry leading up to and following the Babylonian Captivity of Judah. His words, however, are reassuring for us in any of our suffering as Christians. The assertions are clear, and they buoy faith: “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not, they are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” Jeremiah also underscores God’s promise to use suffering for our good: “It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord... For the Lord will not cast off forever. Though He causes grief, yet He will show compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.”

1 Peter 2:11-20: Peter tells us to “abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.” This admonition reminds us that the desires and appetites of the flesh are at enmity with faith. Just as faith is turned outward to Christ and finds its sufficiency in Him, so the flesh has a faith of its own which turns inward to every self-centered desire. Contrition and repentance, confession and absolution are our weapons against the fleshly lusts and the means by which we learn to abstain from them for the sake of our soul’s salvation.

John 16:16-22: Jesus describes His suffering and death as “a little while.” During this “little while” He goes to the Father to offer His lifeblood into death for our sins. This “little while” was filled with great grief for the disciples, but their sorrow was turned to joy in His resurrection from the dead. From this “little while” we learn what is characteristic for us and the Church in this world. The “little while” of Christ’s suffering and the lamentation of the disciples corresponds to the “little while” of the Church’s and every individual Christian’s suffering because of sin and persecution. Nevertheless, this “little while” is short-lived. Our Lord is not only risen from the dead, but He comes to us with His grace and forgiveness to turn our sorrow into joy. There is joy in the Christian life now. We do not have to wait for it until the resurrection on the last day. It is a joy in the midst of the cross of affliction.