

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Fourth Sunday of Easter/Jubilate
May 8 through May 15, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Justified by Faith— “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law” (Romans 3:28). “A sinner is ‘justified’ or ‘declared righteous’ by faith in Christ’s death for him. He is not forgiven or justified by the good works he performs (or attempts to perform) according to the Law. Our works cannot save us because we are all sinners and even the best of our works are still tainted with sin. Christ’s death for us, in our place, and on our behalf under the Law, is the ‘righteousness of faith’ that saves us from all sin, the condemnation of the law, and eternal death. As Christians we confess: ‘Christ is my righteousness. He has died for me. He has suffered in my place. He has fulfilled the Law for me by dying in my place. He has fulfilled the Law for me by dying in my place. He is my salvation.’” – Excerpt from Lutheran Catechesis, Catechist Edition, p. 70b.

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: Your Sorrow Will Be Turned to Joy!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 3:28

A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Psalm 66 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	148	1, 2	5	8, 9	10	14, 15	18	19, 20
Evening	149, 150	3	4, 6	7	11, 12	13	16, 17	21

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	“Your Sorrow Will Be Turned to Joy”—John 16:16-22	
Monday	Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas’s Office—Acts 1:12-26	Isaiah 52:7-10
Tuesday	The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13	Genesis 11:1-9
Wednesday	Peter’s Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21	Isaiah 43:5-13
Thursday	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36	Ps. 68:18-20, 32-35
Friday	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47	Isaiah 58:1-2, 6-9
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Isaiah 12:1-6	James 1:16-21

The Catechism: Table of Duties— To Workers of All Kinds

(Preschool children and everyone, review the primary texts of the first through tenth commandments)

What does God’s Word say to workers of all kinds? Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.	First Grade + Ephesians 6:5
Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.	Second Grade + Ephesians 6:6
Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,	Third Grade + Ephesians 6:7
because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.	Fourth Grade + Ephesians 6:8

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

Prayer for Workers of All Kinds

Heavenly Father, Your Son became a slave for us to redeem us from all sin. He worked for our salvation, though we did not deserve it, and He submitted to Your will with all His heart. Forgive us all dishonor and disrespect toward our earthly masters and grant us the grace of Your Son that we might serve in our life's work with faithfulness toward You and in love and obedience for those we are called to serve, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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: Sharon Murphy, Christine Haga (5/9), David Haga (5/10), Pat Pom (5/11), Rev. Peter Bender, Hannah Ligrow (5/12), Rev. Dr. Wolf Knappe, Gabrielle Hartwig (5/14).

Wedding Anniversary: Jim and Kathy Miller (5/8), Doug and Pat Pom (5/9).

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.

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

Those in mourning: Family of Beverly Watson who mourn her death.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter/Jubilate

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Peace in the World

Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and, according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world. Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Hymn of the Week

"This Joyful Eastertide" (stanzas 1-3)

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Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday of Easter/ Jubilate

May 15, 2022

Hymns: 261, 874, 795, 556, 729

Isaiah 12:1-6: This section of Isaiah records a great song in praise of the Lord for His salvation. This is the song of the faithful who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and declared righteous for Jesus' sake. Like all faithful hymns and canticles, it extols the objective works of the Lord for our salvation and draws us outside ourselves to Him in confident faith and joyful praise of His salvation.

James 1:16-21: James speaks of the "implanted Word which is able to save your souls." The Spirit calls us by the Word of the Gospel to faith in Christ. He "implants" the Word in us. This is how the "conception" of the new life in Christ begins. The Spirit then brings about our new birth in Holy Baptism and we are the children of God. The life begun in us by the implanted Word moves us to turn away from all the filthiness of our unbelieving nature, because it is the life of Christ Himself in us—the Father's good and perfect gift.

John 16:5-15: Jesus teaches concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit. "Unless the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin through the preaching of repentance, we cannot be turned from unbelief to faith in Christ. Without the conviction of sin, the sinner has no use for Christ. The death of Christ for the sins of the world is the righteousness of God. Man is sinner. The proclamation of the Gospel creates faith in Christ and declares us righteous for Jesus' sake. The proclamation of the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake is the heart of the Spirit's work. The judgment of God that the sinner is righteous for Christ's sake sets man free from the judgment of the Law that the devil uses to condemn the world. Since God forgives us all sin and declares us righteous for Jesus' sake as a gift of His grace, the devil cannot accuse us of sin or damn us to eternal death." (from Lutheran Catechism p. 127)