

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Seventh Sunday of Easter/Exaudi
May 29 through June 5, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 27: A Prayer of Faith and Confidence in the Lord's Salvation

Psalm 27 begins with two rhetorical questions that rest upon confident assertions of faith in the Gospel. It is as if David were saying, "since the LORD is my light and my salvation, then whom shall I fear?" Answer: No one! "Since the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Answer: No one! Clearly it is the Lord's will that we know with certainty that He is our Savior from all sin, death, and from the power of the devil. Since He has died for us and redeemed us from eternal destruction, we have nothing to fear from anyone or anything that would seek to destroy us! Psalm 27 prays for the Lord's help, deliverance, guidance, and forgiveness on the basis of everything that Jesus has done in love for us. Christ is our confidence. To hear and receive Christ is also the singular delight of the Christian: "One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple."

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 Holy Spirit Will Testify of Jesus

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Mathew 5:10

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Psalm 27 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: *O Lord, You are our light and salvation. You are the strength of our lives. Grant us never to be afraid of those forces who seek to destroy our faith and rob us of gift of salvation. Give us firm confidence in You and in all that You have done for us in love. Give us courage and quiet resolve to wait patiently and confidently for Your deliverance; for you have defeated sin, Satan, and death for us and You now 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	59	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73	75, 76
Evening	57, 58	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74	77

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Spirit of Truth Will Bear Witness to Jesus—Jn. 15:26—16:4	
Monday	Memorial Day—The Twelve Apostles—Luke 6:12-19	Ecclesiastes 11:1-10
Tuesday	The Sermon on the Plain—Luke 6:20-26	Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
Wednesday	Love Your Enemies—Luke 6:27-38	Amos 3:1-8
Thursday	A Disciple and His Teacher—Luke 6:39-49	Amos 4:13—5:9
Friday	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant—Luke 7:1-10	Amos 5:10-24
Saturday	Sunday's OT and Second Reading—Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21

The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer — The Sixth Petition

<p><i>What is the Sixth Petition?</i> And lead us not into temptation.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.</p>	Third Grade +

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

Prayer on the Sixth Petition

Heavenly Father, lead us out of temptation. Guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

The Lord's blessing upon Pastor-elect Brennick Christiansen, and his family, called to be our Associate Pastor and Headmaster. The Rev. Dustin L. Anderson, who has received and accepted the Divine Call to be pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Port Washington, WI.

Baptismal Birthdays: Melody Ruhbusch, Karl Stemke, Christoph Myers (5/30), Olivia Volquardsen (5/31), Glenn Bollmeyer, Olivia Gehlbach (6/2), Mike Christopherson (6/3), Elijah Ligrow (6/4).

Wedding Anniversaries: Allan and Jeannine Gabel (5/30), Jon and Peggy Lundberg (5/31), Doug and Bonnie Westrich (6/1), Karl and Maria Stemke, Lee and Eunice Neujahr (6/4), Paul and Renae Meyer, and newly married Winston and Zoe Meyer

Facing Challenges: Stacey, friend of Paul Woehrmann, for strength to cope with new life circumstances.

The Sick: Bernice Lemke, hospitalized at Froedtert, Menomonee Falls; Kent Kunkel, brother of Keith in ICU; Rev. Gary Gehlbach, Jeanne Scholz and Jill Franklin recovering from surgery; Rev. Wolf Knappe recovering from a fractured shoulder; Jim Weber at the Pavilion Care Center in Slinger; John Paul Beine and Amy Bruss, in extended therapy; James Loker, Josiah Boehringer & Todd Fredrich with cancer.

Hospice Care: Cliff Evans, 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter/Exaudi

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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

"Christ Is the World's Redeemer"

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Looking forward to the Feast of Pentecost

June 5, 2022

Hymns: 913, 489, 497, 637, 502, 503, 573

Genesis 11:1-9: At the Tower of Babel man's speech was confused by God because of the idolatry of man's heart. On Pentecost all confusion, disorder, envy, and pride is put to flight as the one Gospel of God's grace and salvation in Christ is proclaimed in many languages and to many peoples. The word of the Gospel restores the peace and harmony that was lost at Babel.

Acts 2:1-21: St. Luke's account of the Day of Pentecost records the signs associated with the Spirit being poured out upon the Apostles. The sound of rushing wind was a sign that the Holy Spirit was given for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel and that the Spirit blows like the wind, converting to faith when and where He pleases in those who hear the Gospel. The tongues of fire upon their heads designated these men to be the chosen and authoritative witnesses of Jesus. The Church is bound to their Word because the Apostolic Doctrine comes from the Holy Spirit. The ability to speak in foreign languages is a sign that the Gospel is for all people, of every race, tribe, nation, and language.

Jonah's prophecy concerning the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days describes the entire period of the Church's life from the time of the Apostles to the Second Coming of Christ. During this period, the Holy Spirit is poured out through preaching. This preaching creates both the faith that calls upon the Lord for salvation and the hope of the glorious resurrection of the body to eternal life.

John 14:23-31: We have fellowship with the Holy Trinity through faith in Jesus and the Word of the Gospel. True faith loves Christ and all that He says. Love for Christ and His Word receives strength from the Word. Just as the Holy Spirit was sent to the apostles to bring to their remembrance everything that Jesus had taught them, so Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit is the Father's gift to us through His Word. By the Word of Jesus the Holy Spirit comes to us, imparting to us Jesus' peace—the peace of sins forgiven, peace with God, and the peace of a conscience that is free from guilt and the Law's threat of punishment. All this Jesus promises us when He says, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep [believe, trust, and depend upon] My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."