

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*For the Week of the Feast of Pentecost*

*June 5 through June 12, 2022*

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Feast of Pentecost** celebrates the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified as God and Lord. The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the Spirit of love for it is by the Spirit that we are drawn into the fellowship of the love of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit is always the Spirit of Christ who shines upon the person and work of our Savior, calls us to repentance and faith, and bestows upon us every blessing that Jesus won for us. The Spirit's means or instruments by which He does His work are the Gospel and Sacraments of Christ.

## **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: Come Holy Spirit and Kindle in Us the Fire of Your Love!**

### **Invocation**

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

### **Apostles' Creed**

#### **Verse: John 15:26**

**Jesus said, "When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."**

#### **Psalm 68 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.**

**Prayer on the Psalm:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, be a source of strength and hope for the children in our families. When they stray, protect them from all danger and grant Your abiding presence. Guide them by Your Word into paths of wisdom and righteousness, and send Your holy angels to watch over them, that the evil one may have no power over them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	75, 76	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91
Evening	77	79	81	83	86	87	90	93

### **Bible Readings for the Week:**

	<b>Bible Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
Sunday	<b>"If Anyone Loves Me, He Will Keep My Word"—John 14:23-31</b>	
Monday	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son—Luke 7:11-17	Amos 8:9-12
Tuesday	John the Baptist Sends Disciples to Jesus—Luke 7:18-35	Amos 9:8-15
Wednesday	A Sinful Woman Is Forgiven—Luke 7:36-50	Hosea 2:16-23
Thursday	The Parable of the Sower and the Seed—Luke 8:1-21	Hosea 4:6-10
Friday	Jesus Stills the Storm—Luke 8:22-25	Hosea 6:1-6
Saturday	<b>St. Barnabas, Apostle</b> —Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3	Mark 6:7-13

### **The Catechism: The Creed — The Third Article**

*What is the Third Article of the Creed?*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Preschool +

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

First Grade +

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Second Grade +

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

### **Prayer on the Third Article**

*O Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son to give life and salvation to the world, and who, together with the Father and the Son, we worship and glorify as the only true God, receive our thanks and praise for proclaiming Christ to us through the preaching of the Gospel and gifts of the holy sacraments. Faith in Jesus Christ our Savior, hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, and love for God and our enemies are all Your creations and gifts to us through the forgiveness of sins in Jesus. Preserve the holy Christian Church among us through the faithful preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Bless the communion of saints that every baptized Christian, sharing in Christ's love through His forgiveness, might abide in Christ and bear witness to His love in all that we do and say. Give us firm hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, so that we might faithfully endure persecution for Jesus' sake and suffer all, even death itself, rather than fall away from Him who gave His life for us. Hear us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. 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.

**Baptismal Birthdays:** Pat Rothe (6/7), Martha Bruss (6/8), Jennifer Gretzinger (6/9).

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Rev. Dustin and Staci Anderson (6/5), Pete and Brenda Greschner, Dale and Kim Stratil (6/6), Tyler and Rachel Haga (6/8), Paul and Sue Kachelmeyer (6/11).

**Those Who Serve in the Military:** Jessica Franklin (Air Force); John Franklin (Minnesota National Guard); Robert Haga (Marines); Evon Ingraham (Army Reserves); Mark Meyle (Marines); David Uttenreither (Army); Morgan Thoni (Navy)

**The Sick:** Walter Schmudlach, Mark's father, who suffered a stroke, Ed and Bernice Lemke, hospitalized; Kent Kunkel, brother of Keith in ICU; 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; Josiah Boehringer & Todd Fredrich with cancer.

**Hospice Care:** Cliff Evans,

**Those who mourn:** the death of Dr. Roland "Cap" Ehlke (funeral Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemer Lutheran, Wauwatosa.

**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 Feast of Pentecost**

*O God, on [the day of Pentecost] You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 St. Barnabas, Apostle (June 11)**

*Almighty God, Your faithful servant Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the apostles and their ministry. Grant that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel; through Your Son, 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**

**"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"**

**498**

**Looking forward to the Feast of the Holy Trinity**

**June 12, 2022**

**Hymns: 590, 591, 498, 595, 604, 504, 601**

**Isaiah 6:1-7:** "I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah made this confession of his own sin and unworthiness when he was called by the Lord to be a prophet. This confession should be made by every minister of the Word. If our call was based upon our worthiness, there would be no ministers. Isaiah's worthiness was in the Lord who had purged him of his sins so that he might preach the Word of God faithfully. Herein lies an important message: the minister is equipped to preach the Gospel when he himself is a hearer and believer in that Gospel. If he doesn't hear and believe it for himself, he will never be able to minister it to others. The Vision of Isaiah is appointed for Holy Trinity Sunday because of the vision of the angels of heaven who sing the Sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy, around the throne of God. This song of the angels teaches us that life with and in the Blessed Trinity is opened to us through the ministry of the Word of God that proclaims forgiveness of sins to sinners.

**Romans 11:33-36:** Paul extols the richness of the grace and love of the Holy Trinity, which is beyond our capacity to fully grasp and understand. All glory belongs to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit because of His great mercy and lovingkindness to us.

**John 3:1-17:** God is revealed to us in our Baptism where we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit. In our Baptism God gives us His strong name which proclaims to us who He is and all that He does for us. It is as if He were saying, "I am the one true God. I give you my Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; You belong to me. I have adopted you as my very own. I am the Father who created you. I am the Son who has redeemed you by My blood. I am the Holy Spirit who has called you to faith and sanctifies you through the blood of Christ. I am your God." The strong name of the Triune God is our protection throughout life. Let us call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. "Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity: let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Your name in all the earth!" (From the Introit for Holy Trinity)