

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the First Sunday after Trinity
June 19 through June 26, 2022

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Ordination to the Office of the Holy Ministry. This week marks a milestone in our congregation as Pastor-elect Brennick Christiansen is ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry. “Ordination takes place at the beginning of a man’s service in the Office of the Holy Ministry, after he has received a divine call. The rite takes place in the Divine Service of the Church, after the sermon and before the Lord’s Supper. It involves both clergy, who lay their hands on the head of the ordinand, conferring upon him the promise of the Holy Spirit through the Word, and the laity, who witness his confession and the laying on of hands, and join in prayer on his behalf. The address to the congregation and candidate for ordination defines the nature of the office and how it is that this man has come to be ordained. The minister-elect promises that the administration of his office will conform to the apostolic and prophetic Scriptures, and to the ecumenical creeds and confessions of the Lutheran Church because they are in agreement with the one Scriptural faith. This is called confessional subscription. His ordination vows also require him to do the work of the ministry, to keep the seal of the confessional absolute, and to adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life. A minister is called by God through the Church...According to apostolic tradition, the laying on of hands by fellow ministers of the Word is the way that a man is placed into the Office of the Ministry (1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Timothy 5:22). The Word of God carries the promise of the Holy Spirit. Every minister who administers his office according to the mandates of Christ has the promise of the Holy Spirit. It is customary that fellow ministers each lay their hands on the head of the ordinand and speak a word or blessing from the Scriptures, thereby conveying the promise of the Holy Spirit to the man being ordained into the Office of the Ministry...The minister’s stole represents the yoke of the Office of the Holy Ministry that has been conferred upon him. The chasuble, emblematic of the sufferings of Christ, is the traditional vestment worn by the ordained minister who presides at the Lord’s Supper. A man is ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The congregation in which he is ordained receives him on behalf of the whole Church.” – Excerpted from Lutheran Catechesis, p. 162ff.

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: We Should Fear, Love and Trust in God above All Things.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Psalm 116:1-2

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because He has inclined His ear to me,
therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

Psalm 13 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Help us, O Lord, that we may not despair in the day of want and trouble, nor in the day of plenty abuse Your gifts or set our hearts upon things temporal, but in true faith and love wait patiently for another life, which, when all earthly griefs are past, You will give to all who believe in Christ, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	107	109	112, 113	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112
Evening	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Rich Man and Lazarus—Luke 16:19-31	
Monday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord—Luke 9:28-36	Micah 7:2-7
Tuesday	A Boy Is Healed—Luke 9:37-45	Micah 7:8-9, 16-20
Wednesday	The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven—Luke 9:46-56	Nahum 1:2-7, 15
Thursday	Follow Me—Luke 9:57-62	Zeph. 1:7, 14—2:3
Friday	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-80	Acts 13:13-26
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Proverbs 9:1-10	1 John 3:13-18

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—the First Commandment

What is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods.	Preschool +
What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.	First Grade +

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

Prayers on the First Commandment:

O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are the only true and living God. Forgive us our sins against the First Commandment. Strengthen us by Your grace to fear, love, and trust in You above all things; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Lord God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—You teach us to trust in You above all things because You are the only true and living God. You love us and provide us with everything that we need for our life and salvation. Forgive us for making gods out of ourselves. Forgive us for trusting in our works, money, pleasures, or anything in this world more than we trust in You. By Your forgiveness teach me to fear, love, and trust in You above all things, for You live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

The Lord's blessing upon Pastor-elect Brennick Christiansen ordained on June 19 into the Office of the Holy Ministry.

Baptismal Birthdays: Carol Zick (6/22), Heather Skrepenski (6/24).

Wedding Anniversaries: Bryan and Kathy Stoltenberg (6/21), Matthew and Emily Bender, Stan and Joan Heine (6/23).

The Sick: Marlene Schaefer in ICU following a heart attack and stroke; Rev. Tom Lock (Trinity, Denver) and Rev. John Pless (CTSFW), recovering from serious injuries in separate accidents, Kent Kunkel, brother of Keith in step-down unit; Walter Schmudlach, Mark's father, recovering from a stroke; Jill Franklin continuing treatment after surgery; Bernice Lemke, Jackie Klug, and Jim Weber in rehab; John Paul Beine and Amy Bruss, in extended therapy; Barbara Wieting, starting chemotherapy; Josiah Boehringer & Todd Fredrich with cancer.

Hospice Care: Cliff Evans

Those Who Mourn: the family and friends of Ed Lemke who died on June 14 (Funeral is at 12 pm, Monday, June 20)

Peace for the war in Ukraine

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

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Looking forward to the Second Sunday after Trinity

June 26, 2022

Hymns: 623, 510, 514, 534, 686, 643

Proverbs 9:1-10: Repentance, which is a word describing the character of saving faith, involves a "change of mind" or a "different way of believing" about oneself and one's Lord. It involves the letting go of the self as god because of the belief in one's sin, and the laying hold of Christ as God because He is the only Savior. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

1 John 3:13-18: Faith is active in love for others. God gives us temporal possessions that we might serve our neighbor in need, and particularly those who are of the household of faith. To have the ability to help a fellow Christian in need but refuse to do so, is a denial of God's love for us in Christ. We steal from our brother in Christ when we have the means to help him but will not. Jesus used all of His means and sacrificed Himself in love for our salvation.

Luke 14:15-24: The parable of the Great Supper teaches us that the call of the Gospel to receive salvation in Christ is like an invitation which is rejected because people have "more important things to do." These "things" are really the false faiths of the flesh. They represent the idolatry of the sinful heart that believes in works or any other "god" for its life and salvation. If those who rejected would have believed in their true need for God's salvation, they would have received the invitation with joy. Those who are helpless and needy receive the invitation and believe the Gospel. Those who believe they have no need reject the invitation and are excluded from salvation.