

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Tenth Sunday after Trinity
August 21 through August 28, 2022

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “I Am the Lord Your God and Savior! Trust Me!” The first week of a new catechetical year begins another pilgrimage through the Six Chief Parts and Table of Duties from the Small Catechism. During this week we hear the Holy Trinity speak to us in the first two commandments. “Trust Me!” (First Commandment) and “Pray to Me!” (Second Commandment). It is as if He were saying, “I am the only true and living God. I have created You. I have redeemed and sanctified You. I love You with an everlasting love. I have called you by My name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the waters of Holy Baptism. There is no other God and Savior! Trust Me! I will take care of you!” This is the deep meaning of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods!” There is only one true and living God who provides for all that we need for our life and salvation. All other things or people that we might trust in have not made us, nor can they save us. **The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace and Daniel cast into the Lions’ Den** showed forth this miracle of faith. In the Second Commandment, “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God,” we are called to pray to the Lord for everything, to always praise Him, and to give thanks to Him, even for the difficulties and hardships of life. Through the things we suffer He calls us to trust in Him and to pray to Him for help. Our Lord demonstrates this in **Jesus’ Prayer in Gethsemane**. In contrast, **Peter Denies His Lord** gives us an example of the swearing that is forbidden under the Second Commandment. Thus the first and second commandments go together. Out of the proper trust of the heart (first commandment) we pray (second commandment), “calling upon His name in every trouble, praying, praising, and giving of thanks.” This week’s verse is the Creed of ancient Israel, the Shema Israel, which means “Hear, O Israel!” What we cannot do by our own reason or strength, God gives by His Word and Spirit. “Hearing” speaks of faith. We confess what is true. There is only one true God. We love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength because He has opened our hearts by His Word to trust in Him above all things.

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: Jesus Yearns in Mercy for the Salvation of Sinners.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Psalm 145 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: My God and king, I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty and speak of the might of Your awesome acts. Your kingdom is everlasting, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. You are near to all who call upon You. You preserve all who love You. I will forever praise Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, My Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126
Evening	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 10: Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem—Luke 19:41-48	
Monday	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace—Daniel 3:1-28 (29-30)	1 Peter 1:3-12
Tuesday	Daniel and the Lions’ Den—Daniel 6:1-23 (24)	1 Peter 1:13-21
Wednesday	St. Bartholomew, Apostle —John 1:43-51	Proverbs 3:1-8
Thursday	Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane—Matthew 26:36-46	Isaiah 43:1-3a, 10-13, 25
Friday	Peter Denies His Lord—Matthew 26:69-75	Isaiah 12:1-6
Saturday	Trinity 11: Cain Murders Abel—Genesis 4:1-15	Ephesians 2:1-10

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—the First and Second Commandments

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 +
What is the Second Commandment? You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	Preschool +

What does this mean?
We should fear and love God
so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name,
but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Second Grade +

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

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.

Prayers on the Second Commandment

Blessed Lord, we are not to misuse Your holy name by cursing, swearing, using satanic arts, lying, or deceiving others. Forgive us our sins against the Second Commandment. Teach us by Your Word and Spirit to call upon You in every trouble, to pray, praise, and give thanks to You at all times; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle (8/24)

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer: “Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray... (use the petitions printed below)

- Sunday:** for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
Monday: for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one’s calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
Tuesday: for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.
Wednesday: for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
Thursday: for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ’s body and blood.
Friday: for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
Saturday: for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God’s Word on the Lord’s Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ’s holy gifts.

In Our Prayers this Week (include the petitions below followed by the Lord’s Prayer and collects for the day)

Baptismal Birthdays: Ashley Sawatzki, Wesley Giordano (8/21), Lance Carus, Jack Christopherson, Esther Prowatzke (8/25), Sarah Bender (8/26), June Brueck (8/27).

Wedding Anniversaries: Jim and Shirley Weber (8/22), Mark and Pam Thoni (8/23), Tom and Nancy Landry (8/24).

The Sick: Debbie Christopherson having hernia surgery on Wednesday; Karen Brown (sister of Frank Koplting) hospitalized, Jan Wollin recovering at home following a recent hospitalization, Bob Zaretzke recovering from a fall; Rev. Shane Cota recovering from open heart by-pass surgery; Heather Peters, Barbara Wieting, and Josiah Boehringer with cancer.

Hospice care: Bernice Lenke

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

Hymn of the Week

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (stanzas 1-2)

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Looking forward to the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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Hymns: 558, 559, 613, 618, 611, 825

Genesis 4:1-15: Cain’s offering was rejected because the faith of his heart was wrong. He trusted in himself and believed the Lord owed him because of his goodness. Abel’s offering was accepted because the faith of his heart was in the mercy of God. Both offerings were outwardly “the best they had” but one was given with the idolatrous faith of works righteousness and the other as a confession of faith in God’s grace. The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector is anticipated by the account of Cain and Abel.

Ephesians 2:1-10: This classic passage on salvation by grace alone teaches that man is spiritually dead in trespasses and sins apart from the operation of the Holy Spirit and that even faith in Christ itself is a gift of God’s grace. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” It is the grace of God that saves us. It is the grace of God that creates faith to trust in Christ. And it is the grace of God that fashions us into Christ’s disciples and enables us to do good works for our neighbor. All depends upon the grace of God in Christ.

Luke 18:9-14: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector contrasts faith in works with penitent faith in God’s grace.