

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
 For the Week of the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
 October 2 through October 9, 2022

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Creation Praises the Lord—This week we begin a slow walk through the Old Testament beginning with Genesis 1 and 2, from the **Creation** to the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. The narratives for this week teach us how God the Father created all things by His Word. God orders the creation and has designed all things to be in our service as men and women made in the image and likeness of God. **Psalm 148** is a psalm of praise that calls upon the creation to “praise the Lord.” How does the creation praise the Lord? What is praise? Praise gives all honor and glory to God. Psalm 148 extols “the LORD”—the great “I AM” and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the only true God who is both the Creator of the heavens and the earth and the eternal Savior. The whole of God’s creation praises the LORD when the creation does the very things that God has given it to do and performs its work according to the LORD’S will. Psalm 148 teaches us to understand that the whole of God’s creation is in service to the LORD for His good and gracious purposes. Because of the song of praise throughout God’s creation, young men and maidens, old men and children, and every believer and faithful saint of Christ’s Church praises the name of the LORD and extols His salvation in all the earth.

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: Be of Good Cheer! Your Sins Are Forgiven!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Psalm 33:6

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
 and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

Psalm 148 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, by Your almighty Word You created and sustain Your creation. We praise and thank You for Your sustaining grace and gift of life. Grant us ever to confess You as our faithful God and Lord, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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	73	75, 76	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89
Evening	74	77	79	81	83	86	87	90

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 19: Jesus Forgives the Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8	
Monday	Creation—The First Four Days—Genesis 1:1-19	John 1:1-13
Tuesday	Creation—Days Five and Six—Genesis 1:20-31	John 1:14-18
Wednesday	Creation—The Day of Rest—Genesis 2:1-7	John 1:19-28
Thursday	Creation—Man and the Garden of Eden—Genesis 2:8-25	John 1:29-34
Friday	No School —House Built on the Rock—Matthew 7:21-29	Proverbs 4:1-9
Saturday	Trinity 20: Isaiah 55:1-9	Ephesians 5:15-21

The Catechism: The Creed—The First Article

What is the First Article of the Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures;
 that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,
 my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.
 He also gives me clothing and shoes,
 food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

Preschool +

First Grade +

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.
He defends me against all danger
and guards and protects me from all evil.
All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.
For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

Second Grade +

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

Prayer on the First Article

Heavenly Father, You are God Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. We give thanks to You that you have made us and all creatures; that You have given us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses, and that You still take care of them. You also give us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all we have. You richly and daily provide us with all that we need to support us in our body and life. You defend us against all danger and guard and protect us from all evil. All this You do for us out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. Grant us, through the grace of Your only-begotten Son, to believe that this is most certainly true, and to ever thank and praise, serve and obey You as long as we live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Baptismal Birthdays: Doreen Corso, (10/2), Pat Rothe, Benjamin Volquardsen, John Franklin (10/3), Autumn Rank, Easton Lenling, Elijah Lenling, Esmee Lenling (1/4), Jon Leider (10/5), Debbie Christopherson, Philip Gehlbach, Lois Scaffidi (10/7), Russell Sawatzki, Rachel Haga (10/8).

Wedding Anniversaries: Dave and Anna Steinhilb (10/4), Kent and Christine Franklin (10/5), Jim and Faith Daleiden (10/6).

The Sick: Paul Schmidt hospitalized; David Berger (father of Kathy May) recovering after a fall and undergoing testing; Rev. Dr. David Scaer, recovering from hip replacement surgery; Carol Bender recovering from hospitalization; newborn Isaiah Wieting, recovering from open-heart surgery; Kay Trap, reoccurrence of breast cancer; Kathy Miller, Rev. DuWayne Schneider, Heather Peters, Barbara Wieting, and Josiah Boehring in cancer treatment.

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

Hymn of the Week

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" (stanzas 1-2)

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Looking forward to the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

October 9, 2022

Hymns: 699, 828, 514, 631, 633, 510

Isaiah 55:1-9: *The Lord, through the prophet Isaiah, emphasizes that the message of the Gospel is, at its core, the message of salvation for sinners by grace alone. Salvation cannot be purchased with our money or good works; it must be received by faith from that One, our Savior, who has done all for us. "'My thoughts are not your thoughts', says the Lord" is a reference to the fact that human thoughts always tend to be governed by works-righteousness when it comes to salvation and that God's thoughts are always governed by grace. It is precisely because His thoughts toward us are governed by grace that we may "Seek the Lord ..." and "Call upon Him" in every need and struggle with sin.*

Ephesians 5:15-21: *"Walking" is used throughout the Scriptures as a euphemism for faith. This is because faith in Christ is characterized by all kinds of external things that create and sustain faith as well as give expression to that faith outwardly. We are "followers" of Jesus. We listen to His Word. We pray, we worship, we confess, and we live in Christ's forgiveness with others. These are real expressions of our faith in Christ as "followers" of Jesus. We do NOT follow the beliefs, ways, and practices of the world because we do NOT believe in these things. This helps us understand Paul's catechesis in this week's epistle: "See then that you walk circumspectly [carefully], not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation [pouring out your faith upon the ground]; but be filled with the Spirit [who fills us through the ongoing hearing of the Word of God], speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ."*

Matthew 22:1-14: *"This parable concerns the preaching of the Gospel down through the ages. Many have heard the call to repentance and faith in Christ. Some refuse to believe the Gospel because they are occupied with the cares of this world. Others refuse to believe because they will not confess their sin, and so they abuse the messengers who proclaim it. The call of the Gospel goes out indiscriminately to all people, even the so-called "bad and good," that they might shed their own clothing of unrighteousness and be clothed in the garment of Christ's righteousness, apart from which they cannot be saved. God's judgment falls upon all who will not repent." (Excerpted from N.T. Catechesis)*