

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity  
October 16 through October 23, 2022

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Flood—God’s Judgment against a Wicked World** — This week’s Bible narratives focus upon the Flood. The Lord does not regret creating mankind, but after Adam’s fall, the corruption of man became so great that it grieved God’s heart of love. Throughout the narrative we see both God’s judgment against a wicked and unbelieving world and the gift of salvation for Noah and his family through water. The historical act of the worldwide flood completely transformed the world, its topography and climate, to what we now know as the world in which we live. This “recreation” is a type of the recreation that God begins in Baptism. Baptism drowns the Old Adam but raises up the new man of faith to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. Throughout the narrative it is God who acts. God orders the building of the ark. God brings the animals to Noah. God shuts Noah into the ark. God sends the rains from heaven and opens the doors to water beneath the earth’s crust. God also causes the waters of the flood to recede and the dry land and new life to appear. In the aftermath of the Flood, God gives permission to eat meat and institutes capital punishment for the sin of murder. At the end of the narrative we have His promise that the earth would continue to have its seasons. The Lord is in charge of the climate for His purposes. He will never again destroy the earth with a flood. The rainbow was set in place as a sign of God’s promise to us and to the entire creation. Ultimately, this sign of His grace is to point us to the source of His mercy, namely the death and resurrection of Christ in whom we are baptized.

## 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 Word of the Lord Gives Life.

### Invocation

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

### Apostles’ Creed

#### Verse: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we beheld His glory,  
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

### Psalm 2 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

**Prayer on the Psalm:** O Lord, we give thanks to You that You laugh at Your enemies and have promised to judge all those who persecute Your Son and His Church. Forgive us for doubting Your gracious care of the Church. Teach us to believe that, through the Church’s suffering for Jesus’ sake, we bear witness to Him. Give us confident faith to laugh at the enemies of the Gospel and to entrust the Church’s preservation to Your sure and certain promises; through Jesus Christ, 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	105	107	109	112, 113	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72
Evening	106	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88

### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>Trinity 21:</b> Healing of the Nobleman’s Son—John 4:46-54	
Monday	The Flood—Wickedness of Man; God’s Judgment—Gen. 6:5-22	John 3:1-8
Tuesday	<b>St. Luke, Evangelist:</b> Luke 10:1-9	2 Timothy 4:5-18
Wednesday	The Flood—Rain for Forty Days and Forty Nights—Gen. 7:1-24	John 3:9-15
Thursday	The Flood—The Lord Remembers Noah—Genesis 8:1-22	John 3:16-21
Friday	The Flood—The Promise of the Rainbow—Gen. 9:1-17 (18-29)	John 3:22-30
Saturday	Trinity 22: Micah 6:6-8	Philippians 1:3-11

### The Catechism: The Creed—The Second Article

What is the Second Article of the Creed?

**And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...**

Preschool +

<p><i>What does this mean?</i>  I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,  and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,  who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins,  from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver,  but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,</p>	First Grade +
<p>That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom  and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,  Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.  This is most certainly true.</p>	Second Grade +

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

**Prayer on the Second Article**

*Heavenly Father, You have given us Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary to redeem us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, taking all of the punishment that we deserved for our sin upon Himself. He descended into hell, proclaiming His victory over the devil; and on the third day He rose again from the dead, preaching the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life in His name to the whole world. We give thanks to You for all that Your Son has done for us. Help us to know and believe in Jesus. He has now ascended into heaven and sits at Your right hand as our Savior and Lord. All the enemies of sin, death, and hell have been placed under His feet and He now rules over all things for the sake of His Church. Give us fervent faith in Jesus and the blessed hope that He will come again to judge the living and the dead, giving the gift of eternal salvation to all who believe in Him; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity**

*O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; 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. Luke, Evangelist (October 18)**

*Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls, that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; 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)**

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Mike and Angela Christopherson, Andrew and Jessica Alvarez (10/18).

**Mission Work:** Kirsten Franklin serving in Africa on a LCMS short term mission trip Oct 19-25.

**The Sick:** Carol Bender hospitalized; Don Fell undergoing evaluation of breathing difficulties; Donna Franklin recovering from a fall and undergoing testing; Luther Gutknecht recuperating from surgery for a fractured hip; Paul Schmidt recovering from a leg amputation; David Berger recovering after a fall and undergoing heart testing; newborn Isaiah Wieting, recovering from open-heart surgery and preparing for further surgeries; Kay Trapp, recovering from breast cancer surgery; Kathy Miller, Rev. DuWayne Schneider, Heather Peters, and Josiah Boehringer in cancer.

**Those in Hospice Care:** Reid Bierman (brother of Rosanne Fell)

**Those Who Mourn:** family and congregation of Rev. Aaron Strong, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

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

**Hymn of the Week**

**"I Know My Faith Is Founded" (stanza 1)**

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**Looking forward to the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity October 23, 2022**

**Hymns: 607, 690, 606, 599, 646, 598, 603**

**Micah 6:6-8:** "To love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" is what the Lord says is good. It is a description of faith in Christ. To know Christ is to love mercy. To walk humbly with your God is to trust in Jesus by confessing one's sin and clinging to His forgiveness. To love mercy is to believe in it as the most important gift we have from God through Christ.

**Philippians 1:3-11:** Paul speaks to the Philippians in thanksgiving to God for their "fellowship in the Gospel" with him. To have "fellowship in the Gospel" is to share the common faith in Christ for the forgiveness of sins by grace alone and not by the works of the Law. This "fellowship in the Gospel" is characterized by the life of mercy and unconditional love toward brothers and sisters within the household of faith that covers their sin with forgiveness that is freely given.

**Matthew 18:21-35:** The parable of the Unmerciful Servant teaches us that in the death of His Son, God has forgiven us a debt that we could not pay. This parable teaches the baptized that forgiveness for those who trespass against us flows from faith in Christ's undeserved forgiveness, and that the refusal to forgive those who trespass against us is a denial of faith in Christ and a rejection of His forgiveness. He forgives us freely by the merits of Jesus alone, that we might live in that free gift of forgiveness especially toward those who have sinned against us. Christians should be taught to expect such upheaval from within and without. As it was in the days of John the Baptist when multitudes were being brought to faith, so it will be in our own day.