

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity
October 23 through October 30, 2022

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Second Article and the Call of Abram—During this second week of meditation upon the person and work of Christ under the Second Article, we read the **Tower of Babel** in which we see the idolatry of man who begins to erect a monument to himself. The Lord confused the languages of mankind and scattered humanity as a testimony to what man will become without reliance upon his God and Savior. The origin of language, nation, and differences in people groups can be traced back to the judgment of God at the tower. The **Call to Abram** should be understood as the call of the Gospel. Abram was called to leave his idolatry and in repentant faith to follow the Lord to the Promised Land (a picture of heaven). Every promise of salvation to the Old Testament patriarchs highlights an aspect of the Gospel and our call to faith in Jesus. The call of the Gospel rests upon God’s grace, so it caused Abram to be generous in sharing the land with his nephew in the account of **Abram and Lot**. It is the call of the Gospel that moved Abram in love to rescue Lot. It is Abram’s faith in God’s promise that in his Seed (Jesus, the Son of God) all the nations of the earth will be blessed with the gift of salvation in Christ that **Abram Pays a Tithe to Melchizedek** (whose name means “king of righteousness”). Melchizedek is a type of Christ. Thus, every Old Testament story this week connects us to the person and work of our Lord Jesus, the blessed Seed of Abraham who brings the blessing of salvation to the world.

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: Forgive Us as We Forgive Others

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Psalm 16 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Lord God, heavenly Father, You received the atoning sacrifice of Your Son for the sins of the whole world and therefore, raised Him from the dead to bring salvation to us all. Grant that as Jesus fixed His eyes upon Your good and gracious will for us, so may we forever fix our eyes upon Him. As You did not abandon His soul to Sheol, neither will You abandon us or allow us to see the corruption of eternal death. Preserve us in the hope of the resurrection and grant us the confidence of faith that we may never be shaken by sin and death, 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.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135
Evening	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134	136

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 22: The Unmerciful Servant—Matthew 18:21-35 St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr:	Acts 15:12-22a
Monday	The Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9	John 3:31-36
Tuesday	The Call of Abram—Genesis 12:1-20	Acts 7:2-8
Wednesday	Abram and Lot—Genesis 13:1-18	2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Thursday	Abram Rescues Lot; Pays a Tithe to Melchizedek—Gen. 14:8-23	Hebrews 6:19—7:17
Friday	St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles: John 15:12-21	1 Peter 1:3-9
Saturday	Reformation: Preaching the Everlasting Gospel—Rev. 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28

The Catechism: The Creed—The Second Article

What is the Second Article of the Creed?

Preschool +

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

What does this mean?

First Grade +

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,

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.

Second Grade +

Prayers: In Our Prayers at Peace and the Collects for the Week:

Collect for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr (October 23)

Heavenly Father, shepherd of Your people, You raised up James the Just, brother of our Lord, to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that we may follow his example of prayer and reconciliation and be strengthened by the witness of his death; 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. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles (October 28)

Almighty God, You chose Your servants Simon and Jude to be numbered among the glorious company of the apostles. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Baptismal Anniversaries: Joel Ohman, Radine Ohman, Kathy May, Brian Brendel (10/23), Robert Haga (10/24), Al Gabel, Joanne LaSage, Lindsey Weber, Chuck Finke, Delaney DiPuma (10/25), Paul Kachelmeyer (10/29).

Wedding Anniversaries: Jeffrey and Lindsey Kenyon (10/26), Larry and Sharon Martin, Matt and Sarah Damato (10/28).

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

The Sick: Carol Bender recovering after recent 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; newborn Isaiah Wieting, recovering from open-heart surgery and preparing for further surgeries; Kay Trapp, recovering from breast cancer surgery; Kathy Miller, Heather Peters, and Josiah Boehringer in cancer treatment.

Those who mourn: Dale Mayer (son-in-law to Bonnie Zaretzke) and his brothers, who mourn the death of their youngest brother Neil Mayer; family of Alex Freese (son of Pastor Michael Freese at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne); family of Judy Vento (neighbor of the Petersen family).

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

Hymn of the Week

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (stanzas 1-2)

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Looking forward to the Reformation

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Hymns: 556, 656, 655, 555, 658, 573

Revelation 14:6-7: *The first reading for Reformation was chosen because the Lord brought forth the clear preaching of the Gospel of God's free grace and mercy in Christ Jesus. Luther is like an angel "flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach" for the joy and edifying of all Christ's holy people.*

Romans 3:19-28: *What is "the righteousness of God apart from the Law"? It is the offering of Christ by the Father into the death of the cross for us. The sinless One willingly became the sin bearer and poured out His life-blood under the curse of the Law in order to propitiate (take away and satisfy) God's wrath. For Jesus' sake, God the Father justifies (declares righteous) all whose faith is in Christ. We are justified by grace as a free gift of God in Christ Jesus. What we could not accomplish by the Law because of our sin, Christ accomplished for us in the shedding of His blood on our behalf.*

John 8:31-36: *What is the Reformation about? More than anything else the Reformation is about the freedom of the Gospel—the unhindered proclamation of the forgiveness of sins. Luther had been tormented during his early life by teachings that only saw God as an angry judge who punished sinners. Obedience to the Church, to Popes and Councils, to the state, to parents, and to God was the overwhelming teaching that was pounded into the people. Some people actually thought they could be obedient and earn God's blessing. But others, like Luther, were terrified in conscience because they knew that they were disobedient and could not even come close to the righteousness that God required. "How can I find a gracious God?" This question became the driving force behind the Lutheran Reformation. Freedom from sin came from the Son alone. "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." The Word of Jesus offers us a new righteousness—the righteousness of His death for our sins.*