

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
 For the Second Sunday after Trinity
 June 9, 2024, through June 16, 2024

Catechesis Notes for the Week — This Week in Acts: The Gospel Spreads to the Gentiles — The vision that Peter received of God cleansing the unclean animals taught him that the Gospel was to be preached to Jew and Gentile alike. **Peter Preaches to the Household of Cornelius** saying, “in truth I perceive that God shows no partiality...the word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all.” **Peter Defends Preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles** by recounting the vision he had received and the Lord’s declaration: “What God has cleansed you must not call common...If God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?” **The Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle** is celebrated this week as we meditate upon the ministry of the man whose name means, “Son of Encouragement.” Barnabas encouraged the Church to be faithful to the Gospel, to receive Saul of Tarsus (the Apostle Paul) as a fellow minister, and he accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey. **Barnabas and Saul Are Sent to Antioch** because of the explosion of Hellenist Jews who were converted to faith in Christ. Barnabas is called an apostle, not because he was one of the eyewitnesses, chosen by Jesus as Paul and the Twelve were, but because he shared in the apostolic mission and supported the apostles in their ministry. In **Herod Beheads James and the Lord Delivers Peter**, we learn that God’s will is always good. He uses persecution to spread the Gospel, but He also delivers His saints from persecution when His mission for them on earth is not complete. As the Church continued to grow in Judea, Samaria, and Galilee, Syrian Antioch became the hub of missionary work to the Gentiles. **Saul and Barnabas Begin the First Missionary Journey** to Cyprus and Asia minor, preaching Jesus from the Old Testament Scriptures. In **Paul Preaches in the Synagogue of Antioch in Pisidia**, we see the pattern of apostolic preaching used throughout the book of Acts in calling Jews and Gentiles to repentance and faith.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Theme: All Things Are Ready! Come to the Feast!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 3:21-22a

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed,
 being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
 even the righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all who believe.

Psalm 34 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, there is no want to those whose faith and hope is in You. Grant us daily to praise Your holy name, to call upon You for all our needs, and to taste of Your divine goodness in the Gospel and Sacraments that we may learn to believe that those who have a broken heart and a contrite spirit shall be saved, and that no one who trusts in You shall be condemned; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	66	68	71	73	75, 76	78	80	82, 84
Evening	67, 70	69	72	74	77	79	81	83

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Great Feast—Luke 14:15-24	
Monday	Peter Preaches to the Household of Cornelius—Acts 10:24-48	Romans 3:9-20
Tuesday	Peter Defends Preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles—Acts 11:1-18 St. Barnabas, Apostle —Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3	Romans 3:21-31
Wednesday	Barnabas and Saul Are Sent to Antioch—Acts 11:19-30	Romans 4:1-12
Thursday	Herod Beheads James and the Lord Delivers Peter—Acts 12:1-24	Romans 4:13-25
Friday	Saul & Barnabas Begin First Missionary Journey—Acts 12:25—13:12	Romans 5:1-11
Saturday	Paul Preaches in the Synagogue of Antioch in Pisidia—Acts 13:13-42	Romans 5:12-21

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer— The Second Petition

What is the Second Petition? Thy kingdom come.	Preschool +
What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.	First Grade +

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Second Grade +

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

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for St. Barnabas, Apostle (June 11)

Almighty God, Your faithful servant Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the apostles and their ministry. Grant that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer — “Let us pray...”

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 — “Let us pray for...”

Baptismal Anniversaries: Jennifer Gretzinger (6/9), Jenny Duessler (6/10), Jude Knutson (6/11), Jim Miller, Lisa LaFore (6/12), Joshua Franklin, William Haga (6/13), Jennifer Clark, Marcy Gall, Sharon Martin, Hannah Gierach, Christine Meyle (6/15).

Wedding Anniversaries: Paul and Susan Kachelmeyer (6/11), Rev. Brennick and Bethany Christiansen (6/13).

The Sick: Rev. Dan McMiller (stage IV kidney disease); Anne (sister of Betsy Banasik) in rehab; Martin Gehlbach recovering from surgery; Jeanette Kellar (bone cancer), Jim Cardo, Rick Schuerman (friend of Paul & Sue Kachelmeyer), Bill Spilger, Rev. Luke Boehringer, Jean Reuss, and Gabby Hartwig for cancer.

Those in Hospice: Rev. Dr. John Wille and Yet Ngor Wong (grandmother-Nicola Giordano)

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

Hymn of the Week

“A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

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Looking forward to the Third Sunday after Trinity

June 16, 2024

Hymns: 608, TLH 25, 614, 737, 639, 558

Micah 7:18-20: *The Triune God is the only true God, because He alone is the God of mercy and salvation by grace alone. Our life with Him is established only on the basis of His undeserved mercy, compassion, and loving-kindness toward us. “Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy” (vs. 18).*

1 Peter 5:6-11: *Peter warns us to be sober against the attacks of the Evil One and to cast all of our burdens upon the Lord in prayer: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Luke 15:1-10: *The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin teach us that it is our Lord who takes the initiative to seek us when we have gone astray and to call us back to our Baptism and the salvation that He has won for us. Nothing matters more to our Lord than that we are rescued from the threatening perils of our sins. It is because of His great love for us in Christ that “there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over the ninety-nine who need no repentance.” But the truth is: there is not a person on earth who does not need the Lord's salvation.*