

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
 For the Sixth Sunday after Trinity
 July 7, 2024, through July 14, 2024

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Praying the Psalms: Psalm 19—Praise of God for the Perfect Revelation of His Glory—David links together the preaching of the Gospel with the ordering of the cosmos. “The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork” precisely because they are signs whose ordered design and placement in the cosmos perfectly reflect the ordering of the Gospel of God’s love and sacrifice in Christ. The creation of the sun, the moon, and the stars are for signs and seasons, and for all the patterns of life that find their fulfillment in the week of our redemption in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. As the earth orbits around the sun, which sustains the life of all living things, so Christ and His Gospel is the source of eternal life and salvation. The pattern of a day (“evening and morning”) points us to the darkness of death and the light of the resurrection of Christ by which the creation is redeemed and made new. The statutes of the LORD testify to the truth of the Gospel which is imbedded in all of creation. The Law of the LORD—His commandments and promises—convert our hearts from unbelief to repentant faith. We rejoice in His salvation and desire His Word to be proclaimed in all of creation. By the Word of the Lord we are turned from our sin, cleansed from unknown errors, and lead a life that is innocent of all transgressions by the gift of Christ’s righteousness. “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer!”

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: Christ Fulfills the Law!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 13:9-10

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Psalm 19 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, grant us to see in the signs of creation the wonders of the Gospel of Jesus’ death and resurrection for the redemption of the creation. As the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork, so by Your holy Word convert and restore our hearts to fervent faith in our Savior and in every promise of Your holy Word; 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	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147
Evening	127	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145	146

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Christ Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:17-26	
Monday	Paul Is Protected as a Roman Citizen—Acts 22:17-29	Romans 12:9-21
Tuesday	Paul Appears Before the Sanhedrin—Acts 22:30—23:10	Romans 13:1-7
Wednesday	The Plot Against Paul—Acts 23:11-35	Romans 13:8-14
Thursday	Paul Appears Before Felix the Governor—Acts 24:1-23	Romans 14:1-13
Friday	Paul Appeals to Caesar—Acts 24:24—25:12	Romans 14:14-23
Saturday	Paul Appears Before King Agrippa—Acts 26:1-11	Romans 15:1-6

The Catechism: The Second Article

What is the Second Article of the Creed?

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

What does this mean?

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,

Preschool +

First Grade +

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

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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...”

Military: Jessica Franklin (Air Force); Eyon Ingraham (Army Reserves); Morgan Thoni (Navy); and David Uttenreither (Army).

Baptism: Abigail Marie Haga, newborn daughter of Tyler and Rachel Haga.

Baptismal Anniversaries: Anders Rhode, Nate Duessler (7/8), Mitchell Dubnicka, Gus Kütemeier (7/9), Harold Kampin, Grace Kirk, Timothy Fischer (7/11), Kristine Ellestad, Laura Ferguson, Kara Rhode, Christian Ellestad (7/13).

Wedding Anniversaries: Anders and Hannah Rhode (7/8), Jon and Marty Bruss (7/10).

The Sick: Sarah Uttenreither (following hospitalization for tear duct abscess); Carol Bender (rehab after surgery); Rev. Dan McMiller (stage IV kidney disease); Jeanette Kellar, Jim Cardo, Rick Schuerman, Bill Spilger, Rev. Luke Boehringer, Jean Reuss, and Gabby Hartwig for cancer.

Those in Hospice: Yet Ngor Wong (grandmother-Nicola Giordano).

Those who mourn: family and friends of Cheryll Thompson (mother of Sherry Larson).

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

Hymn of the Week

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

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Looking forward to the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 14, 2024

Hymns: 561, 819, 628, 625, 572, 924

Genesis 2:7-17: The prophet Moses teaches us that we were created by God from the dust of the earth. Our life comes from the Word of God. The Tree of Life gave life according to God’s promise, but man chose to turn away from that tree and go his own way. This is the origin of all sin and death. Christ redeems us from the curse by being lifted up upon the tree of the cross.

Romans 6:19-23: St. Paul teaches that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 8:1-9: Jesus is the bread of life. In the miracle of the feeding of the 4,000, He shows Himself to be the Savior of all people and the source of all life and salvation. The numbers in this story are not insignificant. Numbers in the Bible have familiar usages. The number seven is often God’s number of perfection and is often associated with the Holy Spirit, His seven-fold gifts of grace, and the Church which is formed from every tribe and nation of people. The number four is often associated with the earth, sometimes spoken of as having “four corners”—north, south, east, and west—from which all the people of Christ’s Church will come. The number ten is often the number of God’s providential completeness in His dealings upon this earth. He does just the right things in just the right ways, etc. The number three refers to the Holy Trinity, Holy Baptism, and the Baptismal character of our faith, that we were buried with Him who was raised the third day. Therefore, by the use of the number three and the number seven multiplied ten times over, this miracle teaches that Jesus is Lord, the Holy One of God, the perfect and only savior of sinner who has provided salvation to the four corners of the earth.