

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
 For the Week of the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity  
 October 27, 2024, through November 3, 2024

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles; Founders Day; and The Reformation** — 62 years ago, October 28, 1962, our congregation was formerly established and became a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Our founding took place on the minor festival of St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles, and during the week in which we annually commemorate the recovery of the Gospel of the justification of the sinner before God, by grace, through faith, for Christ’s sake. How fitting that our congregation’s beginnings should be framed by this backdrop. **St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles:** “The two apostles whose feast day is celebrated together on 28 October. The first of the two is sometimes called ‘the Canaanite’ or ‘the Zealot.’ Apart from his call and listing with the Twelve, there are no other references to him in the New Testament. The second of the two is the son of James the Elder, which makes him the grandson of Zebedee and the nephew of John. He is the other ‘Judas’ in the listing of the Twelve, although he is not generally referred to by that name because of the association with Judas Iscariot. He is also called ‘Lebbaeus’ or ‘Thaddaeus,’ which are Hebrew and Aramaic names that mean ‘one who is close to the heart’ or ‘a beloved one.’ On Maundy Thursday evening, this disciple asked Jesus the question, ‘Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him’ (John 14:22-23).” [Excerpted from N.T. Catechesis] What a wonderful word from our Lord for the celebration of the Reformation and the observance of our congregation’s anniversary. May we ever love Him who loved us and hold fast to His Word.

## The Order of Meditation and Prayer

### Theme: Forgiveness, Seventy Times Seven!

#### Invocation

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

#### Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Isaiah 53:5

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;  
 the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Psalm 130 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, when my soul is languishing in the depths of my sin, grant me faith to call upon You for forgiveness and the courage to wait upon Your word of mercy for comfort and peace; 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	112, 113	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123
Evening	114	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124

#### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant—Matthew 18:21-35</b>	
Monday	<b>St Simon and St Jude, Apostles—John 15:12-21</b>	1 Peter 1:3-9
Tuesday	Elijah’s Message to Ahab—1 Kings 18:1-19	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Wednesday	The LORD’S Victory on Mount Carmel—1 Kings 18:20-40	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Thursday	<b>Reformation—John 8:31-36</b>	Romans 3:19-28
Friday	The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel—1 Kings 18:41–19:9a	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Saturday	Sunday’s First Reading and Epistle—Revelation 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3

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

What is the Second Article of the Creed? <b>And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...</b>	Preschool +
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,	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 and In Our Prayers at Peace**

**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. 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.

**Collect for the Reformation (October 31)**

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer for the Nation During this Election Cycle**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the form of government given us in our beloved country. Give us grace with our fellow citizens to value the authority You have given us to elect those who serve in civil government. Give us wisdom to make wise choices which agree with our confession of faith, support the rule of Law, and defend the freedom of the Church to preach the Gospel and confess our faith for the benefit of all our citizens. Lord, endow all elected officials with wisdom for their several duties, with a spirit of sacrifice for the common welfare, with mercy and justice, and with uprightness and kindness. Correct the evils of selfishness, greed, a vain desire for honor, or abuse of power among us. Grant that the true purposes of government may prevail, safeguarding peace and prosperity, so that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and contentment, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**In Our Prayers this Week — “Let us pray for...”**

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Paul Kachelmeyer (10/29), Lydia Schneider (10/30), Timothy Gierach (10/31), Rev. Robert Johnson (11/1), John Uttenreither (11/2).

**Marriage:** Joshua and Bethany Franklin united in holy matrimony October 26.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Larry and Sharon Martin, Matt and Sarah Damato 10/28) Kevin and Valerie Zalewski (11/2).

**Those suffering and the ministry of the church to those in need:** in the aftermath of hurricane Helene and hurricane Milton.

**The Sick:** Frank Koplting and Cheryl Gretzinger, recovering from surgery; Lauren, (friend of the Carus family) in need of a lung transplant; Mark Raygo and Debbie Duessler (uncle and aunt of Nate Duessler), recovering from a stroke; Scotty Fittshu (friend of Brent and Evon Ingraham) in intensive care following a motorcycle accident; Steven Jahnke, (nephew of Donna Lovas), Diane (friend of Jason and Cathy Petersen), Rev. Luke Boehringer, Rev. David Groth, Jeanette Kellar, Rick Schuerman, Jean Reuss, and Steve Hayes in cancer treatment.

**Those Who Mourn:** the death of Allan Erdman (father of Lorrie Riemer).

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

**Hymn of the Week**

**“Salvation Unto Us Has Come” (stanzas 6-10)**

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**Looking forward to All Saints’ Day**

**November 3, 2024**

**Hymns: 677, 679, TLH 656, 671, 563, 672, 675**

**Revelation 7:9-17:** John sees a vision of heaven. On the last day, believers of every tribe and nation will be gathered before the throne of the Lamb. They will have had their sin washed clean by the blood of the Lamb. They will be clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and they will forever sing the praises of Him who is their salvation and who has wiped away all tears from their eyes.

**1 John 3:1-3:** The Apostle John points us forward to the hope of the resurrection when we will be like Christ Jesus in His glory. We now walk by faith in the promises of salvation and the resurrection of the body. We live in the sure and certain hope and confidence that we shall rise from the dead to an immortal life that is the very life of Christ Himself. “It has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

**Matthew 5:1-12:** The One greater than Moses calls His disciples out of the multitudes and opens His mouth to give them the Word of God by which they are made alive. Jesus preaches about the reality of Baptism in which we are joined to Christ so that what is true of Him is now true of us. Truly, the eight Beatitudes describe Christ, but the plural is used because God the Father now declares this about all who are baptized into the name of the Blessed Trinity. Eight represents those of the new creation who possess the kingdom of heaven just as the eight were spared from the Flood in the ark. Each Beatitude looks back to events from the history of Israel, but also anticipates other parts of Matthew’s Gospel. The life of the baptized is to be that of sorrow and joy, persecution and reward, death and resurrection. So closely are we joined to Christ in Baptism that these things of His experience become ours also. This is to be immediately understood of the work of the apostles themselves as they preach the content of the Beatitudes, that is, Christ. If they preach the Beatitudes as Law, the world will readily accept their preaching for the world sees these as admirable guides for behavior. It is only when they dare to proclaim the Gospel of the meek and merciful Peacemaker that they will be rejected and persecuted. But it is in this meek and merciful Peacemaker, our Lord Jesus Christ, that we have the joy and freedom of the Gospel. The promises of the Beatitudes become a source of comfort for us as Christians who believe in Jesus and who bear in our own bodies and lives the very life of Christ our Savior.