

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Week of the Twenty-seventh Sunday after Trinity, the Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 23 through November 30, 2025

Catechesis Notes for the Week— The End of the Church Year: Watching During the Great Tribulation—*The Bride of Christ, the Holy Christian Church, waits eagerly for her Lord's Second Coming. Then she, of whom we are all members, will be delivered once and for all from sin and the corruption that is in the world. The "Great Tribulation" of the last days is the struggle that the Church and every Christian in every age has had with the devil, the world, and the sinful flesh. These enemies attack faith in Christ. We, Christ's Church, have been in the "Last Days" since our Lord's ascension into heaven. The faith of the Church has always been under attack. Our only defense as Christians is the Word of God and the prayer of faith that claims Christ's victory in the midst of this suffering.*

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 Bridegroom Comes, Awake!

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: 1 John 3:2

**Beloved, now we are children of God;
and 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.**

Psalm 149 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on Psalm 149: *Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us faithfulness in our worship that we may truly praise You by singing the new song of salvation in Christ, and by faithfully preaching Your Law and Gospel to all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	42, 43	45	48, 49	51	54, 56	59	60, 61	65
Evening	44	46, 47	50	52, 53	55	57, 58	62	63, 64

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 27: The Wise and Foolish Virgins—Matthew 25:1-13	
Monday	Isaac Blesses Jacob—Genesis 27:1-29	Romans 3:27—4:8
Tuesday	Esau Does Not Receive the Blessing—Genesis 27:30-45	Romans 4:13-25
Wednesday	Heaven Is Opened at Bethel—Genesis 27:46—28:22	Romans 5:1-11
Thursday	Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel—Genesis 29:1-30	John 4:1-14
Friday	The Children of Jacob—Genesis 29:31—30:24	John 4:15-30
Saturday	Advent 1: The Future House of God—Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:8-14

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—Introduction and First Petition

What is the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe
that He is our true Father
and that we are His true children,
so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him
as dear children ask their dear father.

What is the First Petition?

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself,
but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

Preschool +

First Grade +

Preschool +

Second Grade +

How is God's name kept holy?
 God's name is kept holy
 when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity,
 and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it.
 Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven!
 But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us.
 Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Third Grade +

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

Collects for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Day of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through 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
Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work
Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil and those struggling with besetting sins
Wednesday: For marriage and family
Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; and for fruitful and salutary use of the Lord's Supper
Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the persecuted and oppressed
Saturday: For the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away from Christ.

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

Baptismal anniversaries: Louise Johnson (11/24); Tom Aufdemberge, Angela Christopherson (11/25); Patti Hasz (11/29).

Wedding anniversaries: Bob and Pat Rothe (11/27), Thomas and Nicole Aidich (11/28).

Thanksgiving for remission from cancer: Laurie Roe

The sick: Geri Zaretzke, hospitalized with congestive heart failure and a mass on her brain; Shirley Weber, recently hospitalized with colitis; Richard Leach (Peggy Lundberg's father) in rehab; Carol Bender recovering after rehab; Mark Anderson (brother of Lynn Leider), recovering from extensive injuries due to a fall; Kevin Kehres, recovering from hip replacement surgery; Melissa Brendel, recovering from surgery; Chrissy Artru (friend of the Duesslers), undergoing treatment for kidney transplant rejection.

In cancer treatment: Mary O'Flyng (acquaintance of the Rothes), recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer and awaiting further test results; Tim Francis (brother of Cheri LaFore), diagnosed with a cancerous lesion and awaiting further results;

Loretta Lampen, Ivy Kunkel, Tracy Espinosa, Ken Hinckle, Gary Luderman, Diane Bulawa, and Rev. Luke Boehringer.

Those in hospice care: Barb Wieting (wife of Rev. Ken Wieting), Fred Theilacker (Fritz Theilacker's father)

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

Hymn of the Week

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

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Looking forward to the First Sunday in Advent

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Hymns: 355, 332, 334, 341, 345, 333

Isaiah 2:1-5: The prophet Isaiah foretells the life of the Church in the latter days. Many people from every tribe and nation will hear the call of the Gospel and will flow into the Lord's house to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ. The strife and warfare of sin will be done away with and transformed by Christ's mercy as His people walk in the light of His forgiveness.

Romans 13:8-14: The Word of God wakes us up from the slumber of unbelief, or from the preoccupation with the cares of this world. That's why we preach the Word, study the Word, memorize the Word, and meditate upon the Word. Without God's Word in our ears, on our lips, and in our hearts we will slumber away our hope for salvation and we will not be prepared for our Lord's coming. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light which comes through God's Word and let us make no provision for the flesh. He who receives God's Word receives Christ and is clothed in Him.

Matthew 21:1-9: “Hosanna to the Son of David!” is the theme of our Advent prayers. “Hosanna” means, “Lord, save us now!” It is the cry of helpless people who long for deliverance from this valley of sorrow. Christians can't wait for their Lord's return. We look forward to deliverance from the struggle with our own sin. We want to be freed from the Curse of the Fall which has a tight grip on creation and brings with it all kinds of suffering. But most of all, we can't wait to be in the eternal presence of our King, the Son of David, and the Lord over our sin, death, and the devil's power. Freedom and deliverance come from the Lord Jesus. He is the object of our worship and the source of our Advent Joy. “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”