

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
 For the Week of the Feast of Pentecost
 May 24 through May 31, 2026

Catechesis Notes for the Week—Table of Duties: To Widows and To Everyone—When someone loses a spouse, what should they do? Whenever we lose any of God’s good gifts, the devil tempts us to fill the void with other things that not only can’t satisfy, but which may actually be sinful and a sign of mistrust of God. This is what the Scriptures refer to as “living for pleasure.” Instead, in the face of losses we are called to move even closer to Christ and His Word, putting our hope and confidence in the Lord who will fill the void of our lives with Himself. Attendance at Divine Service, catechesis, and the mutual conversation and consolation of Christian brothers and sisters is critically important. This leads us to the last section of the Table of Duties: **To Everyone**: It is our common faith in Christ and the grace of God that unites us in love for one another, even as Christ loved us. The source of true fulfillment is not in living for one’s self, but in giving of ourselves to one another out of our love for Christ.

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 Spirit Flows Forth from Our Savior Jesus Christ!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: **Philippians 1:21**

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Psalm 25:1-15 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on Psalm 25: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	92	95, 96	98, 100	101	103	105	107	109
Evening	94	97	99	102	104	106	108	110, 111

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Pentecost: Rivers of Living Water—John 7:37-39	
Monday	Love the Truth, Confess Christ—2 John 1:1-13	Proverbs 1:1-22
Tuesday	The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13	Genesis 11:1-9
Wednesday	Peter’s Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21	Isaiah 43:5-13
Thursday	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36	Psalm 68:18-20, 32-35
Friday	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47	Isaiah 58:1-2, 6-9
Saturday	Holy Trinity: Genesis 1:1—2:4a	Acts 2:14a, 22-36

The Catechism: Table of Duties— To Widows; To Everyone

(Preschool children and everyone, review the primary texts of the first commandment through the conclusion)

<p>What does God’s Word say to widows? The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.</p>	<p>Third Grade + 1 Timothy 5:5</p>
<p>But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.</p>	<p>Fourth Grade + 1 Timothy 5:6</p>
<p>What does God’s Word say to everyone? The commandments ... are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”</p>	<p>First Grade + Romans 13:9</p>
<p>I urge ... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.</p>	<p>Second Grade + 1 Timothy 2:1</p>

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

Collect for the Feast of Pentecost

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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
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...”

Baptism: Daniel Jordan Krueger, infant son of Erik and Jennifer Krueger.

Baptismal anniversaries: Jordan Fischer (5/24); Lily Ficken (5/25); Cheryl Piper (5/28); Melody Ruhbusch and Karl Stemke (5/30).

Wedding anniversaries: Matthew and Betty Voss (5/26); Frank and Rosie Koplring (5/28).

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Thanksgiving: Polly Joubert for the prayers of the congregation and for healing after knee-replacement surgery, and Ivy Kunkel for remission of her cancer.

The sick: Carol Bender, hospitalized; Jennifer Torkelson and Chuck Finke recovering from cardiac surgery; Jon Bruss recovering from a broken wrist, Jodi Winn (Sharon Murphy’s niece) in rehab after a head injury.

In cancer treatment: Bob Rothe, Michael Piper (Bob Piper’s brother), Michael Gehl (friend of the Bruss family), Mary O’Flyng (acquaintance of the Rothe family), Tim Francis (brother of Cheri LaFore), Loretta Lampen, Tracy Espinosa, Ken Hinckle, Diane Bulawa, and Rev. Luke Boehringer.

Those in hospice care: Sid Franklin

Those who mourn: The family and friends of Shirley Radeck (Melody Ruhbusch’s cousin)

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

Hymn of the Week

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

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Looking forward to the Feast of the Holy Trinity

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Hymns: 525, 604, 590, 954, 876, 601

Genesis 1:1-2:4a: The Triune God is the God of creation. The eternal Father creates all things by the eternal Word (the Son) in the power of the Holy Spirit. The nature of the triune God is love. We see the self-giving character of this love in the prolific creation of all things. We also see this love in God’s gracious dominion over the creation.

Acts 2:14a, 22-36: The persons and work of the Holy Trinity is seen most clearly in the acts of salvation. God the Father gave His Son to become incarnate by the Holy Spirit and to become man. Jesus, the Son of God, trusted in His Father in His suffering and death for our salvation. He was sustained in faith and hope by the Holy Spirit who also raised Jesus from the dead after the Son had accomplished the atonement for our sin. Our meditation upon the Holy Trinity should focus upon what the Holy Scripture reveals and teaches concerning this mystery, and this mystery of the Holy Trinity is best revealed in the saving acts of the Son of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:16-20: In the last verses of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus gives His final command to the disciples, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” It is in this command to baptize the nations that we have the clearest expression of the Holy Trinity in all of Scripture. We are baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In our Baptism the triune God of love is revealed to us. Through catechesis, “teaching them to observe all things,” the mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed to us. The God of the first commandment is the Triune God: “You shall have no other gods.” The unique work of the three persons and their relationship to each other and to us is revealed in the Apostles’ Creed. We approach God the Father, through the Son, by the faith given by the Holy Spirit in the Lord’s Prayer. Each chief part of the Catechism reveals “all things” we need to know and believe about the Holy Trinity for our salvation.