

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2 through August 9, 2026*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Approaching the Sacrament —How should we come to the Lord's Table? It is precisely our need for Christ that draws us to receive His body and blood. We come with repentant hearts, believing that we are sinners and that Christ alone is our salvation. We come confessing our sins and claiming the promise of His forgiveness. We come laying aside all the sins of others against us, forgiving them even as God in Christ has forgiven us. We come in prayer, asking for our Lord to fix our faith firmly upon the Words of Jesus: This is My body which is given for you...This is My blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. We come believing that Jesus actually gives us His true body and blood and that this heavenly food not only strengthens our faith, but with such strengthening it also produces in us the fruit of loving service to others. We come with a yearning to be freed from our sin and all the corruption that sin has brought into our lives. We come firmly believing that the Lord's body and blood is spiritual food for our earthly pilgrimage and that on the last day it will bear the ultimate fruit in the resurrection of our bodies from the dead.

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: You Who Have No Money, Come, Buy and Eat!

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Isaiah 55:1

**Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Psalm 136:1-9 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on Psalm 136: O Lord Jesus, You are the God of gods and the Lord of lords because You alone are the God of mercy. Teach us to believe that Your mercy endures forever so that we will never doubt Your love, 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	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132
Evening	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Pentecost 10: The Feeding of the 5,000—Matthew 14:13-21	
Monday	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant—Matthew 18:21-35	Isaiah 47:5-11
Tuesday	Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce—Matthew 19:1-12	Isaiah 48:9-19
Wednesday	Jesus Blesses the Children—Matthew 19:13-15	Isaiah 49:1-7
Thursday	The Rich Young Ruler—Matthew 19:16-30	Isaiah 49:8-17
Friday	The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16	Isaiah 50:1-11
Saturday	Jesus Predicts His Passion a Third Time—Matthew 20:17-28	Isaiah 51:1-11

The Catechism: Confession—What is confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins,
and second, that we receive absolution,
that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself,
not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Kindergarten +

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins,
even those we are not aware of,
as we do in the Lord's Prayer;
but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Second Grade +

Which are these?
 Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments:
 Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband wife, or worker?
 Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy?
 Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?
 Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds?
 Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Third Grade +

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

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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...”

Those affected by the storms: Communities in Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha.

Baptism: Timothy Jeremiah Haga, Infant son of Timothy and Adelia Haga.

Baptismal anniversaries: Wyatt Thoni (8/2); Julie Goltermann, Polly Joubert (8/3); Keith Kunkel (8/4); Ted Dhein (8/5); Anna Steinhilb (8/6); Larry Martin (8/7).

Wedding Anniversaries: Tom and Donna Aufdemberge (8/4); Bob and Louise Johnson, Ken and Laura Knoerr (8/8).

The sick: Bruce Gutknecht (Julie Goltermann's uncle) undergoing heart valve replacement surgery August 19; John Lehman recovering from spinal surgery; June Brueck, Carol David and Jodi Winn in rehab.

In cancer treatment: Tonya Knoblock (Paul Kachelmeyer's Nephew's wife) whose cancer has returned; Art Klausmeier (Mark Goltermann's cousin) who has exhausted treatment options; Barbara Galis (Nick Galis' grandmother) undergoing chemotherapy; Bob Rothe, Michael Piper (Bob Piper's brother), Michael Gehl (friend of the Bruss family), Mary O'Flyng (acquaintance of the Rothe family), Loretta Lampen, Tracy Espinosa, Ken Hinckle, Diane Bulawa, and Rev. Luke Boehringer.

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

Hymn of the Week

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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Looking forward to the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)

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Hymns: 351, 726, 628, 587, 790, 537

Job 38:4-18: The Lord teaches Job that the mysteries of God are far above human understanding and are received by faith alone. He is the God who has created, who's wisdom has ordered the heavens and the earth, who's understanding is infinite, and who's nature of love is unfathomable. In this prophecy the Lord teaches us to know our place as creatures who are completely dependent upon Him and apart from whom we are lost and have nothing.

Romans 10:5-17: “The righteousness of faith” is Jesus and His Gospel to which our faith clings. It is this Gospel that called us to faith. It is this Gospel that we believe. It is this Gospel that we preach and this Gospel that we confess. According to the promise of the Lord, those who cling by faith to this Gospel and confess Jesus with their mouth will be saved. This faith is a miracle. It comes by hearing the Word of Christ.

Matthew 14:22-33: In the Feeding of the 5,000, the multitudes recognized that Jesus was the prophet “like Moses” who's coming was foretold. After the Feeding of the 5,000, Jesus walked upon the water of the Sea of Galilee and met His disciples who were tossed about by the wind and waves. The disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus. Indeed, His appearance on water was bizarre and unbelievable. How could it possibly be true? Is it a ghost? In response, Jesus said to them, “Be of good cheer! I AM! Do not be afraid!” His words to them interpreted what they saw. He was not merely the prophet like Moses; He was the LORD God Himself, the great I AM, the Creator and Savior of the world who appeared to Moses at the burning bush. When Peter walked to Jesus he began to sink because of his sinful weakness and lack of faith, but Jesus reached out and pulled Him out of the raging sea, showing us that the Lord, who is the almighty creator of all things, is also the God who saves those who cannot save themselves. Throughout our lives, Jesus is constantly reaching out to us with His mercy and pulling us up out of the judgment that we deserve for our sin and from which we cannot rescue ourselves.