

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9 through August 16, 2026*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — **“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”** (Titus 2:13). *“Through the Gospel we have been given a treasure which is not goods and gold, power and honor, joy and happiness of this world, and not even life on this earth, but hope, even a living and blessed hope, which will quicken us into life and blessedness in body and soul, perfectly and eternally. To this treasure the Gospel calls us, and in this treasure we are baptized. Therefore let us live this earthly life bearing in mind that we shall leave it behind, and let us stretch out after that blessed hope as ‘toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ’ and seek after it and await it at all times. But how long shall we wait for that blessed hope? Will it remain but a hope for ever, and will it never be fulfilled? No, he says, our blessed hope will not always remain a hope, but it will eventually be made manifest, so that we shall no longer only hope and wait for it, but what we now believe and hope for will then be made manifest in us and we shall possess with full certainty what we now await. But meanwhile we must wait for that blessed hope until it be revealed.”* —Luther

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: Faith Comes through the Word of Christ!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 10:9

**If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved.**

Psalms 18:1-16 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on Psalm 18: *Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore You to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered from it or are in doubt through the corruption of Your truth. Mercifully visit and restore them that in gladness of heart they may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147	148	1, 2
Evening	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145	146	149, 150	3

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Pentecost 11: Jesus Walks on the Water—Matthew 14:22-33	
Monday	Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight—Matthew 20:29-34	Isaiah 52:13—53:6
Tuesday	Jesus Cleanses the Temple—Matthew 21:12-17	Isaiah 53:7-12
Wednesday	The Fruitless Fig Tree—Matthew 21:18-27	Isaiah 54:1-10, 17
Thursday	The Parable of the Two Sons—Matthew 21:28-32	Isaiah 55:1-5
Friday	The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers—Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 55:6-13
Saturday	St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord: Luke 1:39-55	Galatians 4:4-7

The Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism—What does such baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.	Third Grade +
Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:	First Grade +
We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death	Kindergarten +

in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. [Rom. 6:4]	Second Grade +
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Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, and In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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: Lennon Cole Meyer (Grandson of Cheri La Fore) baptized this morning at Trinity Sheboygan.
Baptismal anniversaries: Jacob Bender, Bryce Damato (8/10); Jessica Franklin, Jennifer Johnson (8/12); Nathan Seierstad (8/13); Mark Schneider (8/14).
Wedding Anniversaries: Alex and Jennifer Scheler, Joseph and Elisabeth Schneider (8/10); Steven and Joanne LaSage (8/13); Travis and Lindsey Dubnicka (8/14); Jeffrey and Christine Dubnicka, Bob and Cheryl Piper (8/15).
In remembrance: We, along with the Nitzsche family, remember Evelyn Nitzsche and Helen Kiel and give thanks to God for the loving-kindness of the Lord shown to and through them during their lives.
The sick: Isaiah Wieting (son of Ben and Erica Wieting), hospitalized after undergoing heart surgery; Bruce Gutknecht (Julie Goltermann’s uncle) undergoing heart valve replacement surgery August 19; Jennifer Torkelson undergoing cardiac testing and treatment; John Lehman and Jodi Winn in rehab.
In cancer treatment: Robin Ruhbusch (sister-in-law to Mark and Melody Ruhbusch) whose cancer has metastasized; 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.
Those in hospice care: Tonya Knoblock (Paul Kachelmeyer’s Nephew’s wife).

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

Hymn of the Week **“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”** 616

Looking forward to the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)	August 16, 2026
Hymns: 683, 615, 936, 610, 630, 924	
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8: The prophet Isaiah proclaims that the Gospel is for all the nations and not just the Jews. Indeed, the Temple of the Lord was built to be a temple for all, as the Lord declared, “I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” This promise is fulfilled throughout the Gospels as Jesus draws all sinners to Himself, Jews, Gentiles, Canaanites, and Samaritans. He is the true temple of God on earth and everyone who is drawn to Him by faith in His mercy and the righteous sacrifice that He made for all upon the cross is “worthy” and “acceptable” to the Lord.	
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32: God chose Israel in the Old Testament to be His special people, not because they were better than all others, but that He might display His mercy toward them for the salvation of all nations. The widespread rejection of Jesus by the Jews does not change God’s loving call to them to be His people. Indeed, Paul continues to proclaim God’s desire to be merciful to the Jews, to call them to repentance and faith. Just as the rejection of Jesus by the Jews resulted in the Gospel and salvation being brought to the Gentiles, so the reception of the Gospel by the Gentiles will be used by God as an occasion to bring salvation anew to the Jews.	
Matthew 15:21-28: Undeterred by the Lord’s apparent silence and then His rebuke, the Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus for mercy because of her daughter’s demonic affliction. She confesses Him to be the Lord, the Son of David. Though a Canaanite, her faith is fixed upon the promise of the Gospel: “Even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Her faith is great because it confesses her utter unworthiness and rests solely upon the Word of God. Even though the Lord Himself seems to be against her, the promise of the Gospel declares that it is not so. He is the Savior of all sinners who cling to His Word of salvation.	