

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026, through October 11, 2026*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The First Article of the Creed — “All that I am and all that I have comes from God. Apart from Him I am and have nothing.” These assertions are central to the Christian teaching concerning God. They declare that we, and all of creation, are completely dependent upon Him. Even when we abuse the life and gifts that He has given, we do so by His power in us. This is what makes such evil all the more blasphemous! Martin Luther’s Creedal Hymn confesses both our dependence upon God and His love for us that motivates Him to create, provide, protect, and defend us. “We all believe in one true God, who created earth and heaven, The Father who to us in love has the right of children given. He in soul and body feeds us; All we need His hand provides us; Through all snares and perils leads us, Watching that no harm betide us. He cares for us by day and night; All things are governed by His might.” The Catechism helps us to understand that what He has made and given is ALWAYS good, even if our sinful human reason might not think so and might even rebel against such gifts. There is great freedom in the gift of faith that accepts the truths of the First Article. All Christians, the deaf, the blind, and the lame, still confess that God has made them, including their “eyes, ears, and all their members,” even if they don’t work the way they want them to work. God’s created gifts are given AS THEY ARE, that we might learn to trust in Him through these gifts, extolling Him alone as God and relying upon His grace in our weakness.

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: Forgive Us When We Reject Your Unfailing Love.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Psalm 19:1

**The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handiwork.**

Psalm 80:7-19 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on Psalm 80: O Lord, preserve Your Church in Your Word and in the faithful confession of Your name. Grant us to be Your faithful vine for the Church’s salvation and as a witness to Your love before a fallen world. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141
Evening	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers—Matthew 21:33-46	
Monday	Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan; Moses Intercedes—Numbers 14:1-24	Hebrews 11:17-29
Tuesday	The Rebels Are Sentenced to Death—Numbers 14:26-45	Hebrews 11:30-40
Wednesday	Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron—Numbers 16:1-19a	Hebrews 12:1-11
Thursday	The Lord Confirms That Moses Is His Prophet—Numbers 16:19b-40	Hebrews 12:12-24
Friday	The Budding of Aaron’s Rod—Numbers 16:41—17:13	Hebrews 12:25-29
Saturday	God Will Swallow Up Death Forever—Isaiah 25:6-9	Philippians 4:4-13

The Catechism: The Creed—First Article

What is the First Article of the Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures;
that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,
my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.
He also gives me clothing and shoes,
food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

Preschool +

First Grade +

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.	Second Grade +
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Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, and In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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...”

Baptismal anniversaries: Easton Lenling, Elijah Lenling, Esmee Lenling (10/4), Autumn Rank (10/5); Bethany Franklin (10/6); Debra Christopherson, Philip Gehlbach (10/7); Rachel Haga, Russell Sawatzki (10/8); Jim Wollin (10/9); Glynis Henke (10/10).
Wedding anniversaries: David and Anne Steinhilb (10/4); Daniel and Gwyneth Ring, Kent and Christine Franklin celebrating their 40th anniversary (10/5); Jim and Faith Daleiden (10/6); Collin and Glynis Henke (10/8); Dean and Kristi Hertzberg, Ted and Kristin Dhein (10/9); Kurt and Cyndi Ruhneau (10/10).
The sick: Kevin Riemer hospitalized in NE following emergency surgery; Kristen and Phil Lang recovering from severe injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident; Mary Bender recovering after surgery; David Steinhilb recovering from injury after a fall; Rueben Roe recovering from knee-replacement surgery; John Lehman continuing to recover from back surgery.
In cancer treatment: Terry O’Neill, Heide Schaff, and Ron Schaefer recovering from surgery; Art Klausmeier (Mark Goltermann’s cousin), Barbara Galis (Nick Galis’ grandmother), 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.
In hospice care: Jodi Winn (Sharon Murphy’s niece).
Those who mourn: The family and friends of Martin VonDissen (Eunice Dissen’s brother).

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

Hymn of the Week **“Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay” (Stanza 1)** 505

Looking forward to the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23A)	October 11, 2026
Hymns: 633, 510, 458, 514, 598, 601	
Isaiah 25:6-9: The prophet Isaiah preaches on the hope of salvation we all have as Christians when God will gather us together in the resurrection on the last day, destroy the covering of sin and swallow up death forever. He describes eternal life as a banquet feast of salvation provided for us by our gracious God.	
Philippians 4:4-13: Being a Christian means that we are eternal optimists! This does not mean that we have no suffering, death, hardship, or tribulation, not at all. In fact, we may have more suffering than those who do not believe. Instead, the optimism of faith in Christ turns everything over to Him in prayer knowing that He is the Lord and Savior of the whole world and that through faith in Him God will see us through every difficulty and give us absolutely everything we need to sustain us in our faith and life.	
Matthew 22:1-14: “This parable concerns the preaching of the Gospel down through the ages. Many have heard the call to repentance and faith in Christ. Some refuse to believe the Gospel because they are occupied with the cares of this world. Others refuse to believe because they will not confess their sin, and so they abuse the messengers who proclaim it. The call of the Gospel goes out indiscriminately to all people, even the so-called “bad and good,” that they might shed their own clothing of unrighteousness and be clothed in the garment of Christ’s righteousness, apart from which they cannot be saved. God’s judgment falls upon all who will not repent.” (Excerpted from N.T. Catechesis)	