

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026, through October 25, 2026*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Second Article of the Creed—Redemption is the theme of the Second Article. It is a word that indicates that we have been “purchased and won” by Christ from Satan who had been our lord and taskmaster. Satan held sinful man and each one of us in his clutches. His power over us was the Law through sin. Because of our sinful rebellion he was able to lay claim to us and hold us under the Law’s condemnation. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, the condemnation of hell and the power of Satan, by becoming a curse for us under the Law and pouring out His life-blood into death for us. This is how He, as the Seed of the Woman, would “bruise” or “crush” the devil’s headship and authority over man. Now we have freedom from Satan’s tyranny through faith in 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.

Theme: Deliver Us from Lying and Deceiving by God’s Name!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Genesis 3:15

**I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise His heel.**

Psalm 96 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on Psalm 96: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great goodness and mercy has caused Your only-begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; we pray You, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by the same in all time of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive Your everlasting salvation; through Your dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	10	14, 15	18	19, 20	22	26, 27	30	32
Evening	11, 12	13	16, 17	21	23, 24	25	28, 29	31

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Render to Caesar the Things That Are Caesar’s—Matthew 22:15-22 St. Luke, Evangelist—Luke 10:1-9	
Monday	Joshua Is Ordained to Take Moses’ Place—Numbers 27:12-23	Galatians 2:11-21
Tuesday	Moses Reminds the People of God’s Law—Dt. 1:1a, 3; 5:1-11a, 12, 16-22	Galatians 3:1-9
Wednesday	Moses Warns the People Against Rebelling—Deuteronomy 5:32—6:25	Galatians 3:10-14
Thursday	The Lord Will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses—Deuteronomy 18:9-22	Galatians 3:15-25
Friday	St. James of Jerusalem—Acts 15:12-22a	James 1:1-12
Saturday	The Lord Your God Is Holy—Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	1 Thess. 2:1-13

The Catechism: The Creed—Second Article

<i>What is the Second Article of the Creed?</i> And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,	First Grade +
That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.	Second Grade +

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

Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect For St. Luke, Evangelist

Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for St. James of Jerusalem

Heavenly Father, shepherd of Your people, You raised up James the Just, brother of our Lord, to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that we may follow his example of prayer and reconciliation and be strengthened by the witness of his death; 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: Andrew Ruehle (10/20); Brian Brendel, Kathy May, Joel Ohman, Radine Ohman (10/23); Robert Haga (10/24).

Wedding anniversaries: Andrew and Jessica Alvarez, Michael and Angela Christopherson (10/18); Brad and Jenny Larson (10/22); Andrew and Erin Webster (10/23).

Birth: Luka Christian McMiller, infant son of Mary and Christian McMiller.

The sick: Tommy Lueck (Steve Lueck's cousin) in dire health in the ICU; Mary Bender recovering after surgery; David Steinhilb recovering from injuries sustained in a fall; Rueben Roe recovering from knee-replacement surgery; John Lehman continuing his long recovery from back surgery.

In cancer treatment: Kevin Riemer diagnosed with cancer and recovering from surgery; 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).

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

Hymn of the Week

“Through Jesus' Blood and Merit”

746

Looking forward to the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25A)

October 25, 2026

Hymns: 689, 579, 694, 828, 821, 652

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18: The holiness demanded by the Law is fulfilled in Jesus who fears God and loves His neighbors without partiality. His holiness is that which covers us by faith and in which we live as His forgiven children. At the heart of God's holiness is His inestimable self-giving love that moved Him to send His Son, that moved His Son to freely give His life for us, and that sends forth the Holy Spirit to call us to repentance and into fellowship with God. God, in His holiness, does not stay far from us but has rather come down from heaven to rescue us from all our sin and misery.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13: The Apostle Paul gives thanks to God for the reception of the Gospel in Thessalonica and among the Gentile world of Macedonians. The Word of the Gospel has the power to save and to sanctify all who are called to faith in Christ. Paul teaches us that the Apostles preached and taught what was and is the actual Word of God.

Matthew 22:34-46: Jesus is concerned about doctrine and truth. Nothing matters more to Him than the truth of the Father's Word. The Law teaches love for God above all things and love for the neighbor as one's self. This understanding of the Law is foundational for the Old Testament Scriptures. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who came to fulfill the Law in His love for God and in His love for us. Jesus questions the Pharisees about the identity of the Christ according to Old Testament teaching. “How can the Christ, who is called the Son of David, also be called ‘the Lord’ by David?” The answer is that David's Son is also the Son of God. This is the great truth of “who” the Christ is. Unless one believes this truth, they cannot be saved.