The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026 through November 8, 2026

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Third Article of the Creed*—This week's Bible Verse for memorization and meditation focuses our attention on what is the very heart of the Holy Spirit's work: to testify of Jesus. The Third person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son to give life and salvation to us in Christ. How does He give testimony to Jesus? By the preaching of the Gospel, Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, and the Holy Communion. By the Words of the New Testament in the blood of Christ, the Holy Spirit bears witness to our spirits that Jesus is Christ our Savior that we might believe in Him. By these same gifts He, the Holy Spirit, enlightens our hearts, minds, and lives to live from and in the freedom of Christ's forgiveness. By these same gifts, the Holy Spirit brings Christ into our hearts and brings forth Christ in our lives in love toward others which is the fruit of faith. The Holy Spirit never shines upon Himself; He is always shining upon Christ. We should think of it this way: it is the Holy Spirit who preaches the Gospel, baptizes, forgives sins, and gives us to eat of Christ's body and blood. It is the Holy Spirit who does all of these things, that our faith and life might be fixed firmly in Christ. That is the Holy Spirit's work, as Jesus said, "When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."*

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: We Are in Communion with Christ and Share in His Blessedness.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: John 15:26

When the Helper comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father,
He will testify of Me.

Psalm 149 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on Psalm 149: *Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us faithfulness in our worship that we may truly praise You by singing the new song of salvation in Christ, and by faithfully preaching Your Law and Gospel to all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	48, 49	51	54, 56	59	60, 61	65	66	68
Evening	50	52, 53	55	57, 58	62	63, 64	67, 70	69

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	**Second Reading**
Sunday	**The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12**	
Monday	Israel Celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land—Joshua 5:10-15	Galatians 5:7-15
Tuesday	The Destruction of Jericho—Joshua 6:1-27	Galatians 5:16-26
Wednesday	The Sin of Achan—Joshua 7:1-26	Galatians 6:1-10
Thursday	The Fall of Ai—Joshua 8:1-29	Galatians 6:11-18
Friday	The Sun and Moon Stand Still—Joshua 10:1-15 (16-28)	Ephesians 1:1-12
Saturday	Woe to You Who Desire the Day of the Lord—Amos 5:18-24	1 Thess. 4:13-18

The Catechism: The Creed—Third Article

What is the Third Article of the Creed?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Preschool +

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.	First Grade +
In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.	Second Grade +

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

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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: *Robert Johnson (11/1); John Uttenreither, Rosie Franklin (11/2); Nancy La Fore, Sierra Meyer (11/5); Caleb Gierach (11/6); Donna Lovas (11/7).*

Wedding anniversaries: *Kevin and Valerie Zalewski (11/2); Elton and Angela Volquardsen (11/5).*

The sick: *Faith Daleiden undergoing hip surgery; Mark Goltermann recovering from hernia surgery; Tommy Lueck (Steve Lueck's cousin) making progress with treatment; Rueben Roe recovering from knee-replacement surgery; John Lehman continuing his long recovery from back surgery.*

In cancer treatment: *Ron Schaefer recovering from surgery; Kevin Riemer, 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.*

Those who mourn: *The family and friends of Ron Bero (brother-in-law of Jon and Marty Bruss), Carol David, Pete Greschner, Jodi Winn (Sharon Murphy's niece), and Art Klausmeier (Mark Goltermann's cousin).*

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

Hymn of the Week ***"For All the Saints"*** ***677***

Looking forward to The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost ***November 8, 2026***

Hymns: TLH 656, 516, 515, 636, 336, 747

Amos 5:18-24: *The prophet Amos warns that the Day of the Lord will be a day of dark judgment for those whose worship is without true faith. He calls to repentance by saying, "let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream." At the heart of repentance is the acknowledgement that all our sin is truly sin, we deserve punishment, and we cannot rescue ourselves. True repentance is the faith that flees entirely from our own works and attempts to justify ourselves and to cling to God's mercy in Christ alone.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: *Paul comforts us in the grief over the death of Christians by pointing us to the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of all the dead when Christ returns again in glory. The first to be resurrected are those Christians who have already died in the Lord. After that, those Christians who are living on earth at the time of Jesus' Second Coming will also rise to immortality and incorruption. Then we will be caught up with the Lord and ever remain with Him in His eternal comfort.*

Matthew 25:1-13: *Faith in Christ alone makes one wise to salvation. Foolish is the one who casts aside the Gospel of Christ. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins is a parable about faith and unbelief. To believe in Christ is to love Him and long for His coming again in glory, like a faithful bride and her bridesmaids who await the coming of the Bridegroom. Those who do not believe in Christ have no particular yearning or anticipation for the Bridegroom's coming. We go to the Sacrament each week, confessing our sins, that we might "learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved." (Small Catechism) To "watch, [that is] pray" is to cry out to our Bridegroom, as His faithful bride, according to the loving promises of His Gospel and the gracious Words of His testament: "take eat, this is My body...drink of it all of you, this is My blood."*