

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for Week of Pentecost

May 31st through June 6th, 2020

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 selection from the catechism and memory verse for the week.

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

The Ten Commandments

The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism – Confession

What is confession? (from memory)

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.

Large Catechism: Besides the public, daily, and necessary confession, which we have in the Lord's Prayer, there is also the secret confession that takes place privately before a single brother or sister. This comes into play when some particular issue weighs on us or attacks us, eating away at us until we can have no peace nor find ourselves sufficiently strong in faith. Then we may at any time and as often as we wish lay our troubles before a brother or sister, seeking advice, comfort, and strength. This type of confession is not included in the commandment but is left to all to use whenever they need it. Thus by divine ordinance Christ himself has placed absolution in the mouths of his Christian community and commanded us to absolve one another from sins. So if there is a heart that feels its sin and desires comfort, it has here a sure refuge where it finds and hears God's Word because through a human being God looses and absolves from sin. – Large Catechism

Memory Verse

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Daily Reading

Sunday, May 31:	Numbers 21:10–35	Luke 21:20–38	Psalm 99
Monday, June 1:	Numbers 22:1–20	Luke 22:1–23	Psalm 47
Tuesday, June 2:	Numbers 22:21—23:3	Luke 22:24–46	Psalm 96
Wednesday, June 3:	Numbers 23:4–28	Luke 22:47–71	Psalm 92
Thursday, June 4:	Numbers 23:1–25	Luke 23:1–25	Psalm 136

Friday, June 5:	Numbers 23:26–56	Luke 23:26–56	Psalm 124
Saturday, June 6:	Numbers 32:1–6, 16:27	Luke 24:1–27	Psalm 66

O, Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Our Synod:** Matthew (Synod President), Timothy (District President), Aaron (Circuit Visitor). **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Seth & Sami Borcharding (David & Sheri Nolte’s daughter) on the birth of Carlie Jo. **For Those Who Mourn:** The family and friends who mourn the death of Wilbert Dorries (Karen Maschhoff’s father). **Those in Need of Healing:** Sandy Wehking, Kate Schilling, Randy Zimmermann, Jonathan Siddell, Ryan Rounkles (Brother-in-Law of Marla Corry), Rodney Tate, Baker Firebaugh (great nephew of Opal Jones), All affected and sick on account of the Coronavirus. **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 31st Addison Hanks, 2nd Tamra Gerstenecker, 4th Abigail Siddell, 6th Britlyn Tyberendt, Katie Pigg. **For Government Officials:** Donald Trump (President), JB Pritzker (Governor), and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. **For Those Who Serve:** Armed Forces, First Responders, Medical Field. **For the World: That God would deliver the world from pestilence, sedition, rebellion, and economic strife.**

Look upon them with eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

The Lord’s Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)