The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for Week Holy Trinity June 7th through June 13th, 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 sins should we confess? (from memory)

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Large Catechism: When I exhort you to go to confession, I am doing nothing but exhorting you to be a Christian. If I bring you to this point, I have also brought you to confession. For those who really want to be upright Christians and free from their sins, and who want to have a joyful conscience, truly hunger and thirst already. They snatch at the bread just like a hunted deer, burning with heat and thirst, as Psalm 42 says, "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God." That is, as a deer trembles with eagerness for a fresh spring, so I yearn and tremble for God's Word or absolution and for the sacrament, etc. In this way, you see, confession would be taught properly, and such a desire and love for it would be aroused that people would come running after us to get it, more than we would like. We shall let the papists torment and torture themselves and other people who ignore such a treasure and bar themselves from it. As for ourselves, however, let us lift our hands in praise and thanks to God that we have attained to this knowledge and grace. – Large Catechism

Memory Verse

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. (Psalm 130:3–4)

Daily Reading

Sunday, June 7:	Numbers 35:9–30	Luke 24:28–53	Psalm 8
Monday, June 8:	Proverbs 5:1–23	John 12:20–36a	Psalm 51
Tuesday, June 9:	Proverbs 8:1–21	John 12:36b-50	Psalm 54
Wednesday, June 10:	Proverbs 8:22-36	John 13:1-20	Psalm 65
Thursday, June 11:	Proverbs 9:1–18	John 13:21-38	Psalm 143
Friday, June 12:	Proverbs 10:1-23	John 14:1–17	Psalm 86
Saturday, June 13:	Proverbs 13:1-25	John 14:18-31	Psalm 122

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:** Ryan Rounkles (tumor is gone). **Those in Need of Healing:** Sandy Wehking, Kate Schilling, Randy Zimmermann, Jonathan Siddell, Rodney Tate, 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:** 7th Paul Evilsizer, Tristan Nolte, 8th Zoe Kuper, 9th Aaron Ruckmann, 11th Amanda Albers, 13th Jeff Brink. **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 us 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)