

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Second Sunday after Trinity

June 21st, through June 27th, 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 – The Office of the Keys

What is the Office of the Keys? (from memory)

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22-23)

Large Catechism: The Church has the power to remit sin from this passage: “Just as the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you” (John 20:21), if only you believe from your heart that they are remitted you; not, of course, on account of your contrition but because God has promised that He will remit them. And certainly it is a great power that a man can remit sins, open heaven, close hell, abolish death, etc., so that in the Gospel they were amazed and praised God that such power had been given to men (Matthew 9:8). Now, unless you bring true contrition to the minister and show compelling signs that you sincerely seek release from your sins, your sins will be retained and you will be damned. For God does not seek those who are able to feign such things, but a famished and thirsting soul. – Martin Luther

Memory Verse

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. (1 Timothy 1:15)

Daily Reading

Sunday, June 21:	Proverbs 24:1–22	John 19:1–22	Psalm 117
Monday, June 22:	Proverbs 25:1–22	John 19:23–42	Psalm 84
Tuesday, June 23:	Proverbs 27:1–24	John 20:1–18	Psalm 102
Wednesday, June 24:	Proverbs 31:1–9, 18–33	John 20:19–31	Psalm 1

Thursday, June 25:	Proverbs 31:10–31	John 21:1–25	Psalm 16
Friday, June 26:	Joshua 1:1–18	Acts 8:1–25	Psalm 142
Saturday, June 27:	Joshua 2:1–24	Acts 8:26–40	Psalm 118

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. **Those in Need of Healing:** Lucille Stein, 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:** 22nd Heather Childress, 26th Heidi Gehrs, Kim Albers, 27th Karli Schilling. **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)