

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

November 1st through November 7th, 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 – 1st Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Large Catechism - The Creed is nothing else than the answer and confession of Christians arranged with respect to the First Commandment. As if you were to ask a little child: "My dear, what sort of a God have you? What do you know of Him?" He could say: "This is my God: first, the Father, who has created heaven and earth; besides this only One I regard nothing else as God; for there is no one else who could create heaven and earth." – Large Catechism

Memory Verse – By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. (Psalm 33:6)

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-2		Psalm 71
Monday	Joshua's Farewell Address Joshua 23:1-4; 24:2-14	Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalm 72
Tuesday	The Death of Joshua Joshua 24:13-31	Ephesians 2:11-18	Psalm 73
Wednesday	The conquest of Canaan Continues Judges 1:1-9, 27-33; 2:1-6	Ephesians 2:19-3:7	Psalm 74
Thursday	Israel's Unfaithfulness and the Judges Judges 2:7-23	Ephesians 3:8-13	Psalm 75
Friday	Othniel, Israel's First Judge Judges 3:7-11	Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalm 76
Saturday	To Walk Humbly with Your God Micah 6:6-8	Philippians 1:3-11	Psalm 77

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 Recovering from Surgery:** Sam Tepe (Angie Siddell's brother), Barb Mueller, Jason Brammeier. **Those Who Are Hospitalized:** Melvin & Naomi Eggerman (Mike Eggerman's parents, due to the coronavirus). **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Randy Zimmermann, Rodney Tate, Todd Twenhafel (son-in-law of Roger & Joan Knolhoff, ongoing cancer treatments). **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 3rd Tim Hanke, 4th Sharon Hanke, 5th Hunter Childress, 6th Kenzie Terry, 7th Elbert Brink, Jeff Schatz. **Anniversaries:** 7th Mike & Kim Eggerman. **For Area Schools:** That faculty and students may delight in teaching and learning, and that they may be kept safe from the pandemic. **For Government Officials:** Donald Trump (President), JB Pritzker (Governor), and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. **For the World:** That God would deliver us from pestilence, sedition, rebellion, and 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)

Hymn of the Week: For All the Saints (LSB 677)

Hymn of the Week: Saints are all those who are set apart by God's grace in Christ, who trust in His forgiveness and confess His name by faith, who are enabled to do this by His Spirit through His Word and Sacraments. Addressing Jesus, the hymn "For All the Saints" (LSB 677) speaks about the saints who have gone before and attained their heavenly rest. Stanzas 3 through 6 bring the story around to believers on earth. The military imagery begun in stanza 2 continues, as earthly saints are called soldiers who are fighting to win the victor's crown (2 Tim. 2:5), the crown of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8). The final two stanzas proclaim the second coming of Christ. "On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ," as we confess in Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Creed.