

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the First Sunday in Advent

(Nov. 28th – Dec. 4th)

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The Holy Trinity

This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Holy Trinity

This week marks the beginning of a new catechetical focus: The Apostles' Creed. Over the next several weeks, we will examine the three persons of the Holy Trinity, their work, and what they have done for us. We will look at the work of the Father, the work of the Son, and the work of the Holy Spirit, and we will grow in our wonder at the glorious mystery of the Holy Trinity. We begin our study of the Creed by considering the truth that God is Triune, three divine persons in one God. "The Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal" (Athanasian Creed, sts 5-6). The Lord bless your time in His Word!

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

The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: Augsburg Confession - Article I (God)

Our churches teach with common consent that the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible [Nehemiah 9:6]. Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [Matthew 28:19]. These three persons are of the same essence and power (1-3).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Triumphal Entry Matthew 21:1-9		Psalm 92
Monday	Let Us Make Man in Our Image Genesis 1:26-27	1 Thess. 5:12-28	Psalm 93
Tuesday	The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Matthew 28:18-20	Hebrews 4:11-16	Psalm 94
Wednesday	This Is My Beloved Son Matthew 3:13-17	Colossians 1:3-14	Psalm 95
Thursday	The Helper, the Father, & the Son John 14:25-26	Philippians 1:3-11	Psalm 96
Friday	I Do Not Cease to Give Thanks Ephesians 1:16-17	Romans 15:4-13	Psalm 97
Saturday	Malachi 4:1-6	Romans 15:4-13	Psalm 98

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon- Fri:** In what way is God revealed in this passage to be triune? In what way are multiple persons revealed? Does the passage reveal the persons doing any work? How does this passage teach us the doctrine of the Holy Trinity? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:16-17)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia, Trinity Lutheran Church-Hoffman. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Eden VanDorn, Barb Mueller (recovering from knee surgery). **Those Who are Sick:** Bob Freund, Sam Tepe (Angie Siddell's brother). **Those Undergoing Surgery/Medical Treatments:** Elbert Brink, Eddie Hermsmeyer, Glenn Knolhoff. **Those Recovering From Surgery:** Mike Jones, Pat Borgelt (Angie Nolte's father). **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Rodney Tate, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Eddie Hermsmeyer (11/29), Jerry Buening, Lucas Hanke (11/30). **Anniversaries:** Mark & Susan Kleiboeker (11/28).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism

Hymn of the Week: Savior of the Nations, Come (LSB 332)