

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter
(May 1st–May 7th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The 6th Petition

This Week's Catechetical Theme: The 6th Petition

About the 6th Petition, “And lead us not into temptation,” Luther writes the following in the Large Catechism: “Temptation...is of three kinds: of the flesh, of the world, and of the devil. For we dwell in the flesh and carry the old Adam about our neck. ...Next comes the world, which offends us in word and deed. It drives us to anger and impatience. ...Then comes the devil, pushing and provoking in all directions. But he especially agitates matters that concern the conscience and spiritual affairs. ...This, then, is what “lead us not into temptation” means. It refers to times when God gives us power and strength to resist the temptation [1 Corinthians 10:13].” This is the theme of the week’s devotional material. God 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: The 6th Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	I Am the Good Shepherd John 10:11-18		Psalm 89
Monday	The Temptation of Eve Genesis 3:1-113	1 Corinthians 10	Psalm 90
Tuesday	Joseph Overcomes Temptation Genesis 39:1-20	1 Corinthians 11	Psalm 91
Wednesday	The Temptation of Jesus Matthew 4:1-11	1 Corinthians 12	Psalm 92

Thursday	The LORD Tested Abraham Genesis 22:1-19	1 Corinthians 13	Psalms 96
Friday	Temptations will Come 1 Peter 5:8-9; Proverbs 1:10; 2 Corinthians 4:8	1 Corinthians 14	Psalms 94
Saturday	Isaiah 40:25-31	1 Peter 2:11-20	Psalms 95

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** Use the following questions to initiate discussion about each day's reading: 1) Who is undergoing the trial? 2) From whom is the trial given? 3) Is it a test in order to strengthen, or a temptation in order to destroy? 4) How does the person tested/tempted respond? 5) What demand, or warning, should we take from this passage? 6) What Good News can be taken from this passage? 7) How does this passage instruct us concerning the 6th Petition, "lead us not into temptation?" **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **For Those Who are Expecting:** Corinne Bradley, Stefanie Jennings. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Linda Nehrt (Eddie & Verdell Hermsmeyer's niece), Barb Mueller, Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Ali Schubel (6th grader at Carlyle), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Elbert Brink. **Those in Need of Healing:** Bonnie Carroll (Calvin & Jackie Yardley's niece), Carl Hanke, Carolyn Freund, Clare Jones (granddaughter of Mike & Opal Jones). **Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Marsha Milano, Karson Kleiboeker (5/1), Claire Eggerman (5/2), Matt Nolte (5/3), Lauren Schatz (5/5). **Anniversaries:** Dennis & Sylvia Kleiboeker (5/2), Paul & Lauren Evilsizer (5/3), Travis & Jaime Schneider (5/4).

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

Hymn of the Week: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe (LSB 666)