

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter
(May 15th–May 21st)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The Lord's Prayer – Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer

On the Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer, Luther writes in the Large Catechism, "...all depends upon this, that we learn also to say 'Amen.' This means that we do not doubt that our prayer is surely heard and that what we pray shall be done. This is nothing else than the word of undoubting faith, which does not pray on a dare but knows that God does not lie to him. For He has promised to grant it" (LC III 119). 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: Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Work of the Holy Spirit John 16:5-15		Psalm 103
Monday	Call Upon Me Psalm 50:15	2 Corinthians 4	Psalm 104
Tuesday	The LORD Hears Proverbs 15:29	2 Corinthians 5	Psalm 105
Wednesday	Asking and Receiving Luke 11:5-13	2 Corinthians 6	Psalm 106
Thursday	Power to Give/Worthy of Praise Ephesians 3:20-21 & Psalm 113:4-5	2 Corinthians 7	Psalm 107
Friday	Forget Not His Benefits Psalm 103:2-3	2 Corinthians 8	Psalm 108
Saturday	Numbers 21:4-9	James 1:22-27	Psalm 109

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) What does the day's passage reveal about the LORD? 2) What does it reveal about you? 3) Is there any command, or threat of punishment? 4) Is there any promise, or assurance of blessing? 5) What does the passage have to inform us regarding prayer?

Sat: In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. (Psalm 50:15)

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, Shaelyn Huels (Caroline & Randy Tate's daughter). **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), 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:** Melissa Winkeler, Lois Defend (5/15), Jackson Brammeier, Whitney Telford (5/18), Grant Brinkmann, Curtis French (5/20). **Anniversaries:** Marla & John Corry (5/16).

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

Hymn of the Week: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (LSB 556)