

**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of the Holy Trinity  
(June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>)*

**CATECHETICAL THEME:**

*The Holy Trinity*

**This Week’s Catechetical Theme: The Holy Trinity**

This week, our catechetical focus is on the Holy Trinity. We believe, teach, and confess that there is only one God. Through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Moses writes, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deut. 6:4). Yet, this one God is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not arrive at the truth that God is three-in-one and one-in-three because it is reasonable, logical, or mathematically sound. We confess that God is Triune because it has been revealed to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. 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:** The Holy Trinity

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 (AC I 1-3).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	You Must Be Born Again John 3:1-17		Psalm 130
Monday	Let us make man in our image Genesis 1:26-27	Ephesians 5	Psalm 131
Tuesday	The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Matthew 28:18-20	Ephesians 6	Psalm 132
Wednesday	This Is My Beloved Son Matthew 3:13-17	Philippians 1	Psalm 133

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Helper, the Father, and the Son John 14:25-26</b>	<b>Philippians 2</b>	<b>Psalm 134</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>I do not cease to give thanks Ephesians 1:16-17</b>	<b>Philippians 3</b>	<b>Psalm 135</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Genesis 15:1-6</b>	<b>1 John 4:16-21</b>	<b>Psalm 136</b>

### 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. **For Those Who are Expecting:** Corinne Bradley, 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:** Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Elbert Brink. **Those in Need of Healing:** 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:** James Evilsizer III (6/12), Jeff Brink (6/13), Leighton Albers (6/16). **Anniversaries:** Jeff & Lori Schatz (6/15).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (LSB 498)