

**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Fourteenth week after Trinity  
(September 18<sup>th</sup>–September 24<sup>th</sup>)*

**CATECHETICAL THEME:**

*Sacraments in the OT: Day of Atonement*

**This Week’s Catechetical Theme: Sacraments in the OT: Day of Atonement**

In the Old Testament, on the Day of Atonement, the sins of Israel were atoned for by the blood of a sacrifice. That blood was poured out on the mercy seat, cleansing the place where the high priest would meet with the LORD. But the blood was also poured out upon the scapegoat. In this act, the sins of all of Israel were placed upon that goat, and then the goat was sent off into the wilderness. The sins of God’s people were gone—the scapegoat had borne them all away. The Day of Atonement foreshadows the sacrifice of Jesus, and the blood He shed on behalf of the entire world. When His blood was shed, the temple curtain tore in two, so that all God’s people might dwell with the LORD. And as the sins of Israel were taken away by the scapegoat, Jesus Himself has become the scapegoat, and His blood has borne away the sins of the entire world! Let us give thanks for the blood He shed—and now gives—as an atoning sacrifice for all our sins.

**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 Augsburg Confession – The Use of the Sacraments***

Our churches teach that the Sacraments were ordained, not only to be marks of profession among men, but even more, to be signs and testimonies of God’s will toward us. They were instituted to awaken and confirm faith in those who use them. Therefore, we must use the Sacraments in such a way that faith, which believes the promises offered and set forth through the Sacraments is increased [2 Thessalonians 1:3] (AC, XIII, 1-2).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19		Psalm 57
Monday	Jesus is the Propitiation Romans 3:21-26	Revelation 5	Psalm 58
Tuesday	Redemption by the Blood of Christ Hebrews 9:6-15	Revelation 6	Psalm 59
Wednesday	The Day of Atonement Leviticus 16:1-34	Revelation 7	Psalm 60

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Christ's Sacrifice for Sin Hebrews 10:11-25</b>	<b>Revelation 8</b>	<b>Psalm 61</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Behold the Lamb of God John 1:29-37</b>	<b>Revelation 9</b>	<b>Psalm 62</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 Kings 17:8-16</b>	<b>Gal. 5:25-6:10</b>	<b>Psalm 63</b>

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** Who has sinned and what do we desire because of it? Who was put forth as the payment for our sin? How does this passage say we have redemption? **Tues:** Who could have access to God in the Holy Place? Who does verse 12 say now has entered the holy place? By what means did He enter? What is the benefit (v. 15)? **Wed:** Where did the LORD promise to appear? What did Aaron have to have with him to come into the Holy Place (v. 3)? What had defiled the Holy Place (v. 16)? What atoned for it? Whose sins were to be confessed over the live goat (v. 21)? What did the goat bear away with it into the wilderness (v. 22)? How is this goat a "scapegoat"? **Thurs:** What kind of sacrifice did Christ offer, according to verse 12? What do verses 17-18 indicate Christ's sacrifice does for us? What access does His sacrifice grant us (v. 19)? **Fri:** What does John call Jesus? What does John say Jesus will do? How is this like, but even better, than what the scapegoat did on the Day of Atonement? **Sat:** In Preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:23-25)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**Those Who Rejoice:** The Birth of Roselynn Sue Huels (granddaughter of Caroline & Randy Tate) **For Those Who Mourn:** Family and friends of Opal Jones, David Rommelmann, Melvin Lange. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Norman Kleiboeker, Lynn Michael, Adrienne Childress (mother of David Childress), Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Kathy Bookstaver (friend of Judy Kleiboeker), Rodney Tate (father of Randy Tate), Nancy Hutchinson (sister of Jerry Mines), Mike Jones, Roger Zimmermann, Roger & Marilyn Sullens (Linda Reckling's father & mother). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Payton Golding (9/18), Caden Schneider (9/20), Kiley Tyberendt (9/21), Bobbi Tyberendt (9/23). **Anniversaries:** Jason & Dena Brammeier (9/19), Raeshelle & Brandon Braye (9/23).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** From God Can Nothing Move Me (LSB 713)