

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Fifteenth week after Trinity  
(September 25<sup>th</sup>–October 1<sup>st</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME: *Old Testament Types of Baptism***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: Old Testament Types of Baptism**

Certain Old Testament persons, events, or institutions were given in order to foreshadow a future greater person, event, or institution that finds its ultimate reality in Christ. For example, there would be one greater than Moses to come, who is Christ. And Jesus is also called the new Adam. Examples of Old Testament institutions that foreshadow future greater ones are the sacrificial system, circumcision, and even The Passover. Today, we have the sacrifice of Christ, Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper as the New Testament realities of the Old Testament shadows. There are certain water events which also serve in this way, as "types" of Holy Baptism. This week's devotional material considers those Old Testament "types." The Lord bless your devotion!

**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: *From the Large Catechism***

Since we know now what Baptism is and how it is to be regarded, we must also learn why and for what purpose it is instituted. We must learn what it profits, gives, and works. For this also we cannot find a better resource than Christ's words quoted above, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" [Mark 16:16]. Therefore, state it most simply in this way: the power, work, profit, fruit, and purpose of Baptism is this—to save [1 Peter 3:21]. For no one is baptized in order that he may become a prince, but, as the words say, that he "be saved." We know that to be saved is nothing other than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil [Colossians 1:13-14]. It means to enter into Christ's kingdom [John 3:5], and to live with Him forever (LC IV, 23-25).

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Do Not Be Anxious Matthew 6:24-34</b>		<b>Psalm 64</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Baptism Now Saves You 1 Peter 3:18-22</b>	<b>Revelation 10</b>	<b>Psalm 65</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Children of Israel Cross the Red Sea Exodus 14:8-31</b>	<b>Revelation 11</b>	<b>Psalm 66</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>God's Covenant with Noah Genesis 8:20–9:7</b>	<b>Revelation 12</b>	<b>Psalm 67</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>All Were Baptized into Moses 1 Corinthians 10:1-4</b>	<b>Revelation 13</b>	<b>Psalm 68</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Circumcision Genesis 17:9-14</b>	<b>Revelation 14</b>	<b>Psalm 69</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 Kings 17:17-24</b>	<b>Ephesians 3:13-21</b>	<b>Psalm 70</b>

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** How does Peter use the story of Noah to teach us about Holy Baptism? How is the Old Testament "Baptism" like, and unlike the New Testament Baptism? **Tues:** How is the Red Sea crossing a "baptism"? What did Israel receive as a result of it? **Wed:** Who initiates the covenant with Noah and His family? How is this a new beginning? To what does God attach a promise? What is the promise? **Thurs:** How does 1 Corinthians teach us to rightly understand the Red Sea crossing? How does the Red Sea crossing instruct us about our own Holy Baptism? **Fri:** Discuss how circumcision and Baptism are similar and yet different. **Sat:** In Preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

...because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you. (1 Peter 3:20-21)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Norman Kleiboeker, Lynn Michael, Joe & Adrienne Childress (David Childress's father & mother), 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. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Camryn Nolte (9/27), Kathy Brink (9/30), Evan Corry (10/1). **Anniversaries:** Kit & Marsha Milano (9/25), Darrin & Sherri Williams, Curtis & Monica French (9/26), Glen & Marilyn Edwards, Jeff & Bobbi Tyberendt (9/30), Elizabeth & Joseph Terry, Whitney & Scott Telford (10/1).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** What God Ordains Is Always Good LSB (760)