

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Sixteenth week after Trinity
(October 2nd – October 8th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

What Is Baptism?

This Week’s Catechetical Theme: What Is Baptism?

“To baptize,” simply means “to wash.” And in our day-to-day lives we wash many things: we wash dishes, we wash cars, we even wash ourselves. But there is a washing that is set apart from all other types of washing. This is the washing which Christ our Lord has given us Himself. And while it certainly does include water, it also includes His Word. And the word it includes is His very name! When a person is baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, that person is washed clean in the name of the triune God. The person has the name of God written upon him or her, and is therefore marked as God’s own child! All our readings this week will further unpack the answer to this question: What is Baptism? 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: *What is Baptism?*

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Raises a Widow’s Son Luke 7:11-17		Psalm 71
Monday	The Baptism of Jesus Matthew 3:13-17	Revelation 10	Psalm 72
Tuesday	Baptized into Christ Romans 6:3-11	Revelation 11	Psalm 73
Wednesday	Christ Institutes Holy Baptism Matthew 28:16-20	Revelation 12	Psalm 74

Thursday	You Were Washed 1 Corinthians 6:9-11	Revelation 13	Psalms 75
Friday	Put on Christ Galatians 3:26-29	Revelation 14	Psalms 76
Saturday	Proverbs 25:6-14	Ephesians 4:1-6	Psalms 77

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** Is Baptism something Jesus did to Himself, or did he receive it? What words were attached to Jesus' baptism? Who did the speaking? What identity did the words assert about Jesus? **Tues:** In today's passage, is baptism something a person does to himself, or is baptism done to him/her? Who is working in this baptism? What does the baptism do? What happens as a result of baptism? Is this true for all who are baptized, or only some? **Wed:** Who is to be baptized & taught? Does this limit in any way those who are to be receiving this ministry? Is baptism something a person does for him/her self? Or is it something received? Who is at work in Holy Baptism? What is the result? **Thurs:** In today's passage, is baptism something done to yourself, or done to & for you? Who is at work in Baptism? What does the text say occurs as a result? **Fri:** In today's passage, is baptism something done to yourself, or done to & for you? Who is at work in Baptism? What does the text say occurs as a result? **Sat:** In Preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Those Recovering from Surgery: Norman Kleiboeker, Lynn Michael, Joe & Adrienne Childress (father & 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 (father & mother of Linda Reckling). **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:** Emma Winkeler (10/5), Monica French (10/6).

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

Hymn of the Week: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode (LSB 714)

