

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Seventeenth week after Trinity
(October 9th– October 15th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

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The Lord desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). He would have everyone receive His free gift of salvation. It's why the Father sent Jesus to die and be raised, and it's why the Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son in order to make Jesus known among us today. When we rightly understand that Holy Baptism is God's Work, and not the work of men, we then understand why Holy Baptism is to be offered and received by all, regardless of age, social class, ethnicity. Jesus desires to give His blessings to "all nations," and this week, we will see in our readings that He is able to give these blessings even to the least among us—even to infants! 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?*

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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	Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted Luke 14:1-11		Psalm 78
Monday	Out of the Mouth of Infants Matthew 21:12-17	Revelation 20	Psalm 79
Tuesday	The Conversion of Lydia Acts 16:11-15	Revelation 21	Psalm 80
Wednesday	Let the Little Children Come to Me Luke 18:15-17	Revelation 22	Psalm 81
Thursday	The Ethiopian Eunuch Acts 8:26-39	Genesis 1	Psalm 82

Friday	The Philippian Jailer Is Converted Acts 16:25-33	Genesis 2	Psalm 83
Saturday	Deuteronomy 10:12-21	1 Cor. 1:1-9	Psalm 84

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** How does today's reading confirm the fact that infants can have faith? Who gives faith to them? Who gives faith to you? **Tues:** How does this reading reinforce that Holy Baptism is to be connected to the Word? How is Holy Baptism demonstrated to be an essential part of the ministry of the Church? **Wed:** In today's reading Luke specifically mentions that "infants" were being brought to Jesus. And these infants are able to receive the kingdom of God. How does this confirm our understanding of Holy Baptism, and God's gift of faith? **Thurs:** How does this reading reinforce that Holy Baptism is to be connected to the Word? How is Holy Baptism demonstrated to be an essential part of the ministry of the Church?

Fri: How does this reading reinforce that Holy Baptism is to be connected to the Word? How is Holy Baptism demonstrated to be an essential part of the ministry of the Church? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."
(Luke 18:16)

In Our Prayers this Week

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:** Joe Childress (father of David Childress), 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), 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:** Alexa Childress, Alan Kleiboeker (9/9), Addison Golding (9/11), Sylvia Kleiboeker, Paul Langenhorst (9/12), Trevor Corry (9/13), Sophia Hoffmann (9/15). **Anniversaries:** Tyler & Kim Albers, Brian & Mary Rueter (9/15).

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

Hymn of the Week: Seek Where You May to Find a Way (LSB 557)