

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of All Saints
(November 6th– November 12th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

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This week's catechetical focus is "What does baptizing with water indicate?" The Old Testament story of Jacob, one of this week's Bible narratives, helps us understand this. Jacob went down to the River Jabbok and expected to die. It was there, however, that the LORD made him new. By the hand of the Angel of the LORD, God touched him, and blessed him, and made him a new creation—even giving him a new name: Israel! From being a sinful deceiver, to becoming one who faithfully perseveres, what happened at the River Jabbok was the killing of Jacob's "old man," and the gift of God in the "new man."

What we see in Jacob's experience informs us of the work God has done for us as well in the waters of Holy Baptism. It was there that we were touched by the hand of God, blessed by God, and made His new creation. From being lost in sin, to being found in Christ, Holy Baptism has crucified our old sinful self, and raised within us a new man to live by faith as a child of God. This is what we will be blessed to consider this week. 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: Baptismal Regeneration

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

| Daily Readings | Catechetical Narrative | Second Reading | Psalm |
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| Sunday | The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5:1-12 | | Psalm 106 |
| Monday | The Conversion of Saul Acts 9:1-19a | Genesis 18 | Psalm 107 |
| Tuesday | Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:1-4 | Genesis 19 | Psalm 108 |
| Wednesday | Jacob at the Jabbok Genesis 32:22-32 | Genesis 20 | Psalm 109 |
| Thursday | Walk By the Spirit Galatians 5:16-25 | Genesis 21 | Psalm 110 |
| Friday | Take Up Your Cross ... Follow Jesus Luke 9:23-27 | Genesis 22 | Psalm 111 |
| Saturday | Micah 6:6-8 | Philippians 1:3-11 | Psalm 112 |

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What was Saul going to do? Who intervened? How was Saul made new? **Tues:** What does this passage say has happened to all who have been baptized? **Wed:** What did Jacob receive? Who alone can give such blessings? Who did Jacob wrestle with? **Thurs:** Baptism bestows the Holy Spirit. How does your Baptism equip you to walk by the Spirit? **Fri:** Jesus calls us all to follow him. What has he given to us to enable us to do so?

Sat: In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

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In Our Prayers this Week

For Those Expecting: Nicole Goolsby. **For Our Veterans:** Elbert Brink, Roy Defend, Glen Edwards, Vernon Freund, Carl Hanke, Steve Haun, Eddie Hermsmeyer, Mike Jones, Dennis Kleiboeker, Norman Kleiboeker, Paul Kleiboeker, Jerry Mines, Paul Schierschwitz, Earl Schneider. **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 Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Joe Childress

(father of David Childress), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those in Need of Healing:** 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:** Kenzie Terry (11/6), Elbert Brink, Jeff Schatz (11/7), Riley Terry (11/11). **Anniversaries:** Thomas & Janette Albers, Mike & Kim Eggerman (11/7), Steve & Cindy Hoffmann (11/11).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism
Hymn of the Week: For All the Saints (LSB 677)