

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Day of Pentecost
(June 4th – June 10th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The Holy Spirit

This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Holy Spirit

In Scripture, God tells us about Himself, and one of the things He says is that He is one (Deut. 6:4). While Scripture reveals that there is only one God, it also reveals that He is three person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And so it is that our catechetical theme will focus on the Holy Trinity. It's as we confess in the Athanasian Creed, "The Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal" (Athanasian Creed, sts 5-6). The Lord 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: The Holy Trinity

Augsburg Confession - Article I (God)

Our churches teach with common consent that the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible [Nehemiah 9:6]. Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [Matthew 28:19]. These three persons are of the same essence and power (AC I 1-3).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	You Must Be Born Again John 3:1-17		Psalm 16
Monday	Let us make man in our image Genesis 1:26-27	Deuteronomy 1	Psalm 17
Tuesday	The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Matthew 28:18-20	Deuteronomy 2	Psalm 18
Wednesday	This Is My Beloved Son Matthew 3:13-17	Deuteronomy 3	Psalm 19

Thursday	The Helper, the Father, & the Son John 14:25-26	Deuteronomy 4	Psalm 20
Friday	I do no cease to give thanks Ephesians 1:16-17	Deuteronomy 5	Psalm 21
Saturday	Genesis 15:1-6	1 John 4:16-21	Psalm 22

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** In what way is God revealed in this passage to be triune? In what way are multiple persons revealed? Does the passage reveal the persons doing any work? How does this passage teach us the doctrine of the Holy Trinity? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matt. 3:16-17)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Norma Rueter. **For Those Who Are Recovering From Surgery:** Marilyn Schneider. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Sheri Nolte, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Joe Childress (father of David Childress), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. **Baptismal Birthday:** Abigail Siddell (6/4), Katie Cummins, Britlyn Tyberendt (6/6), Paul Evilsizer, Tristan Nolte (6/7), Zoe Kuper (6/8), Aaron Ruckman (6/9). **Anniversaries:** Brent & Katrina Hanke (6/7), Skipp & Tina Golding (6/10).

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

Hymn of the Week: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (LSB 498)