

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (October 22nd – October 28th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

God the Father - Creator

This Week's Catechetical Theme: God the Father – Creator

This week, our catechetical focus shifts from the Ten Commandments to the Apostles' Creed. In the First Article of the Creed, we consider God's great work of creation. Here, we confess, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." The biblical teaching of creation places us at the beginning of all history. As the Scriptures reveal it, humanity is formed in the image of the Triune God, who instituted marriage, and who gave the gift of life for our future. But He did not only create humanity. He created all that exists, in heaven and on earth. He established what is seen and unseen. This is not only the clear teaching of the Scriptures. It is the faithful confession of the Church that confesses the one true faith. 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: God the Father - Creator

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them,

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Parable of the Wedding Feast Matthew 22:1-14		Psalm 149
Monday	Creation Genesis 1:1-2:3	1 Samuel 18	Psalm 150

Tuesday	Creation of Man & Woman Genesis 2:4-25	1 Samuel 19	Psalm 1
Wednesday	The Work of Your Fingers Psalm 8	1 Samuel 20	Psalm 2
Thursday	Where were you? Job 38	1 Samuel 21	Psalm 3
Friday	The Father of our Lord Jesus Ephesians 3:14-15	1 Samuel 22	Psalm 4
Saturday	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Ephesians 6:10-17	Psalm 5

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon **Mon- Fri:** For each day's reading discuss the following questions: 1) What work does the reading reveal God performing? 2) What is the benefit of this work? 3) For whom is the work performed? 4) How does this reading relate to the First Article of the Creed? 5) What false ideas does this passage confront? 6) What important truths does this passage help us to retain, to believe, and to teach? 7) What does the passage teach regarding the character of God? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
(Psalm 33:6)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those Who Mourn:** Family and friends of Kay Wheaton. **For Those Recovering From Surgery:** Matt Nolte, Curtis French, Sharon Schneider, Mary Boeker. **For Those in Need of Healing:** Jordyn Duensing, Melba Nolte, Norma Rueter, Brandon Schrage. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Alexis Tehandon (Granddaughter of Debra Wells). **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 Birthdays:** Carolyn Freund (10/22), Ron Michael, Karen Yardley, Kaitlynn Hull, Braiden Yardley (10/26). **Anniversaries:** Steve & Karen Maschhoff, (10/22), Alan & Heather Kleiboeker (10/23), Paul & Judy Kleiboeker (10/25), Eric & Kathy Hanke (10/26), Sara & Adam Hanks (10/27).

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

Hymn of the Week: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (LSB 636)