

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity (November 12th – November 18th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

2nd Article of the Creed (Crucifixion)

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This week, our readings focus on the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His suffering and death on the cross is the center of human history. It is our life in a dying world. It is the center of God's love for us sinners. It is the miracle of all the centuries that God in human flesh dies and faces damnation for His creatures who have rebelled against Him. This is love beyond all telling, and yet, we must tell it again and again. 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: 2nd Article of the Creed (Crucifixion)

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Plate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Paying Taxes to Caesar Matthew 22:15-22		Psalm 20
Monday	The Passion of Our Lord John 19:17-41	2 Samuel 2	Psalm 21

Tuesday	The Suffering Servant Isaiah 52:13-53:12	2 Samuel 3	Psalm 22
Wednesday	The Righteousness of God Romans 3:21-26	2 Samuel 4	Psalm 23
Thursday	Jesus humbled Himself Philippians 2:5-8	2 Samuel 5	Psalm 24
Friday	Ransomed through the Blood of Jesus 1 Peter 1:18-29	2 Samuel 6	Psalm 25
Saturday	Isaiah 51:9-16	Colossians 1:9-14	Psalm 26

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon **Mon- Fri:** For each day's reading, answer the following questions: How do we see the Second Article of the Creed in this text? In what way does the reading reveal the suffering of Jesus? What is the significance of Jesus' suffering and death? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Our Veterans:** Elbert Brink, Evan Corry, Roy Defend, Glen Edwards, Vernon Freund, Skipp Golding, Carl Hanke, Steve Haun, Eddie Hermsmeyer, Mike Jones, Dennis Kleiboeker, Paul Kleiboeker, Jerry Mines, Earl Schneider, Don Will. **Those Recovering From Surgery:** Matt Nolte, Curtis French, Sharon Schneider, Mary Boeker. **For Those in Need of Healing:** Jim Tyberendt, Jordyn Duensing, Melba Nolte, Norma Rueter, Brandon Schrage. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments/Testing:** Eli Kuper, 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. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Raeshelle Braye (11/14), Blake Hanke (11/16), Jenson Langenhorst, Alivia Childress (11/18). **Anniversaries:** Melissa & Dale Winkeler (11/18).

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)