

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Exaudi) (May 21st – May 27th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

Unity in the Supper

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Unity in the Supper

What Jesus declares forgiven is forgiven. He does not lie. And those who receive the Sacrament have heard the words of Jesus declare their sins forgiven. For this reason, Christians must not hold sins against one another that Christ Himself has forgiven. If this occurs, and Christians are not able to be reconciled (or hold a grudge against one another) such a Christian must not receive the Sacrament, for he denies the very word of Christ in the Sacrament. If Jesus forgives, we must also forgive. The body of Christ must not be divided. This will serve as the theme for this week's devotions. 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 Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Work of the Holy Spirit John 15:26-16:4		Psalm 2
Monday	We Are One Body 1 Corinthians 10:14-17	Numbers 27	Psalm 3
Tuesday	The Mediator of a New Covenant Hebrews 12:22-25	Numbers 28	Psalm 4
Wednesday	Members of One Body Romans 12:1-5	Numbers 29	Psalm 5
Thursday	The Body Is One 1 Corinthians 12:12-20	Numbers 30	Psalm 6
Friday	Be Reconciled to Your Brother Matthew 5:21-26	Numbers 31	Psalm 7

Saturday	Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 8
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Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** From what sin are we encouraged to flee? When we drink the wine, and eat the bread, in what body and blood are we participating? And what does each person receive in the body and blood? How does this make us one/united? **Tues** Who is the mediator of the new covenant? What is it that speaks a better word? To whom does it speak? How should that change the way we think about others? **Wed:** How does the world think about people who are different, or people whose sins are seen? How does the grace of God given to us change our mind about others? How does this help create unity in the body of Christ? **Thurs:** How does this passage teach us to think about all the members of the body of Christ? Are there any who are unimportant? Is this easy to remember? How might we remember this passage? What impact would it have to remember this passage? **Fri:** What does Jesus teach us to do if we have conflict with a brother/sister in Christ? Is this our normal way of handling conflict? What would need to change for us to live according to these words? How does the Sacrament of the Altar help with this? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Those Who Are Graduating High School: Samantha Zimmermann, Jordan Kleiboeker, Payton Golding. **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:** Sharon Schneider (5/14), Melissa Winkeler, Lois Defend (5/15), Sam Siddell (5/17), Jackson Brammeier. Whitney Telford (5/18), Grant Brinkmann, Curtis French (5/10), Samantha Zimmermann, Levi Jennings (5/22), Jennifer Brink (5/25), Sara Kuper (5/26), Eli Kuper, Hudson Hanke (5/27). **Anniversaries:** Marla & John Corry (5/16).

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

Hymn of the Week: Christ Is the World's Redeemer (LSB 539)