

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, May 31 (*Pentecost*)

Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm of the Week: 143

Verse: John 14:26

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send I My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Catechism: The Third Article of the Creed

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

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In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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Daily Readings

| | Bible Narrative | 2 nd Reading |
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| Sun | Pentecost: "Peace I leave with you..."—John 14:23-31 | |
| Mon | Pentecost Monday: Acts 10:34a, 42-48 | John 3:16-21 |
| Tue | Pentecost Tuesday: Acts 8:14-17 | Isaiah 32:14-20 |
| Wed | The Genealogy of Jesus—Matthew 1:1-17 | Isaiah 1:16-20 |
| Thu | The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17 | Isaiah 2:2-5 |
| Fri | The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11 | Isaiah 3:1-11 |
| Sat | Holy Trinity: Isaiah 6:1-7 | Romans 11:33-36 |

Devotional Reading (Portals of Prayer, Higher Things Daily Devotion)

Hymn: LSB 497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

Apostles’ Creed

Collect for Pentecost

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: *For the joy of the Resurrection; for the faithful preaching and hearing of God’s Word; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday: *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for vocations and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for our schools, our home schools, our colleges and seminaries; for good government and peace.*
- Tuesday: *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday: *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other servants of Christ and His Church; for the fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood.*
- Friday: *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for its spread throughout the whole world; for the persecuted; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday: *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for pastors as they prepare to administer Christ’s holy gifts; for receptive hearts and minds on the Lord’s Day.*

In Our Prayers at St. John— See the Sunday Service Folder & Prayer Chain

Lord’s Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism