

Congregation at Prayer

✠ Pentecost 22 ✠

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer
For the Week of October 21st to October 27th

Catechesis Notes for the Week...

The 10 Commandments preached repentance to us. They showed us our sin and revealed how great our need is for a savior. The Apostles' Creed preaches the faith that saves us from our sin. It shows us that God loves us and has done everything to save us from sin through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But who is this Lord? Who is your God? We know from the first commandment that we are to *fear, love, and trust in God above all things*. But in whom do we place this fear, love, and trust? Moses tells us the story of when he asked this same question. He wanted to see God. But rather than revealing His face—for if He did, Moses surely would have died—the Lord passed in front of Moses and spoke His name:

“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”
(Exodus 34:6-7)

In that name of God, which was put on you at your baptism, we find out who our God is. He is the Lord. He is merciful and gracious. He gives what we don't deserve (eternal salvation), and withholds from us what we really do deserve (eternal wrath and temporal punishment). He is slow to anger and abounds in steadfast love and faithfulness—all for you! He forgives and loves and upholds His Word. This Lord and God who does all this, our Creed says, is “maker of heaven and earth.”

As *maker of heaven and earth* He is all-powerful. And yet, He doesn't want to be known by His sheer power, but for His gentleness, for His mercy and compassion on the sinner. He wants to be known for His gifts. *For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true!*

Who Is Your God?

Responsive Prayer 2, *Lutheran Service Book* p.285

Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

Exodus 34:6-7

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Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Creed

What is the First Article?

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.

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This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings...

Monday (10/21): Deuteronomy 20:1-20; Matthew 15:21-39

Tuesday (10/22): Deuteronomy 21:1-23; Matthew 16:1-12

Wednesday (10/23): Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10; Matthew 16:13-28

Thursday (10/24): Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19; Matthew 17:1-13

Friday (10/25): Deuteronomy 27:1-26; Matthew 17:14-27

Saturday (10/26): Deuteronomy 28:1-22; Matthew 18:1-20

Sunday (10/27): Deuteronomy 29:1-29; Matthew 18:21-35

Prayer of the Week...

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 74

Hymn of the Week... “Hear Us Father, When We Pray”

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Looking Forward to Next Week...

Revelation 14:6-7 Romans 3:19-28

Matthew 11:12-19