

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
September 17 through September 24, 2006*

**Catechesis Notes for the Week—"Crucified under Pontius Pilate"** — *The governing authorities have been instituted by God. God works His will through them, even though they may be evil. This requires faith in the Lord who promises to work His will, even though we may not understand why or how He will do it. Jesus submitted Himself to the governing authorities in His Passion. Although these authorities were evil, God accomplished His will through the administration of their office. Our salvation was won when the Son submitted Himself to the judgment of the Roman governor. We should be reminded and strengthened by this every time we confess that Jesus was "crucified under Pontius Pilate."*

## **The Order of Meditation and Prayer**

*Pray and confess out loud 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.*

## **Theme: The Lord Shows Himself the Savior of All.**

### **Invocation**

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

### **Apostles' Creed**

**Verse: Psalm 118:8**

**It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.**

### **Psalm 116 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.**

*Prayer on the Psalm: O heavenly Father, into whose keeping we entrust our loved ones, grant us to look to You, remembering the cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded, and grant that we on earth may share Your joys with those who rest in the joyful peace of Your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	75, 76	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91
Evening	77	79	81	83	86	87	90	93

### **The Catechism: The Table of Duties—Of Civil Government**

<i>What does God's Word say of Civil Government? Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.</i>	First Grade + Romans 13:1
<i>Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.</i>	Second Grade + Romans 13:2
<i>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.</i>	Third Grade + Romans 13:3
<i>For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.</i>	Fourth Grade + Romans 13:4

### **Readings for the Week of the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Day	First Reading—Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Second Reading
Monday	Saul Seeks Counsel from a Medium—1 Samuel 28:3-25	1 Timothy 6:1-21
Tuesday	The Tragic Death of King Saul—1 Samuel 31:1-13	2 Timothy 1:1-18
Wednesday	David Mourns the Death of Saul—2 Samuel 1:1-16 (17-27)	2 Timothy 2:1-26
Thursday	David Reigns over All Israel—2 Samuel 5:1-5 (6-8) 9-10 (11-25)	Titus 1:1-16
Friday	The Ark Is Brought to Jerusalem—2 Samuel 6:1-19	Titus 2:1-10
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday	Titus 2:15-3:3

## **Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace**

### *Collect for the Week of the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity:*

Keep, we implore You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of mankind without You cannot but fail, keep us by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family; living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially Peace Lutheran Academy, our church schools, and seminaries.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

### *In Our Prayers this Week*

*For Don and Bettirae Weber, celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.  
For Jason and Cathy Petersen, celebrating their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
For the safety of those who travel.  
Ann Pagac, mother of Joanne LaSage, undergoing treatment for cancer.  
The family of Naomi Schindhelm who mourn her death.*

### **Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of Week**

**"Beautiful Savior" (St. 1 and 2)**

**657**

### **Look forward to the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**September 24, 2006**

**Hymns: 425, 526, 535, 657**

**1 Kings 17:8-16:** *As the Lord provided for the prophet Elijah during the drought that the Lord Himself had visited upon Israel because of the sins of King Ahab and the people of Israel, so the Lord promises to sustain the faithful remnant of Christians in the midst of all earthly calamities that are visited upon us and every form of persecution and suffering.*

**Galatians 5:25-6:10:** *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." To love our neighbor as ourselves, to cover his sins, to shoulder his burdens, to grieve with him, and to give of ourselves for his welfare is part of our confession of faith in Christ. He bore all our burdens that we might be freed from sin and live in selfless sacrificial love toward others.*

**Matthew 6:24-34:** *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." As our country continues to cope with the terrorist attack against us, the Words of Jesus remind us of the one thing needful: the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Health, property, money, house, and home are wonderful blessings from God that can all become idols when our heart fixes upon them in place of Christ. When God allows tragedy to befall us, He does so chiefly that we might be brought to repentance and return to Him with all our heart. There is only One God and One Savior to whom we all must look to for life and salvation. Apart from Him we have nothing. In Him we have all things.*