

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Reformation

October 29 through November 5, 2006

Catechesis Notes for the Week—The Table of Duties for Youth — "Submission" and "humility" are not terms that any of us naturally gravitate toward. The sinful flesh wants to submit to no one and is filled with arrogance and pride. If the sinful flesh doesn't get its way, it rebels. From where does the will to "submit" and "humble one's self" come? It comes from faith in the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus submitted Himself as a young man, because He trusted in His Father who promised to do good through His submission. He humbled Himself to the point of the death of the cross, because He trusted His Father to do good through His suffering. When youth are admonished to submit to their elders and humble themselves before them, they are really being invited to trust God to do them good in their office as youth, even though they may have to endure things that they don't agree with or enjoy. The way of faith is always the way of deference toward others. This we learn to believe through the faithful reception of the Gospel and Sacrament of our Lord.

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 Just Shall Live by Faith.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Psalm 46 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: *O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out, we implore You, Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Your saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	103	5	42	89:1-18	97	51	104	19
Evening	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 113

The Catechism: The Table of Duties—To Employers and Supervisors; To Youth

<p><i>What does God's Word say to Employers and Supervisors?</i> Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.</p>	<p>Third Grade + Ephesians 6:9</p>
<p><i>What does God's Word say to Youth?</i> Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."</p>	<p>First Grade + 1 Peter 5:5</p>
<p>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.</p>	<p>Second Grade + 1 Peter 5:6</p>

Readings for the Week of the Reformation

Day	First Reading—Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Second Reading
Monday	King Ahab and the Drought—1 Kings 16:29–17:7	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Tuesday	The Prophet Elijah Goes to the Widow of Zarephath—1 Kings 17:8-24	Matthew 19:16-30
Wednesday	Elijah's Message to Ahab—1 Kings 18:1-19	Luke 14:12-15
Thursday	The LORD's Victory on Mount Carmel—1 Kings 18:20-40	Mark 13:1-37
Friday	The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel—1 Kings 18:41–19:9a	Romans 9:1-23
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday	Romans 10:1-21

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

Collect for the Week of the Reformation:

O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out, we implore You, Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Your saving peace; through the same 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

*Larry and Sharon Martin, celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary.
Beth Bender's family who mourn the death of Beth's grandmother, Elvira Finke.
Aaron Hooper, friend of the Goltermanns, who is very ill with cancer.
Tom Kennedy, friend of Angela Gatchell, hospitalized in serious condition after a stroke.
Ann Pagac, mother of Joanne LaSage, undergoing treatment for cancer.*

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

Hymn of Week

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

555 (Stanzas 6-10)

Look forward to the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

November 5, 2006

Hymns: TBA

Isaiah 51:9-16: *The Lord encourages the downtrodden to put their trust in Him alone for their comfort and deliverance. He is the Lord of salvation who has saved His people down through the ages of Biblical history. As He has relieved their suffering in the past, so He will do so now. What do God's people need to fear if their life is lived in repentance and faith in God's promises? "I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens, Lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, 'You are My people.'"*

Colossians 1:9-14: *In Christ we have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's love. The redemption of sinners and the restoration of the fallen creation is in the blood of Christ. Blood carries life and the shedding of blood propitiates the wrath of God and brings forgiveness of sins.*

Matthew 9:18-26: *In the healing of the woman with the flow of blood, Jesus teaches us the power of the earthly sacramental elements. For our deliverance from all the afflictions caused by sin, God communicates Christ's grace and mercy to us through earthly elements. In raising the daughter of Jairus' from the dead, Jesus teaches us that faith in Him relies upon the Word He speaks even though it may run contrary to what we see or experience.*