

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18, 2020 through October 25, 2020*

**Catechesis Notes for the Week— The Virgin-born Son**—The prophet Isaiah foretold the virgin birth of Christ approximately 700 years before He was born. (“The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14) The virgin birth is, by definition, a miraculous event and indicates that the Son born to the virgin is of divine origin and without sin. The prophet confesses this by foretelling that the Christ shall be called by the name “Immanuel” which means, “God with us.” Isaiah expands upon the promise of the “Seed of the Woman” (Genesis 3:15), the first prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ. Isaiah’s prophecy is quoted and interpreted by the angel in Joseph’s dream (Matthew 1:23). It is also the prophetic backdrop of the account of the Annunciation of our Lord (Luke 1:26-38). The Gospel of Luke makes clear that Isaiah’s prophecy came true. The evangelist specifically refers to Mary as a virgin. Mary confesses that she is a virgin who has not known a man. The Angel Gabriel specifically states that her conception and birth will be of divine origin by the Holy Spirit: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.... For with God nothing will be impossible” (Luke 1:35, 37). This passage teaches the two natures of Christ, as the Catechism states: “true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary.” (Excerpt from Lutheran Catechism, Catechist Edition, p. 94a)

## 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.

### Invocation

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

### Apostles’ Creed

#### Verse of the week: Ephesians 2:8-9

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”**

#### Psalm 96 and/or the appointed daily psalms as listed below

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	137, 138	140, 141	144	147	148	1, 2	5	8, 9
Evening	139	142, 143	145	146	149, 150	3	4, 6	7

### The Catechism: The Creed—The Second Article

What is the Second Article of the Creed?

**And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ,  
true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,  
and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,  
is my Lord,  
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,  
purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;  
not with gold or silver,  
but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

First Grade +

That I may be His own  
And live under Him in His kingdom  
And serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,  
Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.  
This is most certainly true.

Second Grade +

**Readings for the week of the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family and Academy</b>	<b>Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299</b>	
Sunday	<b>Render to Caesar What is Caesar's—Matthew 22:15-22</b>	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
Monday	Joshua is Ordained to Take Moses' Place – Numbers 27:12-23	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36
Tuesday	Moses Reminds the People of God's Law – Deut. 1:1a, 3; 5:1-11a, 12, 16-22	Deut. 19:1-20	Matt. 15:1-20
Wednesday	Moses Warns the People Against Rebelling – Deut. 5:32-6:25	Deut. 20:1-20	Matt. 15:21-39
Thursday	The Lord Will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses – Deut. 18:9-22	Deut. 21:1-23	Matt. 16:1-12
Friday	Moses Dies on Mount Nebo – Deut. 32:48-52; 34:1-12	Deut. 24:10-25:10	Matt. 16:13-28
Saturday	Catch Up on Readings or Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings	Deut. 25:17-26:19	Matt. 17:1-13

**Prayers: Collect for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Victory in Christ**

**Collect for the week of the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:**

**O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work, for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray 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 raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacraments of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

**In our Prayers at Victory in Christ this Week**

**Healing**

*Diane Goains, Craig Teague, Richard Schroeder, Rev. Barry Schwiesow, Jack Teague, Jacob Brewer, Orrion McJimsey, Debbie Drovwall, Joe Schober, Gordon Munson, Jenny Jones, Eugene Kroeger*

**Strength**

**Our Shut-ins**

**Employment**

**Peace and Comfort**

*The Rice Family*

**Expectant Mothers**

*Mallory Crutcher, Katherine Grisham*

**Military and Over Seas**

*Kyle Rohloff*

**College Students**

*Gabrielle Funke, Hailey Richardson, Alina Riebel, Jared Rohloff, Logan Rohloff, Ben Schielke, Esther Schielke, Jacob Schielke, Gina Visingardi*

**Seminarian**

*John Schober*

**Blessings**

**Mission / Ministries**

*Our Academy and the missions we support*

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

**Hymn of Week**

**"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"**

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