

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of The Third Sunday after Trinity  
June 21, 2026 through June 27, 2026

**Notes on the Weekday Readings—Monday:** *With a word Jesus changes the leper from an outcast to a restored member of Israel to bear witness that He is the source of life and healing. He cures the leprosy, a disease of the flesh, to point forward to the resurrection of all flesh which He would win through His own resurrection from the dead. Here Jesus makes clear that His will is to bring merciful healing to bodies under the curse of sin, death, and the devil.* **Tuesday:** *Matthew's Gospel stresses that Jesus is the Savior for all sinners from all nations. Here we see the nations coming to Jesus as the centurion comes and calls Him Lord. All the centurion needed was the Word of God from Jesus' lips. Faith lives on this Word that created the heavens and the earth. Like every faithful heart, the centurion confessed that he was an unworthy sinner, yet lived upon the gracious word of Christ's forgiveness. So also in the Church, though we confess we are unworthy in ourselves, we trust in His gracious Word.* **Wednesday:** *Jesus touches Peter's mother-in-law to show that He has come to take away the curse of sin. By citing Isaiah 53, Matthew tells us that Jesus is taking the iniquity of us all upon Himself.* **Thursday:** *This event illustrates the reality of Jesus and His Church. As Jonah was asleep in the boat and then cast into the sleep of death to still the storm, so Jesus would be cast into the rage of sin, swallowed up by the grace, and rise to take His place as captain of the boat of the Church. We are brought into the ship of the Church through Baptism, which unites us to Christ's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.* **Friday:** *Jesus first teaches about Baptism through the stilling of the storm, then He teaches about the daily drowning of the Old Man in Baptism. See how the men live among the tombs, which is not really living. Is this not the way of the children of Adam as they live amidst death? The children of Adam are owned by Satan, but Christ has come to redeem us, that is, to purchase us with the blood. There the demons are cast out of us, drowned, and die. Jesus did not save those who earned His favor, rather, He saved them out of His gracious love. So also He saves us by grace alone from this valley of death.*

## The Order of Meditation and Prayer

*Pray out loud as much as you are able, and as your family size and ages dictate.*

**Theme of the Week: The Repentance Wrought by the Spirit**

### Invocation

#### Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.	You shall not steal.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
Honor your father and your mother.	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or
You shall not murder.	maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your
You shall not commit adultery.	neighbor.

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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.

**Verse:** "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

**Psalm of the Week:** 103:1–13

## Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Luke 15:1 – 32 <i>The Parables of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son</i>	2 Chronicles 1 – 3
Monday	Matthew 8:1 – 4 <i>Jesus Cleanses a Leper</i>	2 Chronicles 4 – 6
Tuesday	Matthew 8:5 – 13 <i>Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant</i>	2 Chronicles 7 – 9
Wednesday	Matthew 8:14 – 22 <i>Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law</i>	2 Chronicles 10 – 12
Thursday	Matthew 8:23 – 27 <i>Jesus Stills the Storm</i>	2 Chronicles 13 – 15
Friday	Matthew 8:28 – 34 <i>Two Demon-Possessed Men are Healed</i>	2 Chronicles 16 – 18
Saturday	Tomorrow's readings (see bottom of this page)	2 Chronicles 19 – 21

### ***The Catechism – The Lord's Prayer: The Sixth Petition***

*What is the Sixth Petition? What does this mean?* God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

### ***Prayers***

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

*The Church:* Our congregation, Pastor Andrew Gerike, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, President Matthew Harrison, The Nebraska District and President Richard Snow, our seminaries, our work with churches in Argentina, Benin, Australia and New Zealand, persecuted Christians in North Korea; *The World:* Our Nation, President, Governor, Mayor, all public servants, and the armed forces, peace in the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Missions:* Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Fedewitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Our homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Norma Kelly, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Shayla Gerike, Jill Raak, Amanda Warner; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Jean Young, Hayes Gonzalez, Nancy Goesch, Jeremy Long, Milo Peters, Jim Bygrave, Tim Lonergan, thanksgiving for God's gift of fatherhood

Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### ***Lord's Prayer***

#### ***Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism***

*Morning:* I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Evening:* I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

***Hymn of the Month:*** 609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

***Looking forward to The Fourth Sunday after Trinity***

Genesis 50:15 – 21    Romans 12:14 – 21    Luke 6:36 – 42

Hymns: 613, 696, "How Holy Is This Dwelling Place," 719, 851, 704, 609, 632