

*For the week of the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16th, through October 23rd, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “The Ministry of Reconciliation” I had a professor at the sem insist God doesn't do conflict resolution. Conflict resolution seeks to resolve a conflict, and when Adam and Eve sinned, it caused a major conflict in their relationship to Him. He could have resolved that conflict real fast. Instead He chose the much slower, harder process of reconciliation. Reconciliation isn't concerned with the *solution* to the conflict as it is the relationship of those involved. Conflict is a symptom that there is something wrong in a relationship. Healthy relationships move past conflict all the time without much help. It can be messy and requires work, but when the relationship is strong it happens. Without a relationship, however, it's impossible...at least with man. Our sin destroyed our relationship with God. We turn our back on God and tell Him we don't want a relationship with Him. But in the second article of the Creed we learn of God's steadfast love for us. Despite our rejection, He sent His own Son to take away our sin. With that barrier gone His Spirit then turns our hearts and minds with the promises of His Word to be reconciled to Him. Christ's ministry is the reconciliation of God and man. He works this ministry within Himself, and when we are reconciled to the Father through Him He invites us to participate in this ministry to reconcile others to Him and be reconciled with one another.

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 Second Article

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Psalm 121 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

To You, O God, who has hitherto been our Father and our Patron, do we lift up our eyes, knowing that from You alone can come our help and our salvation. Grant us a living trust in Your mercy and truth that hearts do not fear when we must pass through the fire of trials or must wade through the waters of affliction, but always maintain a cheerful trust in Your help, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	1, 2	5, 6	8	10	13, 14, 15	18	20, 21	23, 24
Evening	3, 4	7	9	11, 12	16, 17	19	22	25

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	
Monday	The Flood—The Wickedness of Man and God’s Judgement—Genesis 6:5-22	1 Corinthians 15:12-34
Tuesday	The Flood—Rain Falls For Forty Days and Forty Nights—Genesis 7:1-24 St. Luke, Evangelist	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
Wednesday	A Loving Law, The Ten Commandments—Exodus 20:1-21	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
Thursday	The Flood—The Lord Remembers Noah—Genesis 8:1-22	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Friday	The Flood—The Promise of the Rainbow—Genesis 9:1-17 (18-29)	2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Saturday	Genesis 4:1-15	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The Catechism: The Creed — The Second Article

*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.*

Preschool+

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+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer on the Second Article:

Lord Jesus, Christ, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, I give you thanks that You have become my Brother Give me the confidence and boldness to confess You as my Lord and so live and die within Your loving care; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of the Week

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacrament.*
- Monday: 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: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday: 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: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday: 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: 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 this Week

Our Congregation: *Brian & Erica Livingston, Bradley, Emily, Ethan; Rob & Karen Low; Brian & Jessica Luft, Camden, Emersyn; Gregory & Diane Mailen; Russ & Dana McCullough, Carter; Rick & Linda Meier; Shirley Meloche; Natalie & Eric Melton; Abigail, Lily, Caleb Meyer; Raymond Meyer; Ryan & Sandee Meyer.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Bill Miller*

Wedding Anniversaries:

The Sick: *Thresa Scarberry; Dorothy Rodgers*

Friends of our Congregation: *Jane Gorton, Russell Niehoff, John Bohling*

Our Circuit:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Garnett

Zion Lutheran Church, Vassar; Rev. Joshua Woelmer

Our District Staff and President, *Rev. Justin Panzer.*

Rev. Dan Galchutt, Missions and Stewardship; Jackie Schefer, Communications Specialist

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *City of Pomona and Williamsburg, USD 287*

Our State and Governor, *Laura Kelly*

Our Nation and President, *Joseph Biden*

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

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.

—or—

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.

Hymn of the Week

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

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| <p>1 Lord, enthroned in heav’nly splendor,
First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender,
Lifting up Your people’s head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!</p> <p>2 Though the lowliest form now veil You
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You,
Branch and flow’r of Jesse’s stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
We in worship join with them;
We in worship join with them.</p> | <p>3 Paschal Lamb, Your off’ring, finished
Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall forevermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain;
Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain.</p> <p>4 Life-imparting heav’nly manna,
Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav’n and earth with loud hosanna
Worship You, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Ris’n, ascended, glorified!
Ris’n, ascended, glorified!</p> |
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Looking Forward to “The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost”

October 23, 2022

Service Hymns: 570, 560, 611, 971

Readings: Genesis 4:1-15 | Psalm 5 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 | Luke 18:9-17

Jesus tells a parable “to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous” (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “down to his house justified, rather than the other” (Luke 18:14). So do little children, “even infants,” come to Jesus with their need, and they “receive the kingdom of God” through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For “the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” but “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled” (Luke 18:14). That is why “the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, “poured out as a drink offering,” was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “the message might be fully proclaimed” (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “have loved his appearing” and as repentant sinners pray to “the Lord, the righteous judge” by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

