

*For the week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2nd, through October 9th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “Divine Design” In the Small Catechism we confess that God “has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses.” Yet many people struggle seeing or understanding this divine design within themselves. Whether it’s about body image or neurodivergence, people are afflicted with negative views about themselves. The world provides many solutions to this problem, but here’s the truth: God crafted and created your body and gave it as a gift. And then He spilled His own blood for the sake of that body to redeem it from death and hell. Your body has immeasurable worth, divinely designed and redeemed. And now, on account of Christ, your body is destined for eternal glory. That is how much your body matters to God. He made you who you are. He gave you the body you have. And He will keep that body for eternal life. It may appear plain, or even lacking. Even so, it doesn’t matter; it is destined for eternal glory. So honor and care for the gift that God has given you in your body. He designed it Himself!

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 First Article

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Psalm 33:6

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Psalm 62 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

O Lord, You alone are Almighty. None can compare. Besides You there is no other. Yet You freely give Yourself to us in love. You became our rock and our salvation, our mighty fortress. Help us to trust You above all things that we may not be shaken. Let all other fear and love of be put away from our hearts so that You alone be our God. For our hope in You will not be disappointed. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	116, 117	119:1–24	119:49–72	119:89–112	119:137–152	120, 121	124, 125	129, 130, 131
Evening	118	119:25–48	119:73–88	119:113–136	119:153–176	122, 123	126, 127, 128	132, 133

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Luke 17:1-10	
Monday	Creation—The First Four Days—Genesis 1:1-19	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Tuesday	Creation—Days Five and Six—Genesis 1:20-31	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
Wednesday	Firey Directions, Moses—Exodus 2:23-3:22	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
Thursday	Creation—The Day of Rest—Genesis 2:1-7	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16
Friday	Creation—Man and the Garden of Eden—Genesis 2:8-25	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Saturday	Ruth 1:1-19a	2 Timothy 2:1-13

The Catechism: The Creed — The First Article

<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.</i>	Preschool+
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I Have.</p>	First Grade+
<p>He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.</p>	Second Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer on the First Article:

Almighty Father, maker of heaven and earth: I praise You for having fashioned me in love and set me within this world, which You have also created. For all that You have given me in body and soul and for the wondrous ways in which You take care of me, I give You thanks. Keep me mindful of Your bountiful gifts, ever looking to You for all good things in this earthly life, and teach me to receive them as You child and heir; through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

Collect of the Week

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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: *Keith & Barb Janssen; Brian & Wendi Janssen; Mark & Deb Jenkins; Jim & Joyce Johns; Brian & Abby Johnson, Kali, Kelsey; Conner Johnston, Corey Johnston; Mike & Glenda Johnston; Dennis Kelley, Ava, Bo; Justine Kennington; Wesley Kennington; Doris King*

Baptismal Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries: *Eric & Michele Sherpy; Wayde & Lisa Shea.*

The Sick: *Ellen Cromwell; Max Herrick; Ruth Trickett; Marty & Jan Burik; Allison Watkins*

Friends of our Congregation: *Ellen Berry.*

Our Circuit:

St. John Lutheran Church, Aliceville; Rev. Timothy Booth

Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington; Rev. Don Haselhuhn

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

Tami Lierz, Administrative Assistant; Jeffrey Maltz, LCEF

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *USD 290; Life Care Center; Hope House*

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

"The God of Abraham Be Praise"

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| <p>1 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.</p> <p>3 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days
In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend;
He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end
Through Jesus' blood.</p> <p>△ 9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!</p> | <p>5 Though nature's strength decay,
And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way
At His command.
The wat'ry deep I pass,
With Jesus in my view,
And through the howling wilderness
My way pursue.</p> <p>7 There dwells the Lord our king,
The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light
Forever reigns.</p> |
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Looking Forward to "The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost"

October 9, 2022

Service Hymns: 713, 660, 662

Readings: Ruth 1:1-19a | Psalm 111 | 2 Timothy 2:1-13 | Luke 17:1-10

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "Go and show yourselves to the priests," for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "find rest, each of you in the house of her husband" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "visited his people and given them food" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "the word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you "may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

