

*For the week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9th, through October 16th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “Through Him All Things Were Made” In the beginning was the Word, an God said, “Let there be light.” How often have you contemplated the creation of the world? Now, I don’t mean what people’s theories are on how the world was made, but what God Himself reveals about how the earth was created. Those who are eager to deny God present a slew of alternatives to the simple phrase, “and God said,” yet it is only these very words that ring true. That is because God’s Word is true. In fact, we must doubt all of God’s Word if we doubt those three words, “and God said.” That is because the act of Creation isn’t separate and distinct from the act of Redemption. It is in fact the very same Word that both created and recreates. It is the Word of God spoken to create the World that comes as the Word Incarnate in the Babe of Bethlehem. Sure, we can get into the apologetics and there are many arguments that we can put forward that support that God created everything in six days, and that on the sixth day He created fully formed adult male and female humans. But, those are only arguments of support. If we are to have faith, we must receive and believe those words, “and God said.” After all, it’s the very doubting of God’s Word that lead Adam and Eve into the fall. Thanks be to God His Word doesn’t only create, but redeems and recreates. For it is Christ Himself that created and redeemed you. Amen.

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: John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Psalm 111 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Praise belongs to You, our God, because You have fulfilled Your promises to Your people Israel in the incarnation of Your Son, and sent the light of Your truth to our fathers when they were walking in ignorance of You. Grant us steadfastly to trust Your covenant of grace that we may live therein. Make Your works of mercy and truth known to our children, that they may praise Your name in generations to come. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	129, 130, 131	134, 135	137, 138	140, 141	144	146	148	1, 2
Evening	132, 133	136	139	142, 143	145	147	149, 150	3, 4

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	
Monday	The Fall of Man into Sin — Genesis 3:1-8	1 Corinthians 12:1-13
Tuesday	The First Promise of Salvation — Genesis 3:1-8	1 Corinthians 12:14-31
Wednesday	The Egypt Exit, Exodus—Exodus 14	1 Corinthians 13:1-14:5
Thursday	The Curse of the Fall	1 Corinthians 14:6-25
Friday	Cain Murders Abel and the Birth of Seth—Genesis 4:1-18 (19-24) 25-26	1 Corinthians 14:26-5:11
Saturday	Genesis 32:22-30	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.</p> <p>All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.</p> <p>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

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: *Yvonne Knight; Barbara Kohlmeyer; Megan & Blake Kutzke, Grover, Sawyer; Doug & Nancy Lasseter; Kirk & Jennifer Lauritsen; Kevin & Brandi Leadbetter; Darin & Dawn Leadbetter; Hannah Leadbetter; Nancy Leadbetter; Nathan & Jessica Lee, Madison, Payton; Rick & Grace Lines*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Connie Breidenbach; Megan Davis; Hunter Dewey; Dakota Bryan; Jori Graf*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Rick & Linda Meier; Brian & Erica Livingston*

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

Friends of our Congregation: *Ellen Berry.*

Our Circuit:

Faith Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Adam Reichart

Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Eddie Hosch

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

Jim Bradshaw, Education and Youth; Janet Powell, Communications Specialist

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *City of Wellsville, USD 289*

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

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

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| <p>1 In peace and joy I now depart
Since God so wills it.
Serene and confident my heart;
Stillness fills it.
For the Lord has promised me
That death is but a slumber.</p> <p>2 Christ Jesus brought this gift to me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom You have made my eyes to see
By Your favor.
Now I know He is my life,
My friend when I am dying.</p> | <p>3 You sent the people of the earth
Their great salvation;
Your invitation summons forth
Ev'ry nation
By Your holy, precious Word,
In ev'ry place resounding.</p> <p>4 Christ is the hope and saving light
Of those in blindness;
He guides and comforts those in night
By His kindness.
For Your people Israel
In Him find joy and glory.</p> |
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Looking Forward to "The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost"

October 16, 2022

Service Hymns: 713, 660, 662

Readings: Genesis 32:22-30 | Psalm 121 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | Luke 18:1-8

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'" (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

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