

For the week of the *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*
November 6th, through November 13th, 2022

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “The End of Faith” The Apostles’ Creed speaks concerning our ultimate hope! The hope of the Christian faith isn’t to go to heaven when we die. The ultimate hope is the promise of Christ that we rise again with Him on the Last Day to spend eternity in the new heavens and the new earth. Scripture teaches us that when Christ returns He will raise all the dead. For those who believed in Him our souls will be united with our resurrected and glorified bodies. Those who rejected him will be resurrected as well, but separated from Christ in eternal death. Those who belong to Christ will receive the renewed earth as their inheritance. We will rule with Christ over creation as we were originally given to do. This new creation will be very familiar and entirely other. There will be no sin or corruption, no pain or suffering, no death. We will not have to eat by the sweat of our brow. God Himself will be with us in a way we’ve never experienced before. We can’t even begin to imagine what it will be like.

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 Third Article

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Ephesians 2:1

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

Psalm 149 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Praise, honor, and thanksgiving to You, O Christ, King of glory, because by suffering and death and the shedding of Your blood You redeemed us from the kingdom of darkness, and made us partakers of Your victory over Satan, sin, and death. Grant us a cheerful faith to sing of Your grace with heart and soul and to make known Your salvation among men. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	62, 63	66	68	71	73	75, 76	78	80
Evening	64, 65	67, 70	69	72	74	77	79	81

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Mathew 5:1-12 All Saints' Day	
Monday	Sodom and Gomorrah Are Destroyed—Genesis 19:1 (2-11) 12-29	John 1:1-18
Tuesday	Abraham and Abimelech—Genesis 20:1-18	John 1:19-34
Wednesday	A Prophet Serves, Samuel—1 Samuel 3	John 1:35-51
Thursday	Issac is Born and Ishmael Is Cast Out—Genesis 21:1-21	John 2:1-25
Friday	The Sacrifice of Isaac—Abraham's Faith Is Revealed—Genesis 22:1-19	John 3:1-21
Saturday	Malachi 4:1-6	2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

The Catechism: The Creed — The Third Article

***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.***

Preschool+

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

First Grade+

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins
And the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead,
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

Second Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer on the Third Article:

Holy Father, by Your Spirit You brought me to faith in Your Son and made me a member of His Body, the Church. I thank You that You daily and richly forgive my many sins, giving me comfort and peace in this life and a certain hope for the life to come. Give me joy in the promise You made to me in Baptism and a ready heart to hear and keep Your word; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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: *Thresa Scarberry; John & Sharon Schultze; Nancy Shaver; Callie Shea; Connor Shea; Wayde & Lisa Shea; Michele Sherpy, Ella, Ava; Kris Shirley, Breanna; Wilford & Trean Sinclair; Randall & Pat Skiles.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Joseph Rogers, Joan James.*

Wedding Anniversaries:

The Sick:

Friends of our Congregation:

Our Circuit:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Garnett

Zion Lutheran Church, Vassar; Rev. Joshua Woelmer

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

Jim Bradshaw, Education and Youth; Janet Powell, Administrative Assistant

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.

1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood
Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.

2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,
A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife
To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

3 O blessèd saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord,
Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice;
Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

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Looking Forward to "Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost"

November 13, 2022

Service Hymns: 508, 511, 513, 941

Readings: Malachi 4:1-6 | 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13 | Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

