

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity (October 20th – October 26th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME: 1st Article of the Creed (Creator)

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 1st Article of the Creed (Creator)

This week, our catechetical focus shifts from the Ten Commandments to the Apostles' Creed. In the First Article of the Creed, we consider God's great work of creation. Here, we confess, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." The biblical teaching of creation places us at the beginning of all history. As the Scriptures reveal it, humanity is formed in the image of the Triune God, who instituted marriage, and who gave the gift of life for our future. But He did not only create humanity. He created all that exists, in heaven and on earth. He established what is seen and unseen. This is not only the clear teaching of the Scriptures. It is the faithful confession of the Church that confesses the one true faith. God bless your time in His Word!

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments

The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: The First Article of the Creed

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

What does this mean?

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. 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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	John 4:46-54	—	Psalm 63
Monday	Creation Genesis 1:1-2:3	Laban's Covenant with Jacob Genesis 31:43-55	Psalm 64
Tuesday	Creation of Man & Woman	Esau Comes to Meet Jacob	Psalm 65

	Genesis 2:4-25	Genesis 32:1-21	
Wednesday	The Work of Your Fingers Psalm 8	St. James of Jerusalem (Brother of Jesus and Martyr) Acts 15:12-22a	Psalm 66
Thursday	Where were you? Job 38	Jacob Wrestles with God Genesis 32:22-32	Psalm 67
Friday	The Father of our Lord Jesus Ephesians 3:14-15	Jacob and Esau Meet Genesis 33:1-11	Psalm 68
Saturday	Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28	Psalm 69

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon - Fri:** For each day's reading discuss the following questions: 1) What work does the reading reveal God performing? 2) What is the benefit of this work? 3) For whom is the work performed? 4) How does this reading relate to the First Article of the Creed? 5) What false ideas does this passage confront? 6) What important truths does this passage help us to retain, to believe, and to teach? 7) What does the passage teach regarding the character of God? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. (Psalm 33:6)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those On Hospice Care:** Melba Nolte, Marilyn Tate (Randy Tate's Mother). **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Caroline Tate, Ethan Brinkmann, Marilyn Edwards, Hudson Hanke, Kim Childress (David Childress' Sister), Dawna Wander (Friend of Dave Childress). **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments/Testing:** Eli Kuper, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Alexis Tehandon (Granddaughter of Debra Wells). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann. **Baptismal Birthday:** Aftyn Hanks (10/21), Carolyn Freund (10/22), Ron Michael, Karen Yardley, Kaitlynn Hull, Braiden Yardley (10/26). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Tristan & Valerie Nolte (10/20), Steve & Karen Maschhoff (10/22), Alan & Heather Kleiboeker (10/23), Paul & Judy Kleiboeker (10/25), Eric & Kathy Hanke (10/26).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism
Hymn of the Month: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (708)