

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity (November 3rd – November 9th)*

**CATECHETICAL THEME:
*2nd Article of the Creed (Incarnation)***

This Week’s Catechetical Theme: 2nd Article of the Creed (Incarnation)
This week we want to focus our attention on the mystery of our Lord’s incarnation. The portion of the Small Catechism for us to consider is the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, in which we confess the miracle of Jesus’ conception, birth and life. That the eternal Son of God would humble himself by taking on flesh to dwell among a sinful humanity is a mystery that we shall ponder; for in that mystery is the very Gospel of salvation. The Son of God is Jesus, the child born of Mary, who is our Savior! 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: 2nd Article of the Creed (Incarnation)

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Plate, 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.

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, 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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	_____	Psalm 77
Monday	The Birth of Jesus Foretold	Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father	Psalm 78

	Luke 1:26-38	Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29	
Tuesday	The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-21	Joseph's Dreams and His Brothers Sell Him into Slavery Genesis 37:1-36	Psalms 79
Wednesday	The Birth of Jesus Matthew 1:18-25	Judah and Tamar Genesis 38:1-30	Psalms 80
Thursday	The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-14	Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt Genesis 39:1-23	Psalms 81
Friday	The fullness of God Colossians 1:19-20; 2:8-10	Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison Genesis 40:1-23	Psalms 82
Saturday	Isaiah 51:9-16	Colossians 1:9-14	Psalms 83

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon **Mon- Fri:** For each day's reading, answer the following questions: What aspects of the divine and/or human nature of Jesus are revealed in the reading? Why are these important aspects for Jesus to possess? What in this passage is Good News for humanity? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

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. (John 1:14)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Our Country:** During this Election Season. **For Those Who Mourn:** The Family of Marilyn Tate (Randy Tate's Mother). **For Those newly Married:** Josh & Anna Winters. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Caroline Tate, Marilyn Edwards, Hudson Hanke, Kim Childress (David Childress' Sister), Dawna Wander (Friend of Dave Childress). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Elbert Brink, Sharon Hanke. **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 Birthdays:** Tim Hanke (11/3), Sharon Hanke (11/4), Hunter Childress (11/5), Kenzie Terry (11/6), Elbert Brink, Jeff Schatz (11/7). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Thomas & Janette Albers, Mike & Kim Eggermann (11/7).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catech