

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity
 October 27th through November 2nd, 2024

Catechesis Notes for the Week—The Second Article of the Creed—Redemption is the theme of the Second Article. It is a word that indicates that we have been “purchased and won” by Christ from Satan who had been our lord and taskmaster. Satan held sinful man and each one of us in his clutches. His power over us was the Law through sin. Because of our sinful rebellion he was able to lay claim to us and hold us under the Law’s condemnation. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, the condemnation of hell, and the power of Satan, by becoming a curse for us under the Law and pouring out His life-blood into death for us. This is how He, as the Seed of the Woman, would “bruise” or “crush” the devil’s headship and authority over man. Now we have freedom from Satan’s tyranny through faith in Christ.

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 use as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We Forgive Those Who Trespass.

Invocation

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



Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Isaiah 53:5

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
 The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Psalm 116:12-19 (antiphon: v.13)—Pray the Psalm Daily

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty God, since You have granted us the favor to call on You with one accord and have promised that where two or three are gathered together in Your name You are in the midst of them, fulfill now the prayers of Your servants, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Catechism: The Creed—The Second Article

What is the Second Article of the Creed?

And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...

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.

Preschool +

First Grade +

Second Grade +

Prayer on the Second Article Lord God, heavenly Father, in the Second Article of the Creed You teach us that Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the greatest gift of Your love for us. He is truly God, begotten of You from eternity, and He is truly man, born of the Virgin Mary. He has become our Lord and Savior by redeeming us from all sins, death, and from the power of the devil with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. We no longer belong to the devil. Sin and death have no power over us. Jesus did all this that we might be His own, and that we might live under Him in His kingdom in the protection and safety of His everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness for all eternity. For all that Jesus has done for us we give you thanks and praise. Forgive us for trusting in any work of our own for salvation. Forgive us for doubting your love and the precious gift of forgiveness we have in Jesus. Grant us, through the grace of Your only-begotten Son, to believe with absolute confidence that our sins are forgiven and that we stand righteous before You for Jesus' sake because He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the week of the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Day	First Reading	Second Reading
Monday	St Simon and St Jude, Apostles —John 15:12-21	1 Peter 1:3-9
Tuesday	Elijah's Message to Ahab—1 Kings 18:1-19	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Wednesday	The LORD'S Victory on Mount Carmel—1 Kings 18:20-40	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Thursday	Reformation —John 8:31-36	Romans 3:19-28
Friday	The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel—1 Kings 18:41-19:9a	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Saturday	Sunday's First Reading and Epistle—Revelation 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3

Prayers: Collects for the Week; Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for the Week of the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for St. Simon and St. Jude—Apostles: (Monday)

Almighty God, You chose Your servants Simon and Jude to be numbered among the glorious company of the apostles. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Collect for The Festival of the Reformation (Thursday):

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Collect for All Saints Day (Friday):

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. Amen

In Our Prayers this Week (See Bulletin)

Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come" (St. 6-10)

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Looking forward to All Saints' Day (observed)

November 3rd 2024

Hymns: (Matins 656) 678, 677, 636, 521, 602, 637, 774, 699, 794

Revelation 7:2-17: *The company of the baptized gather around the throne of the Lamb who has taken all tears and sorrow away.*

1 John 3:1-3: *The Apostle John points us forward to the hope of the resurrection when we will be like Christ Jesus in His glory.*

Matthew 5:1-12: *The One greater than Moses calls His disciples out of the multitudes and opens His mouth to give them the Word of God by which they are made alive. Jesus preaches about the reality of Baptism in which we are joined to Christ so that what is true of Him is now true of us. Truly, the eight Beatitudes describe Christ, but the plural is used because God the Father now declares this about all who are baptized into the name of the Blessed Trinity. Eight represents those of the new creation who possess the kingdom of heaven just as the eight were spared from the Flood in the ark. Each Beatitude looks back to events from the history of Israel, but also anticipates other parts of Matthew's Gospel. The life of the baptized is to be that of sorrow and joy, persecution and reward, death and resurrection. So closely are we joined to Christ in Baptism that these things of His experience become ours also. This is to be immediately understood of the work of the apostles themselves as they preach the content of the Beatitudes, that is, Christ. If they preach the Beatitudes as Law, the world will readily accept their preaching for the world sees these as admirable guides for behavior. It is only when they dare to proclaim the Gospel of the meek and merciful Peacemaker that they will be rejected and persecuted.*