

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Festival of All Saints (observed)
 November 3rd through November 9th, 2024

Catechesis Notes for the Week—The Third Article of the Creed—“Neither you nor I could ever know anything of Christ, or believe in him and take him as our Lord, unless these were first offered to us and bestowed on our hearts through the preaching of the Gospel by the Holy Spirit. The work is finished and completed; Christ has acquired and won the treasure for us by his sufferings, death, and resurrection, etc. But if the work had remained hidden and no one knew of it, it would have been all in vain, all lost. In order that this treasure might not be buried but put to use and enjoyed, God has caused the Word to be published and proclaimed, in which he has given the Holy Spirit to offer and apply to us this treasure of salvation. Therefore to sanctify is nothing else than to bring us to the Lord Christ to receive this blessing, which we could not obtain by ourselves... Further we believe that in this Christian church we have the forgiveness of sins, which is granted through the holy sacraments and absolution as well as through all the comforting words of the entire Gospel. Toward forgiveness is directed everything that is to be preached concerning the sacraments and, in short, the entire Gospel and all the duties of Christianity. Forgiveness is needed constantly, for although God's grace has been won by Christ, and holiness has been wrought by the Holy Spirit through God's Word in the unity of the Christian church, yet because we are encumbered with our flesh we are never without sin.”—*The Large Catechism, Third Article*

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: Life Comes by the Word of the Lord.

Invocation

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

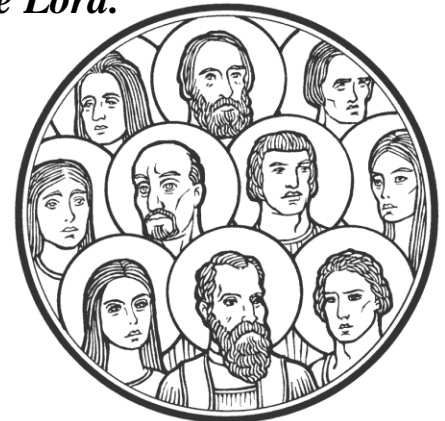
Apostles' Creed

Verse: Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Psalm 149 (antiphon: v.4)—Pray the Psalm Daily

Prayer on the Psalm: *Lord God, merciful Father, we praise and magnify Your holy name for You have called us through the Gospel of Your Son to be Your holy nation and have bestowed upon us the gifts of Your grace. Teach us ever to sing Your praises, to rejoice in Your salvation even in suffering, and to faithfully confess the name of our Savior to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*



The Catechism: The Creed—The Third Article

What is the Third Article of the Creed?

**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.

First Grade +

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.

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.

Second Grade +

This is most certainly true.

Prayer on the Third Article: *O Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son to give life and salvation to the world, and who, together with the Father and the Son, we worship and glorify as the only true God, receive our thanks and praise for proclaiming Christ to us through the preaching of the Gospel and gifts of the holy sacraments. Faith in Jesus Christ our Savior, hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, and love for God and our enemies are all Your creations and gifts to us through the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Preserve the holy Christian Church among us through the faithful preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Bless the communion of saints that every baptized Christian, sharing in Christ's love through the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name, might abide in Christ and bear witness to His love in all that we do and say. Give us firm hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, so that we might faithfully endure persecution for Jesus' sake and suffer all, even death itself, rather than fall away from Him who gave His life for us. Hear us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Readings for the week of All Saints

Day	First Reading	Second Reading
Monday	The LORD'S Revelation to Elijah—1 Kings 19:9b-21	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Tuesday	Naboth's Vineyard—1 Kings 21:1-16	1 Corinthians 4:1-13
Wednesday	The LORD Condemns Ahab—1 Kings 21:17-29	1 Cor. 4:14-5:8
Thursday	Elijah Ascends to Heaven—2 Kings 2:1-15	1 Cor. 5:9-6:11
Friday	Elisha Performs Miracles—2 Kings 2:19-25	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Saturday	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Isaiah 51:9-16	Colossians 1:9-14

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

Collect for All Saints Day:

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

Collect for The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity:

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Oh, How Blest Are They Whose Toils Are Ended (st. 1, 4, 5)

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Looking forward to Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

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Hymns: 504, 755, 634, 559, 622, 563, 775, 637, 668

Isaiah 51:9-16: *The Lord encourages the downtrodden to put their trust in Him alone for their comfort and deliverance. He is the Lord of salvation who has saved His people down through the ages of Biblical history. As He has relieved their suffering in the past, so He will do so now. What do God's people need to fear if their life is lived in repentance and faith in God's promises? "I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens, Lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, 'You are My people.'"*

Colossians 1:9-14: *In Christ we have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's love. The redemption of sinners and the restoration of the fallen creation is in the blood of Christ. Blood carries life and the shedding of blood propitiates the wrath of God and brings forgiveness of sins.*

Matthew 9:18-26: *In the healing of the woman with the flow of blood, Jesus teaches us the power of the earthly sacramental elements. For our deliverance from all the afflictions caused by sin, God communicates Christ's grace and mercy to us through earthly elements. In raising the daughter of Jairus' from the dead, Jesus teaches us that faith in Him relies upon the Word He speaks even though it may run contrary to what we see or experience.*