

The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church

Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Beginning July 5, 2020

Theme: “Christ’s Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others.”**

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 12:14-15 (ESV)

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”

Psalm 138

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer – The Fifth Petition**

What is the Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer? And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Preschool +
What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.	Second Grade +

Readings for the Week of the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Day	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 4: “Be merciful...”—Luke 6:36-42	
Monday	Jesus Preaches Repentance and Faith—Matthew 11:20-30	
Tuesday	Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath—Matthew 12:1-8	
Wednesday	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath—Matthew 12:9-21	
Thursday	A House Divided Cannot Stand—Matthew 12:22-32	
Friday	A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit—Matthew 12:33-50	
Saturday	The Parable of the Sower and the Seed—Matthew 13:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Prayers: ***

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer on the Catechism: The Fifth Petition

Heavenly Father, we are not worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them. We ask that You would, by grace, grant us all that we ask for in the Lord’s Prayer. Because you have been merciful and gracious to us, grant that we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us. **Amen.**

Collect in Time of Pestilence

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our wickedness and live. Graciously behold Your people who plead to You and spare us. Withdraw the scourge of Your wrath and be moved in mercy to turn away this pestilence from us; for the sake of 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

For all affected by riots and protests, for justice and peace to prevail in our land, for police and military personnel; for those affected by COVID-19; for healthcare workers and government; for an increase in faith and love among believers during this pandemic; that the unrepentant would confess their sin, believe in Christ for forgiveness, and be united to Christ through baptism in His holy body, the Church. (Consider praying the Litany on pg. 288 of Lutheran Service Book)

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

The Hymn of the Week: "O God, My Faithful God" LSB 696

Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

July 12, 2020

Readings: 1 Kings 19:11–21
 1 Corinthians 1:18–25
 or 1 Peter 3:8–15
 Luke 5:1–11

Theme: "Jesus Makes Fishers of Men"

Lectionary Summary: "The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1–11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11–21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8–15)."*

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*Theme and lectionary summary provided by www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries.

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