

# The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Week of the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Beginning May 17, 2020

**Theme: The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection.\***

## **Invocation**

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**Verse: John 14:2-3 (ESV)**

“[Jesus said], ‘In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.’”

**Psalm 66:8-20**

**The Catechism: The Ten Commandments and the Table of Duties---To Employers and Supervisors, Youth\*\***

<p>What are the Ten Commandments?</p> <p><b>You shall have no other gods.</b></p> <p><b>You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.</b></p> <p><b>Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</b></p> <p><b>Honor your father and your mother.</b></p> <p><b>You shall not murder.</b></p> <p><b>You shall not commit adultery.</b></p> <p><b>You shall not steal.</b></p> <p><b>You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.</b></p> <p><b>You shall not covet your neighbor's house</b></p> <p><b>You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;"><b>or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;"><b>or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</b></p>	Preschool +
<p><i>Table of Duties---To Employers and Supervisors --- What is Ephesians 6:9?</i></p> <p><b>Masters, treat your slaves in the same way.</b></p> <p><b>Do not threaten them,</b></p> <p><b>since you know</b></p> <p><b>that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven,</b></p> <p><b>and there is no favoritism with Him.</b></p>	Third Grade +
<p><i>Table of Duties---To Youth---What is 1 Peter 5:5-6?</i></p> <p><b>Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older.</b></p> <p><b>All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another,</b></p> <p><b>because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”</b></p>	First Grade +
<p><b>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,</b></p> <p><b>that He may lift you up in due time.</b></p>	Second Grade +

**Readings for the Week of the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Day	Reading
Sunday	Easter 6: John 14:15-21
Monday	The Commission to Baptize and Teach All Nations—Mt. 28:16-20
Tuesday	Mark Records the Command to Preach the Gospel—Mark 16:9-20
Wednesday	Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples—Luke 24:44-53
Thursday	<b>Ascension of Our Lord: Acts 1:1-14</b>
Friday	Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas's Office—Acts 1:12-26
Saturday	Easter 7: John 17:1-11

**Prayers:** \*\*\*

*Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Prayer on the Catechism – To Employers and Supervisors:*

Jesus Christ, You have become our master and Lord through Your death and resurrection and by baptizing us in Your name. Grant that all employers and supervisors would care for their employees according to Your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

*Prayer on the Catechism – To Youth:*

Heavenly Father, You oppose the proud but give grace to the humble. Grant that young people may submit to those who are older and that all in Your Church live in humility toward one another, remembering the great humility of your Son, who humbly bore the punishment of the cross for us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 COVID-19, healthcare workers, 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: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"**      **LSB 556, stanzas 1-4**

**Looking forward to Easter 7**

**May 24, 2020**

**Readings:**      Acts 1:12–26  
                        1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11  
                        John 17:1–11

***Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth***

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. “*The hour*” had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father “*that they may be one*” with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together “*with one accord*” into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). “*Devoting themselves to prayer,*” they wait upon the Lord in “*the upper room*” (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they “*may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed*” (1 Peter 4:13).\*

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\*Theme and lectionary summary provided by [www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries](http://www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries).

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