

# The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity - beginning November 8, 2020

**Theme: “Walking humbly with our God and forgiving one another”\***

*(Congregation speaks non-italic boldface text)*

## Invocation

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

**Apostles’ Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, 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. 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.\*\*\***

**Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:3 (ESV): “Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says ‘Jesus is accursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.”**

## Psalm 98

### The Catechism: The Third Article\*\*

<p>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.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.</p> <p>On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.</p>	<p>Second Grade +</p>

### Readings for the Week of Trinity 22

Day	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>Trinity 22—The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant—Matthew 18:21-35</b>	
Monday	<i>Ehud, Israel’s Left-Handed Judge—Judges 3:12-30 (31)</i>	<i>Ephesians 4:1-6</i>
Tuesday	<i>Deborah the Prophetess Judges Israel—Judges 4:1-24</i>	<i>Ephesians 4:7-16</i>
Wednesday	<i>The Angel of the Lord Appears to Gideon—Judges 6:1 (2-5) 6, 11-27</i>	<i>Ephesians 4:17-24</i>
Thursday	<i>The Sign of the Fleece—Judges 6:28-40</i>	<i>Ephesians 4:25-32</i>
Friday	<i>The Lord Gives Victory to Gideon with 300 Men—Judges 7:1-23</i>	<i>Ephesians 5:1-7</i>
Saturday	<i>The Excellence of Wisdom—Proverbs 8:11-22</i>	<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>

**Prayers: Collect for Trinity 22:** 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. **Amen.\*\*\***

*The Third Article:* Holy Spirit, while we, by our own reason or strength could not believe in Jesus Christ, you have called us by the Gospel and enlightened us with Your gifts in Word and Sacrament. By your grace, keep us steadfast in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

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

*Morning Prayer:* **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.\*\***

*Evening Prayer:* **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.\*\***

*The Hymn of the Week: “‘As Surely as I Live,’ God Said” (stanzas 1-4) LSB 614*

### **Looking forward to Trinity 23**

**November 15, 2020**

**Readings:** Proverbs 8:11–22  
Philippians 3:17–21  
Matthew 22:15–22

**Theme: “Render to God the things of God”\***

**Lectionary Summary:** “When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked ‘in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice’ (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom ‘is better than jewels’ and ‘better than gold, even fine gold’ (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our ‘end is destruction’ (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered ‘to God the things that are God’s’ (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true ‘riches and honor are with [Him],’ because ‘enduring wealth and righteousness’ (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which ‘we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.’ He ‘will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself’ (Phil. 3:20-21).”\*

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

\*\*Catechism format for the Commandments adapted from the Lutheran Catechesis Learn-By-Heart Edition of Luther’s Small Catechism (Sussex, WI: Concordia Catechetical Academy, 1998). Translation of Luther’s Small Catechism: *Luther’s Small Catechism* © 1986 Concordia Publishing House. Used with permission. [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).

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