

# The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Cantate

Beginning May 2, 2021

**Theme:** “Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper”\*

(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:** Psalm 110:1 (ESV): “The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”\*\*\*\*

## **Psalm: 116**

### **The Catechism: The Table of Duties---To Parents; To Children\*\***

To Parents --- What is Ephesians 6:4?  <b>Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.</b>	<i>Third Grade +</i>
To Children---What is Ephesians 6:1-3?  <b>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.</b>	<i>First Grade +</i>
“Honor your father and mother” - which is the first commandment with a promise – “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”	<i>Second Grade +</i>

### **Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
Sunday	<b>Easter 5—The Work of the Holy Spirit—John 16:5-15</b>	
Monday	<b>Saul Saves Jabesh Gilead—1 Samuel 11:1-15</b>	<i>Colossians 3:12-17</i>
Tuesday	<b>Samuel's Address at Saul's Coronation—1 Samuel 12:1 (2-13) 14-25</b>	<i>Col. 3:18—4:1</i>
Wednesday	<b>Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice—1 Samuel 13:1-14</b>	<i>Colossians 4:2-18</i>
Thursday	<b>Saul's Wars and His Unfaithfulness—1 Samuel 14:52—15:9</b>	<i>1 John 1:1—2:2</i>
Friday	<b>Saul Is Rejected by the Lord—1 Samuel 15:10-35</b>	<i>1 John 2:3-14</i>
Saturday	<b>The Bronze Serpent—Numbers 21:4-9</b>	<i>1 Timothy 2:1-6</i>

**Prayers:** *Collect for Easter 5:* “O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 Parents and Children:** Heavenly Father, you have made us Your children through Holy Baptism. Grant that all Christian parents would faithfully train and instruct their children according to Your Word. Grant that all children would love, honor, and obey their parents in accord with Your Word. **Amen.**

*In our prayers this week: Nathaniel, Jessica, Eli, Parker, Chace, and Henry Behning; Tina Bodner and Lauren Bodner; David, Michelle, and Bryce Bowman; Kenneth, Bonnie, Kamala, and Katherine Brandewie; Amanda, Justin, and Kyle Branstrator; Matthew Branstrator; Janice Braun and Mattie Braun.*

### **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:** “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”     LSB 633 (stanzas 1 and 2)

### **Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation)**

**May 9, 2021**

**Readings:**     Numbers 21:4–9  
                    1 Timothy 2:1–6  
                        or James 1:22–27  
                    John 16:23–30 (31–33)

**Theme:** “The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus”

**Lectionary Summary:** “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you’ (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1–6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4–9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22–27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.”\*

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\*Themes and lectionary summary provided by [www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries](http://www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries). Last accessed 05/19/2020.

\*\*Catechism format 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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