

The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Beginning August 23, 2020

*Theme: "The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly"**

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Psalm 90:1-2 (ESV)

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

Psalm 89:1-18

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments – The First and Second Commandments

What is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods.	Preschool +
What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.	First Grade +
What is the Second Commandment? You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	Preschool +
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.	Second Grade +

Readings for the Week of the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Day	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 11 - Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14	
Monday	Moses Receives the Law upon Tablets of Stone—Exodus 24:1-18 St. Bartholomew, Apostle —John 1:43-51	Hebrews 1:1-14
Tuesday	The Ark of the Covenant—Exodus 25:1-22	Hebrews 2:1-9
Wednesday	The Priestly Garments—Exodus 28:1-43	Hebrews 2:10-18
Thursday	The Ransom Money—Exodus 30:11-16	Hebrews 3:1-6
Friday	The Sabbath Law—Exodus 31:12-18	Hebrews 3:7-19
Saturday	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist —Mark 6:14-29	2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Prayers: ***

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer on the Catechism:

First Commandment: Heavenly Father, You have made us Your holy people. In this world, we face many temptations. We so easily fear the loss of the things of this world, love them, and trust in them more than you.

Please forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Strengthen our faith so that we fear, love, and trust in You above all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Second Commandment: Dear Father, we give thanks that you are always eager to hear the prayers of your children whom you have called by your name. Protect us from the evil one and all his temptations. Keep us steadfast in the true faith in the midst of all trouble and tribulation; 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

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

The Hymn of the Week: "With the Lord Begin Your Task" LSB 869

Looking forward to the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 30, 2020

Readings: Isaiah 29:17–24
2 Corinthians 3:4–11
or Romans 10:9–17
Mark 7:31–37

Theme: "Faith Comes from Hearing"*

Lectionary Summary: "A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For 'faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ' (Rom. 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing 'Ephphatha' opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, 'In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book' (Is. 29:18–24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise."*

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

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