

The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Week of the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Beginning July 26, 2020

*Theme: "Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely"**

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Romans 6:22-23 (ESV)

"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Psalm 33:1-11

The Catechism: The Second Article**

<p>And [I believe] 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.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.</p>	<p>Second Grade +</p>

Readings for the Week of the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Day	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 7: Feeding of the 4,000—Mark 8:1-9	
Monday	Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me—Matthew 16:24-28	
Tuesday	The Transfiguration—Matthew 17:1-13	
Wednesday	A Boy Is Healed—Matthew 17:14-21	
Thursday	Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection—Matthew 17:22-27	
Friday	Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven—Matthew 18:1-14	
Saturday	If Your Brother Sins—Matthew 18:15-22	Acts 20:27-38

Prayers: ***

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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: The Second Article

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to redeem us lost and condemned sinners that we may be your own. Grant that we may always live under You in Your kingdom and serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. 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

The members of New Hope Lutheran Church, the residents of Ossian, the governor and legislature of the state of Indiana.

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

The Hymn of the Week: "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" LSB 819

Looking forward to the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

August 2, 2020

Readings: Jeremiah 23:16–29
Acts 20:27–38
 or Romans 8:12–17
Matthew 7:15–23

Theme: "Beware of False Prophets"

Lectionary Summary: "'Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves' (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. 'You will recognize them by their fruits' (Matt. 7:20). The 'fruits' of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins..'"*

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