

# The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity - beginning October 11, 2020

*Theme: "In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God."\**

*(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 Timothy 1 :15 (ESV): "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost."**

## ***Psalm 94***

### ***The Catechism: The First Article\*\****

<b>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.</b>	Preschool +
<p>What does this mean?</p> <p><b>I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.</b></p> <p><b>He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.</b></p> <p><b>He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.</b></p> <p><b>He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.</b></p> <p><b>All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, Without any merit or worthiness in me.</b></p> <p><b>For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.</b></p>	Second Grade +

### ***Readings for the Week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity***

<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Bible Narrative</i></b>	<b><i>Second Reading</i></b>
<i>Sunday</i>	<b><i>Trinity 18--Which Is the Greatest Commandment?—Matthew 22:34-46</i></b>	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Sin of Peor—Numbers 25:1-18</i>	<i>Galatians 2:1-10</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Joshua Is Ordained to Take Moses' Place—Numbers 27:12-23</i>	<i>Galatians 2:11-21</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Moses Reminds the People of God's Law—Dt. 1:1a, 3; 5:1-11a, 12, 16-22</i>	<i>Galatians 3:1-9</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Moses Warns the People Against Rebelling—Deuteronomy 5:32—6:25</i>	<i>Galatians 3:10-14</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>The Lord Will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses—Deuteronomy 18:9-22</i>	<i>Galatians 3:15-25</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>The Lord Promises Salvation to Jacob—Genesis 28:10-17</i>	<i>Ephesians 4:22-28</i>

**Prayers:** *Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:* O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.\*\*\***

*The First Article:* Almighty and everlasting God, You daily provide all that we need and defend us from danger. You do all this for the sake of Jesus and not because of any merit or worthiness in us. Grant that we, in response to Your gifts, may always thank, praise, serve and obey You. 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.\*\*\*\***

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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: "In God, My Faithful God" LSB 745**

### **Looking forward to the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**October 18, 2020**

**Readings:** Genesis 28:10–17  
Ephesians 4:22–28  
Matthew 9:1–8

**Theme: "Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing"\***

**Lectionary Summary:** "The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. 'The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. 'For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation' (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, 'This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!' (Gen. 28:17)."\*

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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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