

Congregation at Prayer June 25, 2017

My seminary classmates and I used to joke, “If you ever see me driving a Beemer (or any other fancy car), you’ll know I sold out.” We would say this because of how rich many of the false preachers on TV are. It also reflected the fact that the world tends to react badly towards the Lord’s words, so one isn’t likely going to become rich by preaching God’s word. Jeremiah lived that reality. The false prophets were rich and he, the Lord’s prophet, is landing in jail. [Jer 20:7-13; Romans 6:12-23;

The Order of Meditation and Prayer for Daily Use

(Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible)

Theme for the Week: Not my choice

Invocation (Spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism)
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostle’s Creed

Learn by Heart Verse (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout the day)

Ephesians 2:19–20 (ESV) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?</p> <p>First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.</p>	<p>Kindergarten +</p>
<p>But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?</p> <p>To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.</p> <p>Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.</p>	<p>3rd Grade +</p>

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	The Parable of the Great Supper—Luke 14:15-24
Monday	The Sending Out of the Twelve—Matthew 9:35—10:15
Tuesday	The Promise of Persecution—Matthew 10:16-31
Wednesday	Confessing Christ Before Men—Matthew 10:32—11:1
Thursday	John the Baptist Sends Disciples to Jesus—Matthew 11:2-19
Friday	Jesus Preaches Repentance and Faith—Matthew 11:20-30
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray that God's people would see themselves as "neighborhood missionaries" with Good News to share with their neighbors as they "go in peace to serve the Lord".

Monday: Pray for our national, state and local governmental leaders by name. Pray that they would be men and women of integrity who have the best interests of our nation and their constituents in mind as they serve and make their decisions.

Tuesday: Pray for our music ministry at Our Savior: our children's choirs, our hand bell choir, our adult choir, for those who serve as instrumentalist and vocalists for worship.

Wed: Pray for our ministry to men, to women, to youth. Pray that these ministries help us to grow as His disciples. Help us to spur one another on toward love and service.

Thursday: Pray for our Sunday School, for our adult Bible classes, and for our confirmation process for youth and adults. Pray that we are putting the things we have been learning into practice.

Friday: Pray for our preschool and Kindergarten, its teachers and students, pray that it would thrive.

Saturday: Pray for the people who live in your neighborhood. Pray for opportunities to get to know them better and for opportunities to have faith conversations with them. **Lord's Prayer**

Going with God's Blessing

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Looking Ahead (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)

Old Testament: Jer. 28:5-9

Epistle: Rom 7:1-13

Gospel: Matt 10:34-42