

## Congregation at Prayer July 2, 2017

Beware of the false prophets. They will tickle your ears with good feelings. They will get you excited thinking you have been filled, but in the end it is nothing but vain empty promises. [Jeremiah 28:5–9; Romans 7:1–13; Matthew 10:34–42]

### 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:** Beware

**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) **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.**

**From the Catechism** (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p><b>What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?</b></p> <p>We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.</p>	Kindergarten +
<p><b>Why should we remember and proclaim His death?</b></p> <p>First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.</p>	Third Grade +

### **Daily Bible Readings**

Sunday	Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin—Luke 15:1-10
Monday	Jesus Brings the Sword—Matthew 10:34-42
Tuesday	Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath—Matthew 12:1-8
Wednesday	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath—Matthew 12:9-21
Thursday	A House Divided Cannot Stand—Matthew 12:22-32
Friday	A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit—Matthew 12:33-50
Saturday	Looking Ahead

## **Daily Themes for Prayer:**

Sunday: Pray that the joy of the Resurrection would be seen in us; that the fruits of faith, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, would be evident in us and among us.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of your Baptism; for your calling and daily work; pray for your family members by name. Pray for those you know who are not yet believers in Jesus or who are unchurched that they would come to know and respond to the Savior's love for them.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance in the face of temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those caught in cycle of sinful behavior.

Wed: Pray for marriage and family: that husbands and wives, parents and children live in harmony according to the Word of God; for families devastated by divorce; for parents who must raise children alone.

Thursday: Pray for Christ's Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for the faithful and fruitful use of Word and Sacrament among us.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and the sharing of the Good News of His death and Resurrection in our neighborhoods and throughout the whole world. Pray for the sick and dying. Pray that you would have compassion for them and their families going through difficult days.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end for His people; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's gifts of Word and Sacrament.

## **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)

Zech. 9:9–12

Rom. 7:14–25a

Matt. 11:25–30