

Congregation at Prayer July 16, 2017

Today we look at the incredible power of God's Word to impact lives! As we spend time in God's Word, the Bible, those words will get into our hearts and our lives and they will bear fruit – just as God has promised. [Isa 55:10-13; Rom 8:12:17; Mt 13:1-9, 18-23]

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:

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 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV) For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

What is the Office of the Keys?* The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.	Kindergarten +
Where is this written?* This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)	Third Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	The Fishermen Are Called to Be Fishers of Men—Luke 5:1-11
Monday	The Feeding of the 5,000—Matthew 14:14-21
Tuesday	Jesus Walks on the Water—Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday	Out of Man's Heart Proceed Evil Thoughts—Matthew 15:1-20
Thursday	A Canaanite Woman Trusts Jesus' Word—Matthew 15:21-31
Friday	The Feeding of the 4,000—Matthew 15:32-39
Saturday	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray for those who are prevented from gathering for worship: those who live in areas where persecution is strong; those who do not have a Christian church nearby; those who are homebound; those whose work keeps them away from worship.

Monday: Pray for the salvation and well-being of your neighbors; for our Lutheran schools, colleges, and seminaries; for those who serve as teachers, healthcare workers, police and firefighters; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for your personal life of faith: that you would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, that the fruit of the Spirit would be evident in your life and relationships, that your attitudes, your reactions, and your choices would reflect your faith in Christ.

Wed: Pray for the mission of our congregation: to bring people hope, healing and new life through Jesus Christ. Pray about practical ways for you personally to join Jesus in His mission.

Thursday: Pray for your pastors. Pray for protection for them from the attacks of the enemy. Pray for their influence for Christ in the congregation and in the community. Pray that they are able to finish strong and remain faithful to the end.

Friday: Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Church Charities: for their comfort dog ministry; for their Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT) that deploy when disasters happen here and around the country.

Saturday: Pray for the witness of you and your family to those God brings across your path. Pray for eyes to see the opportunities the Lord gives you to talk to others about Jesus or to serve them in His name.

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)

Is. 44:6–8

Rom. 8:18–27

Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43