

Congregation at Prayer July 23, 2017

Hope is not blind. Hope does not see but that does not mean that it cannot see. Rather it means that we have encouragement because of we can see now and look forward to what has been promised. [Isaiah 44:6–8; Romans 8:18–27; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43]

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: Hope is not blind

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)

Romans 6:6–7 (ESV) We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.	Kindergarten +
Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Rom. 6:4)	Third Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Christ Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:17-26
Monday	The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign—Matthew 16:1-12
Tuesday	The Confession of Peter and His Rebuke—Matthew 16:13-23
Wednesday	Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me—Matthew 16:24-28
Thursday	The Transfiguration—Matthew 17:1-13
Friday	A Boy Is Healed—Matthew 17:14-21
Saturday	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)

Deut. 7:6–9

Rom. 8:28–39

Matt. 13:44–52