

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

August 16th through August 22nd, 2020

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the selection from the catechism and memory verse for the week.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments

The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism (The Table of Duties) with Memory Verse

To Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and your mother” – which is the first commandment with a promise – “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Small Catechism-Table of Duties: Christian children are called to honor and obey their parents under the Fourth Commandment, whether their parents are Christians or not. Obedience and honor are not reserved for parents who always do the right thing or who have “earned” the respect of their children. The Gospel teaches us to honor our parents especially when they do not deserve such honor, because this is what God has done for us in Christ. Jesus was obedient and submissive to His sinful parents, Mary and Joseph, not because they deserved it, but because of the office that they had been given by God and because of God’s command and promise attached to their office. Through His obedience to His parents and every earthly authority instituted among men, Jesus not only won our salvation from all sin, but also provided to us the gift of His grace that enables us to be faithful as His children and “to enjoy long life on the earth.” To “obey your parents in the Lord” underscores that, for Christian children, it is precisely our faith in the Lord Jesus that governs our honor and obedience toward our sinful parents.

Daily Reading

Sun., Aug. 16:	2 Sam. 6:1–19	1 Cor. 9:1–23	Psalm 145
Mon., Aug. 17:	2 Sam. 7:1–17	1 Cor. 9:24–10:22	Psalm 146
Tues., Aug. 18:	2 Sam. 7:18–29	1 Cor. 10:23–11:16	Psalm 147:1–11

Wed., Aug. 19:	2 Sam. 11:1–27	1 Cor. 11:17–34	Psalm 147:12–20
Thurs., Aug. 20:	2 Sam. 12:1–25	1 Cor. 12:1–13	Psalm 149
Fri., Aug. 21:	1 Kings 1:1–35	1 Cor. 12:14–31	Psalm 150
Sat., Aug. 22:	1 Kings 2:1–27	1 Cor. 13:1–13	Psalm 103

O, Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Our Synod:** Matthew (Synod President), Timothy (District President), Aaron (Circuit Visitor). **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those in Need of Healing:** Barb Mueller (recovering from surgery), Jason Brammeier (recovering from surgery), Sylvia Kleiboeker (recovering from surgery), Lucille Stein, Sandy Wehking, Kate Schilling, Randy Zimmermann, Jonathan Siddell, Rodney Tate, Todd Twenhafel (brain tumor) (son-in-law of Roger & Joan Knolhoff), All affected and sick on account of the Coronavirus. **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 20th Connie Schilling, Rev. Jonathan Jennings, Mark Kleiboeker. **Anniversaries:** 16th Carl & Sharon Hanke, Jason & Elisha Brinkmann, 22nd Elbert & Lois Brink. **For Government Officials:** Donald Trump (President), JB Pritzker (Governor), and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. **For Those Who Serve:** Armed Forces, First Responders, Medical Field. **For the World:** That God would deliver us from pestilence, sedition, rebellion, and strife.

Look upon them with eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)