

The Congregation at Prayer

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

August 23rd through August 29th, 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 First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Large Catechism – What does “to have a god” mean, or what is God? Answer: A “god” is the term for that to which we are to look for all good and in which we are to find refuge in all need. Therefore, to have a god is nothing else than to trust and believe in that one with your whole heart. As I have often said, it is the trust and faith of the heart alone that make both God and an idol. If your faith and trust are right, then your God is the true one. Conversely, where your trust is false and wrong, there you do not have the true God. For these two belong together, faith and God. Anything on which your heart relies and depends, I say, that is really your God. The intention of this commandment, therefore, is to require true faith and confidence of the heart, which fly straight to the one true God and cling to him alone. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:4–5)

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14		Psalm 1
Monday	Moses Receives the Upon Tablets of Stone Exodus 24:1-18 St. Bartholomew, Apostle John 1:43-51	Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalm 2
Tuesday	The Ark of the Covenant Exodus 25:1-22	Hebrews 2:1-9	Psalm 3
Wednesday	The Priestly Garments Exodus 28:1-43	Hebrews 2:10-18	Psalm 4
Thursday	The Ransom Money Exodus 30:11-16	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalm 5
Friday	The Sabbath Law Exodus 31:12-18	Hebrews 3:7-19	Psalm 6
Saturday	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist Mark 6:14-29	2 Corinthians 3:4-11	Psalm 7

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. **For Area Schools:** Teachers, Students, and Administration. **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:** 24th Ethan Brinkmann, Brad Maschhoff, Melba Nolte, 26th Verdell Hermsmeyer, Jerry Mines. **For Government Officials:** Donald Trump (President), JB Pritzker (Governor), and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. **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)

Hymn of the Week: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (LSB 607)