

The Congregation at Prayer

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

September 6th through September 12th, 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 Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Large Catechism – Hallowing the day of rest means to keep it holy. What is meant by “keeping it holy”? Nothing else than devoting it to holy words, holy works, and holy living. The day itself does not need to be made holy, for it was created holy. But God wants it to be holy for you. So it becomes holy or unholy on your account, depending on whether you spend it doing something holy or unholy. How does such sanctifying take place? Not when we sit behind the stove and refrain from hard work, or place a garland on our head and dress up in our best clothes, but, as has been said, when we make use of God’s Word and exercise ourselves in it. Truly, we Christians ought to make every day such a holy day and devote ourselves only to holy things, that is, to occupy ourselves daily with God’s Word and carry it in our hearts and on our lips. For the Word of God is the true holy object above all holy objects. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:23-37		Psalm 15
Monday	Labor Day – No School 2 Thessalonians 3:1-15		Psalm 16
Tuesday	The Sin Offering Leviticus (4:1-2) 5:1-10 (11-13)	Hebrews 6:13-20	Psalm 17
Wednesday	The Restitution Offering Leviticus 5:(14-16)17-67	Hebrews 7:1-10	Psalm 18
Thursday	The Ministry of the Priests Begins Leviticus 9:1-16, 22-24	Hebrews 7:11-19	Psalm 19
Friday	The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu Leviticus 10:1-7	Hebrews 7:20-28	Psalm 20
Saturday	The Security of Wisdom Proverbs 4:10-23	Galatians 5:16-24	Psalm 21

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, 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:** 7th Kate Schilling, 9th Marilyn Schneider, 10th Jack Gehrs, 12th Keaton Langenhorst, Ruth Onken. **Anniversaries:** 10th Steve & Sandy Haun, 12th Jeff & Lois Pigg. **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: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace (LSB 580)