

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Sixth Commandment**

##### **You shall not commit adultery.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

**Large Catechism** – The Sixth Commandment is directed specifically toward marriage as a walk of life and gives occasion to speak of it, you should carefully note, first, how highly God honors and praises this walk of life, endorsing and protecting it by his commandment. He endorsed it above in the Fourth Commandment, “You shall honor father and mother.” But here, as I said, he has secured and protected it. For the following reasons he also wishes us to honor, maintain, and cherish it as a divine and blessed walk of life. He has established it before all others as the first of all institutions, and he created man and woman differently (as is evident) not for indecency but to be true to each other, to be fruitful, to beget children, and to nurture and bring them up to the glory of God. God has therefore blessed this walk of life most richly, above all others, and, in addition, has supplied and endowed it with everything in the world in order that this walk of life might be richly provided for. Married life is no matter for jest or idle curiosity, but it is a glorious institution and an object of God’s serious concern. For it is of utmost importance to him that persons be brought up to serve the world, to promote knowledge of God, godly living, and all virtues, and to fight against wickedness and the devil. – *Large Catechism*

**Memory Verse** – From the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two but one flesh. (Mark 10:6–8)

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Bible Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	The Widow of Nain’s Son Is Raised Luke 7:11-17		Psalm 36
<b>Monday</b>	Spies Are Sent into Canaan Numbers 13:1-33	Hebrews 11:8-16	Psalm 37
<b>Tuesday</b>	Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan; Moses Intercedes Numbers 14:1-24	Hebrews 11:17-29	Psalm 38
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Rebels Are Sentenced to Death Numbers 14:26-45	Hebrews 11:30-40	Psalm 39
<b>Thursday</b>	Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron Numbers 16:1-19a	Hebrews 12:1-11	Psalm 40
<b>Friday</b>	The Lord Confirms That Moses Is His Prophet Numbers 16:19b-40	Hebrews 12:12-24	Psalm 41
<b>Saturday</b>	The Wisdom of Solomon Proverbs 25:6-14	Ephesians 4:1-6	Psalm 42

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 Who Mourn:** The family and friends who mourn the death of Audrey Krebs (Angie Nolte’s grandmother). **Those in Need of Healing:** Barb Mueller (recovering from surgery), Jason Brammeier (recovering from surgery), Lucille Stein, Sandy Wehking, Randy Zimmermann, 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:** 27<sup>th</sup> Camryn Nolte, 30<sup>th</sup> Kathy Brink. **Anniversaries:** 30<sup>th</sup> Glen & Marilyn Edwards, Jeff & Bobbi Tyberendt. **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 Will of God is Always Best (LSB 758)

**Hymn of the Week Details:** "The Will of God Is Always Best" was penned by Albrecht von Preussen (1490-1568). He was the first duke of Prussia and one of the leading princes of the Lutheran Reformation. A devout Christian, he joined the Reformation in 1523 and became a close adherent of Luther's teachings. In this hymn, Albrecht expresses the close connection between God's execution of His will and His unfailing love for His people. Perhaps building on the theme of the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Luther's explanation of it in the Small Catechism, Albrecht evokes confidence in God to do His gracious will among us. The hymn considers several ways that God's will is done and points to the blessings He bestows as He acts in His divine favor toward us.