

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 18th through October 24th, 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 Ninth & Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Large Catechism - This, then, is the common meaning of the Ninth and Tenth Commandments: First, we are commanded not to desire to harm our neighbors, nor to assist in doing harm, nor to give occasion for it. Instead, we are gladly to let them have what is theirs and to promote and protect whatever may be profitable and serviceable to them, just as we wish others would do for us. So these commandments are aimed directly against envy and miserable covetousness, so that God may remove the root and cause from which arise all injuries to our neighbors. Therefore he sets it forth in plain words: “You shall not covet,” etc. Above all, he wants the heart to be pure, even though, as long as we live here, we

cannot accomplish that. So this commandment remains, like all the rest, one that constantly accuses us and shows just how upright we really are in God's sight. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Heals the Paralytic Matthew 9:1-8		Psalm 57
Monday	Moses Dies on Mount Nebo Deuteronomy 32:48-52; 34:1-12	Galatians 3:26-4:7	Psalm 58
Tuesday	Joshua Takes Moses' Place & Prepares to Cross the Jordan Joshua 1:1-18	Galatians 4:8-20	Psalm 59
Wednesday	Rahab the Harlot Hides the Spies Joshua 2:1-24	Galatians 4:21-31	Psalm 60
Thursday	Israel Crosses over the Jordan Joshua 3:1-17	Galatians 5:1-6	Psalm 61
Friday	Israel Celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land Joshua 5:10-15	Galatians 5:7-15	Psalm 62
Saturday	The Angel with the Everlasting Gospel Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28	Psalm 63

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:** Sam Tepe (Angie Siddell's brother, recovering from surgery), Barb Mueller, Jason Brammeier, 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:** 18th Mike Eggerman, Keith Kleiboeker, Earl Schneider, 21st Aftyn Hanks, 22nd Carolyn Freund. **Anniversaries:** 20th Tristan & Valerie Nolte, 22nd Steve & Karen Maschhoff, 23rd Alan & Heather Kleiboeker. **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: Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him (LSB 797)

Hymn of the Week: Penned by Johann Daniel Herrnschmidt (1675-1723), 'Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him' is one of the grandest anthems of praise we have. Nearly every aspect of this hymn is drawn from Psalm 146. In these words we see Christ Jesus and His atoning work on the cross. We see this especially in stanzas 2 and 3 and in the words 'pardon and peace from Him obtain' in stanza 4, which proclaims Christ the Savior, who forgives all sins and heals all diseases.