

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the 13th week after Trinity (Aug. 29th-Sept. 4th)

CATECHETICAL THEME: Handing Down the Faith

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

The Ten Commandments

The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: Preface to the Large Catechism

Martin Luther writes, "But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher; yes, as learned and experienced as all the people who have such assumptions and contentment. Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning - and whenever I have time - I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so (LC Preface 7-8).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:23-37		Psalm 1
Monday	Teach Children Diligently Deuteronomy 6:4-15	1 Timothy 1:1-20	Psalm 2
Tuesday	Let the Children Come to Me Luke 18:15-17	1 Timothy 2:1-15	Psalm 3
Wednesday	Sound Words of Jesus 1 Timothy 6:3-5	1 Timothy 3:1-16	Psalm 4
Thursday	Continue in What You Learned 2 Timothy 3:14-17	1 Timothy 4:1-16	Psalm 5
Friday	Contend for the Faith Jude 1:1-4	1 timothy 5:1-6:16	Psalm 6
Saturday	A Father's Wise Instruction Proverbs 4:10-23	Galatians 5:16-24	Psalm 7

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Mon-Fri: What does the day's passage teach us about the importance of teaching the Christian faith? What is necessary to teach the faith? What is the source of the faith? Who is to be taught the faith? Does this passage encourage the teaching of the

faith ever to stop? How does one generation ensure that the next generation confesses the one true faith?

Memory Verse

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Sharon Hanke; Eddie Hermsmeyer. **Those Recovering From Surgery:** Pat Borgelt (Angie Nolte's father). **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Ariana Nolte, Barb Mueller, Randy Zimmermann, Rodney Tate, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Greg Reckling, Zane Reckling, Colton Reckling, Makenna Reckling (8/30). **For the World:** That God would deliver us from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion.

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)

Hymn of the Week: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace (LSB 580)