

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the 14th week after Trinity Sept. 5th-Sept. 11th)

CATECHETICAL THEME:

Giving of the Law

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Giving of the Law

This fall, our catechetical material will focus on the Ten Commandments, which is the 1st Chief Part in Luther's Small Catechism. We will end up studying each of the Ten Commandments, one by one, so that we may understand the will of the LORD for us. But before we study the commandments, we would do well to remember the purpose of which the LORD gave the commandments. That is the focus of this week's devotional material. Beginning with the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai, we will explore the purpose and function of the Law of God, and how it benefits us today. God bless your time in His Word!

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: The Epitome of the Formula of Concord – Article V

1. We believe, teach, and confess that the distinction between the Law and the Gospel is to be kept in the Church with great diligence as a particularly brilliant light. By this distinction, according to the admonition of St. Paul, God's Word is rightly divided (2 Tim. 2:15). 2. We believe, teach, and confess that the Law is properly a divine doctrine (Romans 7:12). It teaches what is right and pleasing to God, and it rebukes everything that is sin and contrary to God's will. 3. For this reason, then, everything that rebukes sin is, and belongs to, the preaching of the Law (FC Ep V 2-4).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19		Psalm 8
Monday	The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17	1 Timothy 1:1-20	Psalm 9

Tuesday	Jesus Teaches the Law Matthew 5:17-48	1 Timothy 2:1-15	Psalm 10
Wednesday	The Ten Commandments Deuteronomy 5:1-21	1 Timothy 3:1-16	Psalm 11
Thursday	The Law is Fulfilled in One Word Galatians 5:13-15	1 Timothy 4:1-16	Psalm 12
Friday	With the Law Comes Knowledge of Sin Romans 3:9-20	1 timothy 5:1-6:16	Psalm 13
Saturday	Wisdom is Better Than Jewels Proverbs 8:11-22	Philippians 3:17-21	Psalm 14

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** When were the Ten Commandments given? What had the LORD already done for His people? **Tues:** Does Jesus minimize the Law of God? According to Jesus, who is able to keep the Law? **Wed:** How is today's reading similar to Monday's? Is it different at all? **Thurs:** What is the fulfillment of the Law? Is the command to love a word of Law or Gospel? **Fri:** How are we blind to our sin without the Law of God? Why does God give us the Law? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law of the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (Matthew 5:17-18)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those Who Mourn:** Janette Albers & family as they mourn the death of her grandmother, Anna Mae Speiser. **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:** Kate Schiling (9/7), Marilyn Schneider (9/9), Jack Gehrs (9/10). **Anniversaries:** Trevor & Amanda Albers (9/5), Steve & Sandy Haun (9/10). **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: From God Can Nothing Move Me (LSB 713)