

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the 15th week after Trinity Sept. 12th-Sept. 18th)

CATECHETICAL THEME:

1st Commandment

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 1st Commandment

This week we begin our examination of the Ten Commandments, by which the LORD has revealed His will for our lives. In the First Commandment we learn that the will of the LORD is for every person to fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. Additionally, because the First Commandment is a word of the Law, it serves to show us that we fear, love and trust in many things above Him. Whether it be our financial situation, a medical diagnosis, an enemy, the breakdown of our reputation, or a family dispute, there is much more that causes us to live in fear, there is much that we love more than Him, and there are people in whom we place more trust than the LORD who created us and redeemed us. This week we examine what It means to have no other gods. 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: 1st Commandment

You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19		Psalm 15
Monday	The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17	1 Timothy 1:1-20	Psalm 16
Tuesday	Jesus Teaches the Law Matthew 5:17-48	1 Timothy 2:1-15	Psalm 17
Wednesday	The Ten Commandments Deuteronomy 5:1-21	1 Timothy 3:1-16	Psalm 18
Thursday	The Law is Fulfilled in One Word Galatians 5:13-15	1 Timothy 4:1-16	Psalm 19

Friday	With the Law Comes Knowledge of Sin Romans 3:9-20	1 timothy 5:1-6:16	Psalm 20
Saturday	Wisdom is Better Than Jewels Proverbs 8:11-22	Philippians 3:17-21	Psalm 21

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What do the Philistines give to Dagon? What acts do they attribute to Dagon? What sin have they committed? **Tues:** What had King Nebuchadnezzar demanded? Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego not obey their king? What persecution did they suffer? How did they keep the First Commandment? **Wed:** What did the children of Israel ascribe to the calf? What did they call the calf? What did they give to the calf? How was this sin against the First Commandment? What was the LORD's initial response? Why did He not respond with wrath? **Thurs:** Against what sort of idolatry does Jesus warn us in this reading? How might we be tempted to trust and serve money, or other worldly possessions? To what does Jesus point us so that we would not be anxious about our needs? **Fri:** Of what sort of idolatry does this Psalm warn us? How might we be tempted to place our trust in princes, or other civic (government) leaders? How is this a sin against the First Commandment? In what does the Psalm instruct us to trust? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those in Need of Healing:** Mark Schomaker (close friend of the Roger & Mia Zimmermann family), Dustin Wessel (nephew of Sheri Nolte). **Those Who Mourn:** Janette Albers & family as they mourn the death of her grandmother, Anna May 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:** Keaton Langenhorst, Ruth Onken (9/12), Jeff Pigg (9/14), Angie Siddell (9/16), Payton Golding (9/18). **Anniversaries:** Jeff & Lois Pigg (9/12). **For Our Country:** At the 20th Anniversary of September 11th. **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: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode (LSB 714)