

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the 16th week after Trinity Sept. 19th-Sept. 25th)

CATECHETICAL THEME:

2nd Commandment

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 2nd Commandment

We continue our consideration of the Ten Commandments this week by focusing on the Second Commandment, which teaches us how to use the name of the LORD. In fact, the LORD has given His name so that His children might call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. Of course, His name is holy, above all other names, and so it is good, right, and salutary that His name should be treated as such. And so, we are not to misuse His name by cursing, swearing, using satanic arts, lying, or deceiving by His name. As His children, we are to use His name, and use it often! 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: 2nd Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son Luke 7:11-17		Psalm 22
Monday	Cursing in His Name Luke 9:51-55	Titus 3:1-15	Psalm 23
Tuesday	The LORD Gives His name Exodus 3:1-15	James 1:1-11	Psalm 24
Wednesday	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal 1 Kings 18:20-39 (40)	James 1:12-27	Psalm 25
Thursday	His Name Shall Be Called Isaiah 9:6-7	James 2:1-13	Psalm 26

Friday	His Name Shall Be Called Matthew 1:18-21	James 2:14-26	Psalms 27
Saturday	Proverbs 25:6-14	Ephesians 4:1-6	Psalms 28

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** Why did Jesus send messengers into the village? How were the messengers received? How did the disciples respond? What does it mean to curse? **Tues:** Who appeared to Moses? Why did Moses hide his face? What does verse 7 reveal about the Lord? What did the LORD desire to do for His people? What did Moses ask the LORD in verse 13? How did the LORD answer him? What name is given? **Wed:** To whom do the prophets of Baal pray? For how long do they pray? Are their prayers heard? To whom does Elijah pray? How quickly are Elijah's prayers heard? What does this teach us about prayer? **Thurs:** About whom does this passage speak? What does each name reveal about Him? **Fri:** About whom does this passage speak? What names for Him does this passage reveal? What do these names teach us about Him? How do these names encourage us to think about Him? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.
(Psalm 50:15)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia.. **Those Undergoing Surgery:** Mike Jones. **Those in Need of Healing:** Carolyn Freund, Neil Haake. **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:** Caden Schneider (9/20), Kiley Tyberendt (9/21), Bobbi Tyberendt (9/23). **Anniversaries:** Jason & Dena Brammeier (9/19), Raeshelle & Brandon Braye (9/23), Kit & Marsha Milano (9/25).

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

Hymn of the Week: The Will of God Is Always Best (LSB 758)