

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the 19th week after Trinity (Oct. 10th-Oct. 16th)

CATECHETICAL THEME:

5th Commandment

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 5th Commandment

We continue our consideration of the Ten Commandments this week by focusing on the Fifth Commandment, which teaches us, "You shall not murder." God is the author of life (Acts 3:15). He gives and He takes away (Job 1:21). As we confess in the Creed, He is the Lord and giver of life. He desires not the death of anyone (Ezek 18:32). To that end, to protect the lives which He gives, the LORD has given the Fifth Commandment. "You shall not murder," is God's revealed will that we are to protect and defend life in all its stages, from the very beginning, when it is conceived, to the very end, when death occurs. What the Lord gives is the Lord's to take away—not ours. And so, in the Fifth Commandment we learn to fear and love God so that we help and support our neighbor in every physical need. 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: 5th Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Healing of the Paralytic Matthew 9:1-8		Psalm 43
Monday	Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Psalm 139:7-16	1 Thess. 4:1-12	Psalm 44
Tuesday	Before I Formed You Jeremiah 1:4-5	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Psalm 45
Wednesday	Cain & Abel Genesis 4:1-16	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Psalm 46
Thursday	John Leaps in the Womb Luke 1:39-45	1 Thess. 5:12-28	Psalm 47

Friday	Joseph Sold by His Brothers Genesis 37:18-36	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 48
Saturday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Ephesians 5:15-21	Psalm 49

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What does verse 13 teach us about our lives? Who created us? How should this passage teach us to value every life formed in the womb? **Tues:** What does the LORD say to Jeremiah? Does this agree with yesterday's Psalm? What does this passage teach us about our lives, even our future? **Wed:** How does Cain break the 5th Commandment? How had the sin already taken place in his heart before he killed his brother? Where does our hatred begin? How does God's protection of Cain teach us about life? **Thurs:** Where are Jesus and John the Baptist? How does John respond when he is in the presence of Jesus? What does this passage teach us about life, even in the womb? About faith? **Fri:** How do Joseph's brothers feel about him? What do they plan to do? How did the brothers sin against the Fifth Commandment? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13–14a)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those in Need of Healing:** Carolyn Fruend. **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Elbert Brink. **Those Undergoing Cancer Treatments:** Sharon Hanke; Eddie Hermsmeyer. **Those Recovering From Surgery:** Mike Jones, 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:** Addison Golding (10/11), Sylvia Kleiboeker, Paul Langenhorst (10/12), Trevor Corry (10/13), Sophia Hoffmann (10/15). **Anniversaries:** Tyler & Kim Albers, Brian & Mary Rueter (10/15), Alan & Debi Edwards (10/16).

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

Hymn of the Week: Praise the Almighty (LSB 797)