

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the 20th week after Trinity (Oct. 17th-Oct. 23rd)

**CATECHETICAL THEME:
6th Commandment**

This Week’s Catechetical Theme: 6th Commandment
With the Fourth Commandment, the LORD protects His institution of the family. With the Fifth, He protects His gift of life. This week, we focus on the Sixth Commandment, by which the LORD upholds and protects the sacred institution of Holy Matrimony. Even before the fall into sin, the LORD had established one man and one woman to live together, forsaking all others, and to be devoted to one another. This was to be a comprehensive union of body, mind and spirit, from which life would flow as children were given. While the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh desires to tear down this holy union, the Sixth Commandment is God’s Word by which He teaches His people to consider marriage as a gift of God, and honor it with our life and actions. 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: 6th Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Parable of the Wedding Feast Matthew 22:1-14		Psalm 50
Monday	The LORD Institutes Marriage Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-24	Luke 10:1-9	Psalm 51
Tuesday	Jesus’ Teaching about Marriage Mark 10:2-9 (10)	2 Thess. 1:1-12	Psalm 52
Wednesday	Christ and the Church Ephesians 5:22-23	2 Thess. 2:1-12	Psalm 53
Thursday	Paul’s Instructions 1 Corinthians 7:8-17	2 Thess. 2:13-17	Psalm 54

Friday	Wives and Husbands 1 Peter 3:1-7	2 Thess. 3:1-18	Psalm 55
Saturday	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Ephesians 6:10-17	Psalm 56

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** Who establishes marriage? When did He establish marriage? Had sin yet entered into the world? How were Adam and Eve to treat one another? What would come forth from them? **Tues:** What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus? Why does Jesus say that the Old Testament people had been allowed to divorce? What does Jesus point them to? How is Jesus like a faithful husband? **Wed:** How are wives taught to relate to their husbands? In what role is the husband? How is Christ Himself the model for the husband? How then is the husband supposed to treat His wife? What is marriage given to be a picture of?

Thurs: Does Paul give the impression that it is bad to be single? In what condition does he encourage a single person, or a widow, to stay? If a person does enter into marriage, how is he or she to behave? (See verses 10-11.) If a Christian is married to a non-Christian, how should the Christian behave?" **Fri:** How does this passage sound like Wednesday's passage from Ephesians? How does verses 5-6 instruct wives? How does verse 7 instruct husbands? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

From the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two but one flesh. (Mark 10:6-8)

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 Freund. **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Elbert Brink, 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:** Earl Schneider, Keith Kleiboeker, Mike Eggerman (10/18), Aftyn Hanks (10/21), Carolyn Freund (10/22). **Anniversaries:** Tristan & Valerie Nolte (10/20), Steve & Karen Maschhoff (10/22), Alan & Heather Kleiboeker (10/23).

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

Hymn of the Week: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (LSB 636)