

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the 24<sup>th</sup> Week after Trinity (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

#### ***The Close of the Commandments***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Close of the Commandments**

Throughout our study on the Ten Commandments, we have seen that God's good and gracious will for our lives is to love Him and to love our neighbor. Love is the fulfillment of the Law (Rom. 13:10). This week, we turn our attention to the Close of the Commandments. Here, we see that obedience to the Law carries the promise of God's grace and blessing (Ex. 10:5-6). Yet, to those who break these commandments, God threatens punishment. Therefore, we should fear God's wrath and not do anything against them. 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 Close of the Commandments**

*What does God say about these commandments?*

**He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)**

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments.

Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed Matthew 9:18-26</b>		<b>Psalm 78</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noah and the Flood Genesis 6:1-22</b>	<b>1 Cor. 11:17-34</b>	<b>Psalm 79</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noah and the Flood Genesis 7:1-24</b>	<b>1 Cor. 12:1-31</b>	<b>Psalm 80</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>What God Says about the Commandments Exodus 20:5-6</b>	<b>1 Cor. 13:1-13</b>	<b>Psalm 81</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Wages of Sin, Gift of God Romans 6:23</b>	<b>1 Cor. 14:1-19</b>	<b>Psalm 82</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Stumbling in One Point of the Law James 2:8-13</b>	<b>1 Cor. 14:20-40</b>	<b>Psalm 83</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Isaiah 65:17-25</b>	<b>1 Thess. 5:1-11</b>	<b>Psalms 84</b>
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**Questions to Discuss in the Home**

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon- Fri:** In each of this week's passages, is there a sin against God's Law? What is the punishment for this sin? How should the passage shape us as faithful Christians?

**Memory Verse**

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

**In Our Prayers this Week**

**Our Church:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **For the Hospitalized:** Eden VanDorn. **Those Undergoing Surgery/Medical Treatments:** Sam Tepe (Angie Siddell's brother), Elbert Brink, 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:** Elbert Brink, Jeff Schatz (11/7), Riley Terry (11/11), Raeshelle Braye (11/14). **Anniversaries:** Thomas & Janette Albers, Mike & Kim Eggerman (11/7), Steve & Cindy Hoffmann (11/11).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** In the Very Midst of Life (LSB 755)