

**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the ninth week after Trinity  
(August 14<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup>)*

**CATECHETICAL THEME:**

*Giving of the Law*

**This Week’s Catechetical Theme: Giving of the Law**

As we're coming to the end of our catechetical year, the next two weeks will be a review of a couple topics we covered this past year. This week, our focus is on the giving of the Law, or the Ten Commandments. Beginning with the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai, we will explore the purpose and function of the Law of God, and how it benefits us today. 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 Epitome of the Formula of Concord - Article V**

1. We believe, teach, and confess that the distinction between the Law and the Gospel is to be kept in the Church with great diligence as a particularly brilliant light. By this distinction, according to the admonition of St. Paul, God's Word is rightly divided (2 Tim. 2:15).
2. We believe, teach, and confess that the Law is properly a divine doctrine (Romans 7:12). It teaches what is right and pleasing to God, and it rebukes everything that is sin and contrary to God's will.
3. For this reason, then, everything that rebukes sin is, and belongs to, the preaching of the Law (FC Ep V 2-4).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Parable of the Dishonest Manager Luke 16:1-13		Psalm 22
Monday	The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17	James 1	Psalm 23
Tuesday	Jesus Teaches the Law Matthew 5:17-48	James 2	Psalm 24
Wednesday	The Ten Commandments Deuteronomy 5:1-21	James 3	Psalm 25
Thursday	The Law is Fulfilled in One Word Galatians 5:13-15	James 4	Psalm 26
Friday	With the Law Comes Knowledge of Sin Romans 3:9-20	James 5	Psalm 27

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 8:4-12</b>	<b>Romans 9:30-10:4</b>	<b>Psalms 28</b>
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### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** When were the Ten Commandments given? What had the LORD already done for His people? **Tues:** Does Jesus minimize the Law of God? According to Jesus, who is able to keep the Law? **Wed:** How is today's reading similar to Monday's? Is it different at all? **Thurs:** What is the fulfillment of the Law? Is the command to love a word of Law of Gospel? **Fri:** How are we blind to our sin without the Law of God? Why does God give us the Law? **Sat:** In Preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (Matthew 5:17-18)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**Our Church:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **For Those Who are Expecting:** Shaelyn Huels (Caroline & Randy Tate's daughter). **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Sylvia Kleiboeker, Lynn Michael, Adrienne Childress (mother of David Childress), Linda Nehrt (Eddie & Verdell Hermsmeyer's niece), Barb Mueller, Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Opal Jones, Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Rodney Tate (father of Randy Tate), Nancy Hutchinson (sister of Jerry Mines), Mike Jones, Roger Zimmermann, Roger & Marilyn Sullens (Linda Reckling's father & mother), Clare Jones (granddaughter of Mike & Opal Jones). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Jeff Kleiboeker (8/15), Rev. Jonathan Jennings, Mark Kleiboeker, Connie Schilling (8/20). **Anniversaries:** Rev. Jonathan & Stefanie Jennings (8/14), Carl & Sharon Hanke, Jason & Elisha Brinkmann (8/16).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** One Thing's Needful (LSB 536)