

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the tenth week after Trinity  
(August 21<sup>st</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

*Original Sin*

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: Original Sin**

This week, we come to the end of our catechetical year, and our focus will be spent on reviewing original sin. God promises grace and every blessing to those who keep the commandments. However, He also promises to punish all who break them. Unfortunately, we're all deserving of punishment since God demands perfection in thought, word, and deed (Matt. 5:48). Ultimately, the Ten Commandments reveal original sin, that is the sinful condition that's a part of every human being. And as sinners, who can't save ourselves, we're in desperate need of a savior who can fulfill the law for us and suffer the Law's punishment for sin. 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 I (Original Sin)**

We believe, teach, and confess that original sin is not a minor corruption. It is so deep a corruption of human nature that nothing healthy or uncorrupt has remained in man's body or soul, in his inner or outward powers (Romans 3:10-12). As the Church sings: "Through Adam's fall is all corrupt, Nature and essence human." This damage is unspeakable, and cannot be discerned by reason, but only from God's Word (FC Ep I 8-9).

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem Luke 19:41-48</b>		<b>Psalm 29</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Man's Fall into Sin Genesis 3:1-24</b>	<b>1 Peter 1</b>	<b>Psalm 30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Brought Forth in Iniquity Psalm 51:1-19</b>	<b>1 Peter 2</b>	<b>Psalm 31</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No One is Righteous Romans 3:9-20</b>	<b>1 Peter 3</b>	<b>Psalm 32</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Death in Adam Romans 5:12-14</b>	<b>1 Peter 4</b>	<b>Psalm 33</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dead in Sin Ephesians 2:1-3</b>	<b>1 Peter 5</b>	<b>Psalm 34</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Genesis 4:1-15</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b>	<b>Psalm 35</b>

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon - Fri:** What does today's passage reveal about original sin? **Sat:** In Preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. (Rom. 5:12)

### 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:** Ethan Brinkmann, Melba Nolte, Brad Maschhoff (8/24), Jerry Mines, Verdell Hermsmeyer (8/26). **Anniversaries:** Elbert & Lois Brink (8/22),

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

**Hymn of the Week:** Lord, to You I Make Confession (LSB 608)