

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the First Sunday after Trinity  
(June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME: *Our Christian Calling (Vocation)***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: Our Christian Calling (Vocation)**

Every Christian is called to faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. As Paul said it, we have been “called out of darkness” (1 Peter 2:9), and are now a chosen people. As chosen people, called out of the darkness of sin, we stand out as a light in the world, the very salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-16). But each Christian also receives specific callings, which are unique to his or her own person. These are the offices of husband or wife; father, mother, or child; pastor or hearer; governing authority, or citizen. These offices are taken up by the Small Catechism in the Table of Duties, and will be our focus for our summer devotions.

**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:** From Luther's Preface to the Large Catechism

Therefore, it is the duty of every head of a household at least once a week to examine the children and servants one after the other and ascertain what they know or have learned of it (the catechism), and, if they do not know it, to keep them faithfully at it (LC Preface 4).

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31</b>		<b>Psalm 23</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Called Out of Darkness 1 Peter 2:4-10</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 6</b>	<b>Psalm 24</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>You Have Been Called 1 Peter 2:13-3:7</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 7</b>	<b>Psalm 25</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>You Were Called Colossians 3:15-4:1</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 8</b>	<b>Psalm 26</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>You Have Been Called Ephesians 4:1-4; 5:22-6:9</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 9</b>	<b>Psalm 27</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>What Accords with Sound Doctrine Titus 2:1-10</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 10</b>	<b>Psalm 28</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Proverbs 9:1-10</b>	<b>Luke 14:15-24</b>	<b>Psalm 29</b>
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### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** In what did the people of God previously live? Out of what had they been called? Into what were they placed? What does Peter call those who have been called by the Gospel? **Tues:** How is today's reading connected to yesterdays; how does it flow out of it? Does being called to faith seem to impact the way Christians live? Describe the life Christians are exhorted by Peter to live. **Wed:** To what were those Christians called? By what would their calling continue (verse 16)? Why does Paul transition immediately into teaching about the family and other stations in life? **Thurs:** To what had the Christians been called? How is Paul's instruction in chapters 5 & 6 dependent upon having been called? What does a Christian's calling mean for everyday life? **Fri:** What various roles does Paul describe in this section? How is this similar to other passages you have read this week? Why does Paul call this "sound doctrine?" If this is sound doctrine, how should that impact our own hearing of these words, and our lives as well? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**For Circuit Vacancies:** Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those Who Mourn:** David Childress and family at the death of his father, Joe Childress. **For Those in Need of Healing:** Norma Rueter. **For Those Who Are Recovering From Surgery:** Marilyn Schneider. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Sheri Nolte, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Joe Childress (father of David Childress), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. **Baptismal Birthday:** Mandy Albers (6/11), James Evilsizer III (6/12), Jeff Brink (6/13), Leighton Albers (6/16). **Anniversaries:** Jeff & Lori Schatz (6/15).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (LSB 768)