

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Third Sunday after Trinity  
(June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

***What Hearers Owe their Pastors***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: What Hearers Owe their Pastors**

Christ has His Church. A husband has his bride. A father has his children. And a pastor has his people. Of course, the offices of headship have specific duties, which must be carried out for the benefit of those served, by such offices. Christ had to die for the salvation of sinners. A husband likewise must love his wife; a father his children; and a pastor his people. This was last week's emphasis as we studied the Vocation of the Pastoral Office. But those who receive the ministry of the Pastoral Office are also called by God to a certain vocation—the vocation of hearer. That is the focus of this week's catechetical material: the Vocation of the Laity. 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:** From the Large Catechism – The Fourth Commandment

Besides these there are still spiritual fathers. They are not like those in the papacy, who have had themselves called fathers but have performed no function of the fatherly office [Matthew 23:9]. For the only ones called spiritual father are those who govern and guide us by God's Word. In this sense, St. Paul boasts his fatherhood in 1 Corinthians 4:15, where he says, "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel." Now, since they are fathers, they are entitled to their honor, even above all others (LC I, 158-160).

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Parable of the Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32</b>		<b>Psalm 37</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Obey your Leaders Hebrews 13:7-19</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 16</b>	<b>Psalm 38</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>A Living from the Gospel 1 Corinthians 9:8-14</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 17</b>	<b>Psalm 39</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Double Honor 1 Timothy 5:17-22</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 18</b>	<b>Psalm 40</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Respect Those Who Labor 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 19</b>	<b>Psalm 41</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Share All Good with One Who Teaches Galatians 6:6-10</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 20</b>	<b>Psalm 42</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Genesis 50:15-21</b>	<b>Romans 12:14-21</b>	<b>Psalm 43</b>

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What does it mean to obey? To submit? For what reason do the people submit to their leaders? How does this relate to the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment? **Tues:** Why should a pastor receive an income? What does this allow him to do? What does a lack of income indicate about the people whom he serves? **Wed:** Elder is one of the New Testament words for pastor. Why should a pastor be considered worthy of double honor? Why should we not bring a charge against the pastor? **Thurs:** How are the people to treat the pastor (laborer)? For what reason should they treat him like this? How is their life toward one another a reflection of that which their pastor preaches? **Fri:** How does a Christian share all things with his pastor? Who is this like the ideas of obedience and submission from Hebrews 13? How is the doing of good to our neighbor consistent with what a pastor preaches? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### **Memory Verse**

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

### **In Our Prayers this Week**

**For Circuit Vacancies:** Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Norma Rueter. **For Those Who Are Recovering From Surgery:** Marilyn Schneider. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), 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:** Heidi Gehrs, Kim Albers (6/26), Karlie Schilling (6/27). **Anniversaries:** Calvin & Jackie Yardley (6/29).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (LSB 609)