

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
(August 27th – September 2nd)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

Handing Down the Faith

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Handing Down the Faith

As Christians, we are disciples of Jesus – catechumens – for life, not just for a few years of confirmation instruction. We learn from God's Word continuously, both in the church and in the home. From His Word, we learn that we are sinners who need to repent and confess our sins. Yet, we also learn to trust in the crucified Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to go forward living out our faith in our vocations. Jesus Christ is the object of our worship and the source of our life and salvation. There is no good apart from Him. And so this week, as we begin a new catechetical year both in the church and in our homes, we focus on the theme "Handing Down the Faith." The Lord 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 Luther's Preface to the Large Catechism*

Martin Luther writes, "But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher; yes, as learned and experienced as all the people who have such assumptions and contentment. Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning - and whenever I have time - I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so (LC Preface 7-8).

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Heals a Deaf Man Mark 7:31-37		Psalm 100
Monday	Teach Children Diligently Deuteronomy 6:4-15	Judges 3	Psalm 101
Tuesday	Let the Children Come to Me Luke 18:15-17	Judges 4	Psalm 102

Wednesday	Sound Words of Jesus 1 Timothy 6:3-5	Judges 5	Psalm 103
Thursday	Continue in What You Learned 2 Timothy 3:14-17	Judges 6	Psalm 104
Friday	Contend for the Faith Jude 1:1-4	Judges 7	Psalm 105
Saturday	2 Chronicles 28:8-15	Galatians 3:15-22	Psalm 106

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon-Fri:** What does the day's passage teach us about the importance of teaching the Christian faith? What is necessary to teach the faith? What is the source of the faith? Who is to be taught the faith? Does this passage encourage the teaching of the faith ever to stop? How does one generation ensure that the next generation confesses the one true faith? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those Recovering From Surgery:** Matt Nolte, Curtis French. **For Those in Need of Healing:** Jeff Kleiboeker, Norma Rueter, Brandon Schrage, Kay Wheaton. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Alexis Tehandon (Granddaughter of Debra Wells). **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:** Brad Maschhoff (8/28), Greg Reckling, Zane Reckling, Colton Reckling, Makenna Reckling (8/30), Brandon Jansen, Leo Kuper (9/2).

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

Hymn of the Week: My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker (LSB 820)