

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
(September 3rd – September 9th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

1st Commandment

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 1st Commandment

This week we begin our examination of the Ten Commandments, by which the LORD has revealed His will for our lives. In the First Commandment we learn that the will of the LORD is for every person to fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. Additionally, because the First Commandment is a word of the Law, it serves to show us that we fear, love and trust in many things above Him. Whether it be our financial situation, a medical diagnosis, an enemy, the breakdown of our reputation, or a family dispute, there is much more that causes us to live in fear, there is much that we love more than Him, and there are people in whom we place more trust than the LORD who created us and redeemed us. This week we examine what it means to have no other gods. 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 First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:23-37		Psalm 107
Monday	Philistines Idolize Dagon Judges 16:23-24	Judges 8	Psalm 108
Tuesday	The Fiery Furnace Daniel 3	Judges 9	Psalm 109
Wednesday	The Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-14	Judges 10	Psalm 110
Thursday	You Cannot Serve Two Masters Matthew 6:24-36	Judges 11	Psalm 111

Friday	Trust Not in Princes Psalm 146:1-7	Judges 12	Psalm 112
Saturday	Proverbs 4:10-23	Luke 17:11-19	Psalm 113

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What do the Philistines give to Dagon? What acts do they attribute to Dagon? What sin have they committed? What commandment have they sinned against? **Tues:** What had King Nebuchadnezzar demanded? Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego not obey their king? What persecution did they suffer? Did they keep the First Commandment? How did the LORD protect them? **Wed:** What did the children of Israel ascribe to the calf? What did they call the calf? What did they give to the calf? How was this sin against the First Commandment? What was the LORD's initial response? Why did He not respond with wrath? How does the action of Moses remind us of the action of Jesus? **Thur:** Against what sort of idolatry does Jesus warn us in this reading? How might we be tempted to trust and serve money, or other worldly possessions? To what does Jesus point us so that we would not be anxious about our needs? **Fri:** Of what sort of idolatry does this Psalm warn us? How might we be tempted to place our trust in princes, or other civic (government) leaders? How is this a sin against the First Commandment? In what does the Psalm instruct us to trust? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

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:** 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:** Kate Schilling (9/7), Marilyn Schneider (9/9). **Anniversaries:** David & Heather Childress (9/4), Trevor & Amanda Albers (9/5).

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

Hymn of the Week: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace (LSB 580)