

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
(September 17th – September 23rd)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

4th Commandment

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 4th Commandment

We continue our consideration of the Ten Commandments this week by focusing on the Fourth Commandment, which teaches us to, "Honor your father and your mother." So often, we think of the Ten Commandments in terms of rules and behaviors. We think about those things which God has commanded us not to do, and those things we are commanded to do. But the Ten Commandments are much more than rules to govern behavior. In fact, each commandment is given by God in order to protect something that He has given and established. And so the commandments are given so that the life God has given would be had by all. What is given and protected in the Fourth Commandment? The very foundation of society—the family! Here, what God has given in creation, man and woman together raising children, He protects with a Word, and life will go well for those who keep it—for families will be guarded and protected. 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 4th Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Do Not Be Anxious Matthew 6:24-34		Psalm 114
Monday	The Wisdom of the 4th Commandment Proverbs 23:22	Judges 18	Psalm 115
Tuesday	Children and Parents Ephesians 6:1-4	Judges 19	Psalm 116
Wednesday	Abraham & Isaac Genesis 22:1-19	Judges 20	Psalm 117

Thursday	Civil Authorities Romans 13:1-7	Judges 21	Psalms 118
Friday	Spiritual Authorities Hebrews 13:7-10, 17	Ruth 1	Psalms 119
Saturday	1 Kings 17:17-24	Ephesians 3:13-21	Psalms 120

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What word of God stands behind this reading? Why should children listen to their fathers? How does this remind us even of our heavenly Father? What about our mothers? **Tues:** Which offices (vocations) are mentioned in this passage? What are the duties given to each office? How are these offices, and their duties, essential to a family's wellbeing? **Wed:** How does Isaac keep the 4th Commandment? Did Isaac know how things would turn out? How does this demonstrate the faith of Abraham and Isaac? **Thur:** Who has appointed governmental authorities? How does the 4th Commandment apply to us as citizens? And to them as government officials? How does this serve the wellbeing of a country? **Fri:** Who does the passage teach us to honor? What sort of leaders? Do the leaders also have a duty? How might we "let them do this with joy"? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. (Proverbs 3:11-12)

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, Mary Boeker, Lois Michael, George & Melba Nolte, Betty Sprehe. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Payton Golding (9/18), Caden Schneider (9/20), Kiley Tyberendt (9/21), Bobbi Tyberendt (9/23). **Anniversaries:** Jason & Dena Brammeier (9/19), Raeshelle & Brandon Braye (9/23).

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

Hymn of the Week: What God Ordains Is Always Good (LSB 760)