

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following  
the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

*The Close of the Commandments*

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Close of the Commandments**

Throughout our study on the Ten Commandments, we have seen that God's good and gracious will for our lives is to love Him and to love our neighbor. Love is the fulfillment of the Law (Rom. 13:10). This week, we turn our attention to the Close of the Commandments. Here, we see that obedience to the Law carries the promise of God's grace and blessing (Ex. 20:5-6). Yet, to those who break these commandments, God threatens punishment. Therefore, we should fear God's wrath and not do anything against them. 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 Close of the Commandments**

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promised grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jesus Heals the Paralytic Matthew 9:1-8</b>		<b>Psalm 142</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noah and the Flood Genesis 6:1-7:24</b>	<b>1 Samuel 13</b>	<b>Psalm 143</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Destruction of Sodom Genesis 18:16-19:29</b>	<b>1 Samuel 14</b>	<b>Psalm 144</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>What God Says about the Commandments Exodus 20:5-6</b>	<b>1 Samuel 15</b>	<b>Psalm 145</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Wages of Sin, Gift of God Romans 6:23</b>	<b>1 Samuel 16</b>	<b>Psalm 146</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Stumbling in One Point of the Law James 2:8-13</b>	<b>1 Samuel 17</b>	<b>Psalm 147</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:1-9</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:15-21</b>	<b>Psalm 148</b>

### **Questions to Discuss in the Home**

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon **Mon- Fri:** In each of this week's passages, where do we see sins against God's Law? What is the punishment for this sin? How should the passage shape us as faithful Christians? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### **Memory Verse**

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23)

### **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:** Jordyn Duensing, Sharon Schneider, Mary Boeker, Melba Nolte, 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 Birthdays:** Sophia Hoffmann (10/15), Earl Schneider, Keith Kleiboeker, Mike Eggerman (10/18), Aftyn Hanks (10/21). **Anniversaries:** Tyler & Kim Albers, Brian & Mary Rueter (10/15), Alan & Debi Edwards (10/16), Tayler & Myranda Albers (10/19), Tristan & Valerie Nolte (10/20).

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

**Hymn of the Week:** Praise the Almighty (LSB 797)