

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Tenth Sunday after Trinity
(August 4th – August 10th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

To Youth, To Widows, and to Everyone

This Week's Catechetical Theme: To Workers and Employers

Believe it or not, the LORD has something to say about how we live and act in those places where we work—what we normally think of as our jobs. And the work you do—whether you have your first job ever making pizzas, or whether you worked your way up in your career and are now in management, supervising those who work under you—is holy work. It is work with which you love and serve your neighbor. It is the work you do as a priest of God in the priesthood of all believers. This week we'll look at some passages which speak to the duties associated with our calling in the civil realm as workers, or as employers and/or supervisors. 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 Large Catechism – The Fourth Commandment

All authority flows and is born from the authority of parents. Where a father is unable alone to educate his rebellious and irritable child, he uses a schoolmaster to teach the child. If he is too weak, he gets the help of his friends and neighbors. If he departs this life, he delegates and confers his authority and government upon others who are appointed for the purpose. Likewise, a father must have domestic manservants and maidservants under himself for the management of the household. So all whom we call “masters” are in the place of parents and must get their power and authority to govern from them.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem Luke 19:41-48		Psalm 136
Monday	Workers and Master Ephesians 6:1-9	Job 4	Psalm 137
Tuesday	Workers and Masters Colossians 3:12-25	Job 5	Psalm 138
Wednesday	Submission to Those in Authority Titus 2:1-10	Job 6	Psalm 139
Thursday	Working as Brothers Philemon 1:8-16	Job 7	Psalm 140

Friday	Submission to Authority 1 Peter 2:13-25	Job 8	Psalms 141
Saturday	Cain and Abel Genesis 4:1-15	By Grace Through Faith Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalms 142

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. *Note:* This week's readings speak of slaves and masters. We should not think of this as referring to the institution of slavery as it was known in our country's history. Rather, these passages have the 1st Century Greco-Roman world as their context. It is better to think of them, for comparison's sake, as workers and supervisors. **Mon-Fri:** What does this passage speak of regarding the office and duty of a slave/worker? What a person who is a supervisor/manager/master? How is one encouraged to think of his or her work? How does the passage encourage us to treat those with whom we work? How should the worker treat his or her master? How should the master treat his or her worker? How does this all relate to the person and work of Christ? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those Expecting:** Shelby Maschhoff. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Kim Childress (David Childress' Sister) Marilyn Edwards, Dawna Wander (Friend of Dave Childress), Sherri Williams. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments/Testing:** Eli Kuper, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), 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. **Baptismal Birthday:** Michael Jones (8/4), Daisy Brammeier, Steve Maschhoff (8/5), Mary Boeker, Brook Kleiboeker (8/10). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Steve & Linda Kleiboeker (8/4), Crystal & Patrick Gebhart, Randy & Caroline Tate (8/10).

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

Hymn of the Week: In the Very Midst of Life (LSB 755)