

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following  
the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (September 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 28<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

***5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Commandments***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Commandments**

We continue our consideration of the Ten Commandments this week by focusing on the Fifth and Sixth Commandments. In the Fifth Commandment, God instructs us, "You shall not murder." The reason for this is that God is the author of life (Acts 3:15). He gives and He takes away (Job 1:21). As we confess in the Creed, He is the Lord and giver of life. He desires not the death of anyone (Ezek 18:32). To that end, to protect the lives which He gives, the LORD has given the Fifth Commandment. "You shall not murder," is God's revealed will that we are to protect and defend life in all its stages, from the very beginning, when it is conceived, to the very end, when death occurs. What the Lord gives is the Lord's to take away—not ours. And so, in the Fifth Commandment we learn to fear and love God so that we help and support our neighbor in every physical need.

Where God protects His gift of life in the Fifth Commandment, in the Sixth Commandment, the LORD upholds and protects the sacred institution of Holy Matrimony. Even before the fall into sin, the LORD had established one man and one woman to live together, forsaking all others, and to be devoted to one another. This was to be a comprehensive union of body, mind and spirit, from which life would flow as children were given. While the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh desires to tear down this holy union, the Sixth Commandment is God's Word by which He teaches His people to consider marriage as a gift of God, and honor it with our life and actions. 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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Commandments**

You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Luke 14:1-11	_____	Psalm 35
Monday	Cain & Abel Genesis 4:1-16	Sarai's Name Change Genesis 17:15-27	Psalm 36
Tuesday	Joseph Sold by His Brothers Genesis 37:18-36	The Three Visitors Genesis 18:1-15	Psalm 37
Wednesday	The Lord Institutes Marriage Genesis 1:26-31; 18-24	Abraham Prayers for Sodom Genesis 18:16-33	Psalm 38
Thursday	Jesus' Teaching about Marriage Mark 10:2-9 (10)	Sodom and Gomorrah are Destroyed Genesis 19:1 (2-11) 12-29	Psalm 39
Friday	Christ and the Church Ephesians 5:22-23	Abraham and Abimelech Genesis 20:1-18	Psalm 40
Saturday	Deuteronomy 10:12-21	1 Corinthians 1:(1-3) 4-9	Psalm 41

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** How does Cain break the 5th Commandment? How had the sin already taken place in his heart before he killed his brother? Where does our hatred begin? How does God's protection of Cain teach us about life? **Tues:** How do Joseph's brothers feel about him? What do they plan to do? How did the brothers sin against the Fifth Commandment? **Wed:** Who establishes marriage? When did He establish marriage? Had sin yet entered into the world? How were Adam and Eve to treat one another? What would come forth from them? **Thur:** What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus? Why does Jesus say that the Old Testament people had been allowed to divorce? What does Jesus point them to? How is Jesus like a faithful husband? **Fri:** How are wives taught to relate to their husbands? In what role is the husband? How is Christ Himself the model for the husband? How then is the husband supposed to treat His wife? What is marriage given to be a picture of? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13-14a)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**For Circuit Vacancies:** Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those In Need Of Healing:** Heather Childress, Ruth Onken. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Ethan Brinkmann, Kim Childress (David Childress' Sister) Marilyn Edwards, Kathryn Mines, Dawna Wander (Friend of Dave Childress). **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:** Miles Maschhoff (9/22), Bobbi Tyberendt (9/23), Camryn Nolte (9/27). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Raeshelle & Brandon Braye (9/23), Marsha & Kit Milano (9/25), Darrin & Sherri Williams, Monica & Curtis French (9/26).

**The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Month: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing (737)**