

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Third Sunday After Trinity – June 28, 2020

The Ten Commandments - In the coming weeks we will review the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. The first is the Ten Commandments, God's law. It sets before us the righteous demands of God for his people, that when met, allow them to draw near to God and not die. In our fallen and sinful condition, the law kills. It only shows us our failure in that we cannot keep God's good and perfect law. As you read Exodus chapter 20 take note of the response of the people when God speaks to them from inside the cloud. There is no joy that God has spoken to them, only fear! They know that when God spoke to them it would bring death. This after the first words God spoke describing His love and mercy for them shown in His bringing them out of Egypt and freeing them from slavery. The Law shows us our sin and our need for a Savior, that is Christ Jesus. With faith in Christ we are set free from bondage to sin and death and are given peace with God.

Jesus has perfectly kept the Ten Commandments and all of God's law and done it FOR YOU! This he has done to become the perfect sacrifice for our sins to win us from the power of the devil.

Read the Ten Commandments and their meanings in the Small Catechism with your family. Discuss how we try but fail in keeping them and give thanks to God for His Son that has done it all for us.

Are you desiring the Lord's Supper? Times will continue to be set aside for individuals and families of our congregation to receive absolution and the Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of their faith. Please, if in the coming weeks you choose to remain home, know we are here for you should you desire to receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord. A signup has been placed on our website and is available here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4eadac29a4fb6-home>.

Daily Prayer LSB pp 294-298 Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord's Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

Psalm 34:12–22; antiphon: v. 11 (*This is the psalm for the current week of the church year.*)

Prayer on the Psalm: Dear heavenly Father, blessed are those who hear Your Word and fear You, for they seek Your grace and righteousness. Move us to praise and worship You with joyful hearts because of Your Word, Jesus, that we might inherit life everlasting. Amen. (Lutheran Study Bible ESV)

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103	105	107	109	112, 113	115	117, 118
Evening	104	106	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121

Hymn of the Week: LSB 608 – Lord, To You I Make Confession

Text: Johann Frank, 1618-77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; setting *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

The tune can be found on the web. Search "HERR, ICH HABA MISSGEHANDELT"

Readings for the week...

Sundays Lectionary Readings (each chapter could be reviewed) – Micah 7:18-20; 1 Timothy 1:12-17 or 1 Peter 5:6-11; Luke 15:11-31

Readings for the week from Lutheran Catechesis are as follows...

Day	Bible Readings
Monday	Exodus Chapter 20 – The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	Deuteronomy Chapter 5 – The Ten Commandments
Wednesday	Deuteronomy Chapter 6 – The Greatest Commandment
Thursday	Exodus 34:1, 27-28 – Moses Makes New Tablets
Friday	

Prayers:

Weekly Collect - O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*

Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*

Wednesday: *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*

Thursday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*

Friday: *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

Saturday: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

Specific prayer request can now be found in the announcements that are emailed weekly to all members.

Looking forward to the 4th Sunday after Trinity – July 5, 2020

Hymns Next Week 504, 696, 630 – 852 – 725, 923

Texts: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 12:14-21 or Romans 8:18-23; Luke 6:36-42