

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
 For the Week of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
 September 8 through September 15, 2019

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 49: A Prayer against Putting Faith in Earthly Riches or Wisdom—**Psalm 49 warns against putting one’s faith in earthly mammon, the power of men, or the wisdom of this world. In the end, there is nothing that can save us from death or redeem us from sin but Christ, our Redeemer. Christians are often discouraged by the apparent success, worldly prominence, and wealth that unbelievers are able to attain. Such things must never be the goal of our faith, the source of our comfort, or the measure of our faithfulness. Instead, our confidence rests in Christ alone and in the Word of salvation that we receive from Him. While Psalm 49 severely critiques the idolatry of unbelievers and what they place their confidence in, it is written as a prayer and warning for the Christian to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, because one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things that he possesses, but in knowing Christ and His love and salvation.

## The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

## Theme: Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God!

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Mark 10:6-8a

From the beginning of the creation, God “made them male and female.”

<sup>7</sup> “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,

<sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh”; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Psalm 49 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may forsake all covetous desires and the inordinate love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (From LSB #195)

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144
Evening	124	127	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145

### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 12: Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37	
Monday	Sunday’s Gospel— Mark 7:31-37	Romans 10:9-16
Tuesday	Cain Murders His Brother Abel—Genesis 4:1-12 (13-15)	Romans 12:9-21
Wednesday	The Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37	Psalm 139:1-18
Thursday	Joseph Flees from Adultery—Genesis 39:1-21 (22-23)	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Friday	Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil—Matthew 4:1-11	Gen. 1:26-28; 2:7, 18-25
Saturday	Holy Cross Day: John 12:20-33	1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### The Catechism: The Ten Commandments— The Fifth and Sixth Commandments

What is the Fifth Commandment? <b>You shall not murder.</b>	Preschool +
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.	First Grade +
What is the Sixth Commandment? <b>You shall not commit adultery.</b>	Preschool +
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.	Second Grade +

## **Prayers: Catechism Prayers, In Our Prayers at Peace, and the Collect for the Week**

### **Prayers on the Fifth Commandment:**

Heavenly Father, forgive us our sins against the Fifth Commandment. Strengthen our faith in Jesus so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in the Fifth Commandment You teach us that the gift of life is sacred and holy, and that it is to be protected from every form of murder. By the gift of Your only-begotten Son You saved us from death and restored life with You. We give thanks to You for this gift and for our new life in Christ. Forgive us for every form of murder—for hatred, resentment, and refusing to forgive those who have sinned against us. Grant us Your grace and mercy that we might let go of all grudges, sincerely forgive our enemies, and truly help and support our neighbor in every physical need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayers on the Sixth Commandment:**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of marriage, where you join together a man and a woman in love for each other and, when it is Your will, to become a father and a mother. Strengthen our faith in Jesus so that we lead a pure and decent life in what we say and do, and grow to be faithful husbands and wives who love and honor our spouses; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in the Sixth Commandment You teach us that marriage is Your gift to us, where a man and a woman are brought together in love to become one flesh and, when it is Your will, for receiving the gift of children. Thank You for this wonderful gift to us. Forgive us for every sin against marriage and the Sixth Commandment. Uphold all husbands and wives in their marriages. Give them faithfulness to Your Word. Teach them to live according to Your will. Strengthen them to live in Your love for each other; and enable them to live sexually pure and decent lives in everything that they say and do as husbands and wives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Collect for Holy Cross—September 14**

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **In Our Prayers this Week**

Dan and Shawneen Schmitt celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Judy Jones, in therapy after a recent hospitalization.

Jim Schumacher, recuperating from heart valve surgery.

Joan Lundberg, Jon Lundberg's mother, recuperating from surgery for a fractured hip.

Walter Martens, Staci Anderson's grandfather, being treated for a broken hip.

Deacon Matthew Gatchell, receiving antibiotic treatment for a rare bacterial infection in his lungs.

Alex Carus, hospitalized and continuing medical treatment in preparation for physical therapy.

Roger Laubenstein, in treatment for colon and liver cancer.

JoEllen McCormack in hospice care.

### **Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

#### **Hymn of the Week**

**"Draw Us to Thee" (stanzas 1-2)**

**701**

#### **Looking forward to the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**September 15, 2019**

**Hymns: 686, 683, 620, 852, 553, 814**

**2 Chronicles 28:8-15; Galatians 3:15-22; Luke 10:23-37**

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Gal 3:15–22). So it is that two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23–37). Only the promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion. He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the Inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord, by whose Law we are torn and stricken, heals us and revives us by His Gospel and raises us up with Himself on the third day, that we may live in His sight (Hos 6:1–6). — Lutheran Service Book Project