

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
August 30 through September 6, 2020*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 89:19-37—The Exaltation of David as a Type of Christ—King David was chosen by the Lord because he was a man “after God’s own heart” which means that by faith he shared in God’s heart of mercy and compassion. All the wonderful things that God says about David in this section of Psalm 89 seem so strange to our ears. It is almost as if David had no sin, as if he were a Savior, or even like God Himself! But this is where we must see in God’s choice of David and the Covenant the Lord made with him a picture of what God was doing in choosing His only-begotten Son to be the greater David, the greater King, and the greater Savior of God’s people. Indeed, David is made to look like Christ, but the words about David and his kingdom ultimately come to completion in Christ. Central to this section is that just as God’s promise—God’s Word—sustained, strengthened, and enabled David to be faithful as Israel’s king, so God’s promise to His only-begotten Son, our Savior, enabled Jesus to be faithful unto the death of the cross and thereby to establish a kingdom that would never end.

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: God’s Word Is Sacred! Let Us Gladly Hear and Learn It!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 1:16a

**I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.**

Psalm 89:19-37 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, You have called Your Son to be the greater Son of David and the eternal Savior of Your people. If we forsake Your Law and wander from Your commandments, chasten us as a father who loves his children, and call us back to Your Son in repentant faith that we might be saved from our sins and restored by Your life-giving promises; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126
Evening	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37	
Monday	The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14	Hebrews 4:1-10
Tuesday	God’s Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers—Exodus 32:15-35	Hebrews 4:11-16
Wednesday	Lord Renews His Covenant with Israel—Ex. 33:1-3 (4-5); 34:1-10, 27-35	Hebrews 5:1-11
Thursday	Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle—Exodus 40:1-3, 16-38	Hebrews 5:12-14
Friday	The Burnt Offering—Leviticus 1:1-17	Hebrews 6:1-12
Saturday	Israel Returns the Captives—2 Chronicles 28:8-15	Galatians 3:15-22

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments— The Third and Fourth Commandments

<p><i>What is the Third Commandment?</i> Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.</p>	First Grade +
<p><i>What is the Fourth Commandment?</i> Honor your father and your mother.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.</p>	First Grade +

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

Prayers on the Third Commandment:

Heavenly Father, we are to make every day holy by hearing, studying, and meditating upon Your Word. Forgive us our sins against the Third Commandment. Strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit so that we do not despise preaching and Your Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it throughout our lifetime, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Heavenly Father, in the Third Commandment You teach us that Your Word makes our lives and the day of worship holy. Your Word creates repentance and faith in Christ in our hearts. Your Word gives us true help, comfort, peace, and strength. Your Word brings Jesus to us with all the blessings of His salvation. Thank You for the rest and peace Your Word gives. For Jesus' sake, forgive us for despising preaching and Your Word. Grant us to hold Your Word sacred and to gladly hear and learn it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers on the Fourth Commandment:

Heavenly Father forgive us for not honoring our parents. Strengthen our faith in Jesus so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in the Fourth Commandment you teach us that our parents are Your gifts to us. Through them You gave us life and through them You care for us and provide us with all that we need. Thank You for our father and mother. Forgive them when they sin and strengthen them with Your grace to be faithful parents. Forgive us for every sin of disobedience, disrespect, and dishonor shown to our parents and all those in authority over us. By Your grace, help us truly to honor our parents, especially when they fail, and to always serve and obey, love and cherish them according to Your Word and for Jesus' sake; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Charlie Dhein (8/29); Noah DePue (9/1); Susan Kaminski (9/4).

Wedding Anniversaries: Rev. Gary and Susan Gehlbach (8/29).

Birthday: John Franklin celebrating his 21st birthday

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

Those having surgery:

Charlie Dhein scheduled for tonsillectomy on Aug 31.

Frank Koplring scheduled for hernia repair Sept. 2.

The sick and recovering:

Lenny Schrauth, sister of Nicola Giordano, going through tests

Karl Stemke, in rehab, recovering from a stroke following surgery for a broken ankle.

Jeremy LaFore suffering with ALS;

David Berger in therapy and recovering from the trauma of brain surgery and recent infection;

Those receiving cancer treatment:

Roger Laubenstein, recently hospitalized with blood clots and in treatment for cancer;

Harlan Petersen receiving treatment for prostate cancer;

Allison Witte, wife of Rev. Keith Witte (Fairborn, Ohio) & friend of Kent & Christine Franklin.

In hospice care: Lois Verage

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

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (stanzas 1-3)

LSB 655

Looking forward to the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 6, 2020

Hymns: 553, 683, 636, 852

2 Chronicles 28:8-15: Israel shows mercy to her enemies by returning those who had been captured in battle.

Galatians 3:15-22: The spiritual function of the Law is to prepare for Christ by creating a need for Him, so that by faith in Christ we might be saved. The Seed of Abraham is Christ who delivers salvation to us by the promise of the Gospel.

Luke 10:23-37: The Parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates what it is to love God with all one's heart and to love the neighbor as one's self. The self-righteousness of the priest and the Levite who believed they had kept the Law caused them to be curved in upon themselves and unconcerned about the wounded man in need. Though they were Jews and had the Law, they did not believe or practice what the Law demanded. The Samaritan who was viewed as the enemy of the Jew is the one who demonstrates what true love is. He cares not for himself, but spares no time, effort, or expense to help the wounded man, even though the wounded Jew would have considered him his enemy. What a wonderful illustration of what Jesus has done for us. He fulfills the Law by loving us more than He loved Himself. Though we rebelled against God and were left for dead on the side of the road, Jesus came to our rescue, bandaged our wounds, brought us to the inn of the Church, and paid all the expenses necessary to bring us back to health. In Jesus we see what love really is as described by God's Law.