

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
August 28 through September 4, 2022

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “Hear Me! Honor Your Father and Mother!” – This week’s catechism meditation focuses upon the Third and Fourth Commandments. “Remember the Sabbath Day” calls us to hear the Word of the Lord. His Word is the source of true rest and eternal peace. By the Word of the Lord faith is created in our hearts, and the fruits of faith are brought forth in our lives. “Honor your father and your mother” is the first commandment under the Second Table of the Law. God’s authority stands behind the authority of our parents and all earthly authority. In the Fourth Commandment the Lord lays upon parents the great responsibility of bringing their children up in the fear of the Lord, and calls children to honor their parents in spite of their failings and shortcomings. In the **Boy Jesus in the Temple**, obedience to both commandments are seen in Jesus. He not only rejoices to gladly hear and receive the Lord’s Word in the Temple, but by being in the Temple listening to the teachers and asking them questions He honors Mary and Joseph who had taught Him to value God’s Word above all things. In **Mary Sits at Jesus’ Feet**, we learn that many things in life may be important and even necessary, but the “one thing needful” above all others is to hear and receive the Lord’s Word. In the **Rebellion of Absalom**, we see the negative example of a son who dishonored and betrayed his father by drawing the people of Israel away from David to himself. In **Ruth and Her Kinsman Redeemer**, Ruth honors her mother-in-law by confessing faith in the God of Israel and returning with Naomi to Bethlehem to love and support Naomi in her old age. The verse for the week joins both commandments together: the Word that we receive for our life and salvation is to be given to our children in daily prayer and conversation that our children might know the Lord and trust in Him.

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, Be Merciful to Me, a Sinner!

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

These words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Psalm 127 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: My God and king, I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty and speak of the might of Your awesome acts. Your kingdom is everlasting, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. You are near to all who call upon You. You preserve all who love You. I will forever praise Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, My Lord. Amen.

| Daily Psalms | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Morning | 125, 126 | 128, 129 | 131, 132 | 135 | 137, 138 | 140, 141 | 144 | 147 |
| Evening | 127 | 130 | 133, 134 | 136 | 139 | 142, 143 | 145 | 146 |

Bible Readings for the Week:

| | Bible Narrative | Second Reading |
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| Sunday | Trinity 11: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14 | |
| Monday | Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist: Mark 6:14-29 | Revelation 6:9-11 |
| Tuesday | The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:(40) 41-52 | Isaiah 55:1-11 |
| Wednesday | Mary Sits at Jesus’ Feet—Luke 10:38-42 | Deuteronomy 6:4-13 |
| Thursday | The Rebellion of Absalom—2 Samuel 15:2-15 (15:16–18:5) 18:6-15 (16-32) 18:33–19:6 | Romans 13:1-10 |
| Friday | Ruth and Her Kinsman Redeemer—Ruth 1:1-19a (1:19b–3:18) 4:1-10 (11-22) | 1 Peter 1:22—2:3 |
| Saturday | Trinity 12: Deaf Shall Hear and the Blind See—Isaiah 29:17-24 | 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 |

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

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| What is the Third Commandment? Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. | Preschool + |
| What does this mean? 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. | First Grade + |

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| What is the Fourth Commandment? Honor your father and your mother. | Preschool + |
| What does this mean? 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. | First Grade + |

Prayers: Catechism Prayers, Collects for the Week, Daily Themes, and In Our Prayers at Peace

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.

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.

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (8/29)

Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer: “Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray... (use the petitions printed below)

- Sunday:** for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- Monday:** for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one’s calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
- Tuesday:** for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.
- Wednesday:** for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
- Thursday:** for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ’s body and blood.
- Friday:** for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
- Saturday:** for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God’s Word on the Lord’s Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ’s holy gifts.

In Our Prayers this Week (include the petitions below followed by the Lord’s Prayer and collects for the day)

- Baptismal Birthdays:** Mike Ferguson (8/28), Charlie Dhein (8/29), Lindsey Kenyon (8/30) Noah DePue (9/1), Liam Daleiden (9/2).
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Rev. Gary and Susan Gehlbach, Kevin and Rachel Ruehle (8/29).
- The Sick:** Debbie Christopherson recuperating surgery; Karen Brown suffering from cardiac and renal disease; Rev. DuWayne Schneider (friend of the Koplings), Heather Peters, Barbara Wieting, and Josiah Boehringer in cancer treatment.
- Hospice care:** Bernice Lemke
- Those Who Mourn:** family and friends of Alice Westrich (mother of Doug Westrich).

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week

“Oh, Blest the House” (stanzas 1-3)

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| Looking forward to the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity | September 4, 2022 |
| Hymns: 578, 545, 846, 580, 704, 630, 526 | Isaiah 29:17-24; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Mark 7:31-37 |
| A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing “Ephphatha” opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book” (Is 29:18–24). So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise. | |