

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
September 4 through September 11, 2022

Catechesis Notes for the Week — God Protects Life and Marriage—Under the Fifth and Sixth Commandments, God protects the gift and sanctity of life and marriage. In Labor Day’s reading, **“Do Not Worry about Your Life,”** faith in Christ and the contentment which comes through seeking His righteousness above all is the key to the work that God has given us to do. When **Cain Murders His Brother Abel**, we see the contrast between what faith in self produces - a man who hates his brother and kills him in jealous rage, and what faith in the Lord produces - a man who joyfully offers his work to the Lord in thanksgiving for God’s undeserved grace. The command to love one’s neighbor as oneself is demonstrated in the **Parable of the Good Samaritan** who, like our Lord Jesus, befriends and helps a fallen man who would have considered him an enemy. **Joseph Flees from Adultery** to protect the marriage of Potiphar rather than indulging the appetites of his flesh for another man’s wife. In **Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil** we see our Savior who fulfilled the Law for us by facing life’s temptations in our place with unwavering trust in God’s Word and the work that His Father had called Him to do. Jesus fulfilled the meaning of the Sermon on the Mount from Monday’s reading to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”

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: Christ Opens Our Ears to Faith and Our Mouths to Confess.

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.”
“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh”; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Psalm 128 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, bless our homes and families as we live by faith in Your Word and walk in Your ways. Give us true and godly fear, through faith in Your Son, that we might abide in Your peace all the days of our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	147	148	1, 2	5	8, 9	10	14, 15	18
Evening	146	149, 150	3	4, 6	7	11, 12	13	16, 17

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 12: Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37	
Monday	No School—Do Not Worry about Your Life—Matthew 6:24-34	Proverbs 3:27-35
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	Trinity 13: 2 Chronicles 28:8-15	Galatians 3:15-22

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

What is the Fifth Commandment? You shall not murder.	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? You shall not commit adultery.	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, Collect for the Week, Daily Themes, and In Our Prayers at Peace

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.

Prayers on the Sixth Commandment:

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 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.

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: Sue Kaminski, Dan Laubenstein (9/4), Faith Daleiden (9/6), Scott Perry (9/10).

Wedding Anniversaries: Brian and Melissa Brendel (9/4), Mark and Melody Ruhbusch (9/6).

Those Who Serve in the Military: Jessica Franklin (Air Force); John Franklin (Minnesota National Guard); Evon Ingraham (Army Reserves); Robert Haga and Mark Meyle (Marines); Morgan Thoni (Navy); David Uttenreither (Army).

The Sick: Debbie Christopherson recuperating from surgery; Rev. DuWayne Schneider (friend of the Koplings), Heather Peters, Barbara Wieting, and Josiah Boehringer in cancer treatment.

Hospice care: Bernice Lemke

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

Hymn of the Week

“Draw Us to Thee” (stanzas 1-2)

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Looking forward to the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Hymns: 564, 683, 620, 572, 568, 555 (st. 6, 9, 10)

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 oneself. 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.