

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Fifteenth Sunday after
Trinity
(September 8th –September 14th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

2nd & 3rd Commandments

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 2nd & 3rd Commandments

We continue our consideration of the Ten Commandments this week by focusing on both the Second and Third Commandments. The Second Commandment teaches us how to use the name of the LORD. The LORD has given His name so that His children might call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. Of course, His name is holy, above all other names, and so it is good, right, and salutary that His name should be treated as such. And so, we are not to misuse His name by cursing, swearing, using satanic arts, lying, or deceiving by His name.

The Third Commandment teaches us, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." It's easy to think of this commandment being primarily about not doing work. Indeed, many understand it to mean exactly that. In fact, this understanding is what caused the Pharisees to be opposed to Jesus when he heals the man with dropsy on the Sabbath (Luke 14:1-11). But why did the LORD command the people of God to rest from the labor? It wasn't for the sake of rest, but for the sake of the people. For while they rested from their work, they were to gather so that they might learn their salvation and life comes entirely from God apart from their work. As God created all things, He is the only source of life and salvation. God bless your time in His Word as you consider the Second and Third Commandments this week!

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: The 2nd & 3rd Commandments

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Matthew 6:24-34	_____	Psalm 21
Monday	Cursing in His Name Luke 9:51-55	The Flood-The Rains Fall for Forty Day and Forty Nights Genesis 7:1-24	Psalm 22

Tuesday	The LORD Gives His Name Exodus 3:1-15	The Flood- The Lord Remembers Noah Genesis 8:1-22	Psalm 23
Wednesday	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal 1 Kings 18:20-39 (40)	The Flood-The Promise of the Rainbow Genesis 9:1-17 (18-29)	Psalm 24
Thursday	Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41-52	The Tower of Babel Genesis 11:1-9	Psalm 25
Friday	Mary and Martha Luke 10:38-42	The Call of Abram Genesis 12:1-20	Psalm 26
Saturday	1 Kings 17:17-24	Ephesians 3:13-21	Psalm 27

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** Why did Jesus send messengers into the village? How were the messengers received? How did the disciples respond? What does it mean to curse? Does Jesus allow them to call down God's wrath? **Tues:** Who appeared to Moses? Why did Moses hide his face? What does verse seven reveal about the LORD? What did the LORD desire to do for His people? What did Moses ask the LORD in verse 13? How did the LORD answer him? What name is given? Was Moses given the LORD's name to use? **Wed:** To whom do the prophets of Baal pray? For how long do they pray? Are their prayers heard? To whom does Elijah pray? How quickly are Elijah's prayers heard? What does this teach us about prayer? **Thur:** Where did Jesus go? When his parents found him, what was he doing? How does Jesus keep the Third Commandment? Why is it necessary for Him to keep this commandment?

Fri: What was Martha concerned with doing? What did Mary do? Why was Mary commended for this? How did Mary keep the Third Commandment? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. (Psalm 50:15)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those In Need Of Healing:** Heather Childress, Ruth Onken. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Ethan Brinkmann, Kim Childress (David Childress' Sister) Marilyn Edwards, Kathryn Mines, Dawna Wander (Friend of Dave Childress). **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments/Testing:** Eli Kuper, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Alexis Tehandon (Granddaughter of Debra Wells). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann. **Baptismal Birthday:** Marilynn Schneider (9/9), Jack Gehrs (9/10), Keaton Langenhorst, Ruth Onken (9/12), Jeff Pigg (9/14). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Sandy & Steve Haun (9/10), Jeff & Lois Pigg (9/12).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism
Hymn of the Month: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing (737)