

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Sixteenth Sunday after  
Trinity  
(September 15<sup>th</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>)*

**CATECHETICAL THEME:**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Commandment*

**This Week's Catechetical Theme: 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

We continue our consideration of the Ten Commandments this week by focusing on the Fourth Commandment, which teaches us to, "Honor your father and your mother." So often, we think of the Ten Commandments in terms of rules and behaviors. We think about those things which God has commanded us not to do, and those things we are commanded to do. But the Ten Commandments are much more than rules to govern behavior. In fact, each commandment is given by God in order to protect something that He has given and established. And so the commandments are given so that the life God has given would be had by all. What is given and protected in the Fourth Commandment? The very foundation of society—the family! Here, what God has given in creation, man and woman together raising children, He protects with a Word, and life will go well for those who keep it—for families will be guarded and protected. God bless your time in His Word!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

*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.

| Daily Readings | Catechetical Narrative                              | Second Reading                                                        | Psalm    |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday         | Luke 7:11-17                                        | _____                                                                 | Psalm 28 |
| Monday         | The Wisdom of the 4th Commandment<br>Proverbs 23:22 | Abram and Lot<br>Genesis 13:1-18                                      | Psalm 29 |
| Tuesday        | Children and Parents<br>Ephesians 6:1-4             | Abram Rescues Lot and Pays Tithe<br>to Melchizedek<br>Genesis 14:8-23 | Psalm 30 |
| Wednesday      | Abraham & Isaac<br>Genesis 22:1-19                  | God's Covenant with Abram-The<br>Promise of a Son<br>Genesis 15:1-6   | Psalm 31 |
| Thursday       | Civil Authorities                                   | Hagar and Ishmael                                                     | Psalm 32 |

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|          | Romans 13:1-7                                | Genesis 16:1-16                                                                             |           |
| Friday   | Spiritual Authorities<br>Hebrews 13:7-10, 17 | Circumcision and Abram's Name<br>Change as Signs of the Covenant<br>Genesis 17:1-11 (12-14) | Psalms 33 |
| Saturday | Proverbs 25:6-14 Ephesians 4:1-6             | St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist<br>Matthew 9:9-13                                        | Psalms 34 |

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What word of God stands behind this reading? Why should children listen to their fathers? How does this remind us even of our heavenly Father? What about our mothers? **Tues:** Which offices (vocations) are mentioned in this passage? What are the duties given to each office? How are these offices, and their duties, essential to a family's wellbeing? **Wed:** How does Isaac keep the 4th Commandment? Did Isaac know how things would turn out? How does this demonstrate the faith of Abraham and Isaac? **Thur:** Who has appointed governmental authorities? How does the 4th Commandment apply to us as citizens? And to them as government officials? How does this serve the wellbeing of a country? **Fri:** Who does the passage teach us to honor? What sort of leaders? Do the leaders also have a duty? How might we "let them do this with joy"? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. (Proverbs 3:11-12)

### 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:** Angie Siddell (9/16), Payton Golding (9/18), Caden Schneider (9/20), Kiley Tyberendt (9/21). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Jason & Dena Brammeier (9/19).

**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)**