

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following  
the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (October 13<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

***God the Father – The Close of the Commandments***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Close of the Commandments**

Throughout our study on the Ten Commandments, we have seen that God's good and gracious will for our lives is to love Him and to love our neighbor. Love is the fulfillment of the Law (Rom. 13:10). This week, we turn our attention to the Close of the Commandments. Here, we see that obedience to the Law carries the promise of God's grace and blessing (Ex. 20:5-6). Yet, to those who break these commandments, God threatens punishment. Therefore, we should fear God's wrath and not do anything against them. 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 Close of the Commandments**

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promised grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	_____	Psalm 56
Monday	Noah and the Flood Genesis 6:1-7:24	The Children of Jacob Genesis 29:31-30:24	Psalm 57
Tuesday	Destruction of Sodom Genesis 18:16-19:29	Laban Agrees to Divide the Livestock with Jacob Genesis 30:25-43	Psalm 58
Wednesday	What God Says about the Commandments Exodus 20:5-6	Jacob Flees from Laban Genesis 31:1-21	Psalm 59
Thursday	Wages of Sin, Gift of God Romans, 6:23	Laban Pursues Jacob Genesis 31:22-42	Psalm 60

Friday	Stumbling in One Point of the Law James 2:8-13	St. Luke, Evangelist-Luke 10:1-9	Psalm 61
Saturday	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Ephesians 6:10-17	Psalm 62

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon **Mon- Fri:** In each of this week's passages, where do we see sins against God's Law? What is the punishment for this sin? How should the passage shape us as faithful Christians? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.  
(Psalm 33:6)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**For Circuit Vacancies:** Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those Who Mourn:** The Family of Kevin Kampwerth. **For Those In Need Of Healing:** Melba Nolte, Marilyn Tate (Randy Tate's Mother). **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Ethan Brinkmann, Kim Childress (David Childress' Sister) Marilyn Edwards, Hudson Hanke, 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:** Trevor Corry (10/13), Sophia Hoffman (10/15), Earl Schneider, Keith Kleiboeker, Mike Eggerman (10/18). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Tyler & Kim Albers, Brian & Mary Rueter (10/15), Alan & Debi Edwards (10/16), Tayler & Myranda Albers (10/19).

**The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism**

**Hymn of the Month: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (708)**