

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022 through October 9, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Review of the Commandments and the Close of the Commandments — *The first commandment is behind all the commandments, and all the commandments are interconnected in the demand to love God above all things. The threat of the Law to punish anyone who turns away from God is visited upon Jesus in His death upon the cross. He was punished for the sin of the fathers in fulfillment of the law. Therefore, there is grace and mercy for us sinners because Jesus “loved and trusted in God and gladly did what God demanded.” He did this even to the point of suffering the punishment that we sinners deserved. Death and condemnation is the result of turning away from God, the source of all life. The tablets of the Law that were hurled at the Jews from Mount Sinai show how all our righteousness is crushed under the scrutiny of God’s commandments. This is necessary. If we do not feel the crushing blow of the Law, we cannot receive the righteousness of Christ. Christ bore the crushing blow of the Law’s condemnation in His death. He willingly took our place, like a scapegoat, and suffered all that we by our sins deserved. Why did He do this? His love and desire to save us and give us life is at the heart of all that He does for us, even when the Law is proclaimed that crushes our self-righteousness and pride. This week’s Bible verse teaches us that all the commandments are joined together so that it is impossible to break only one commandment and keep the rest. The “fear, love, and trust” demanded in the first commandment is the foundation for all the commandments. Salvation from sin is a free gift of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We receive this free gift by faith alone. Any attempts to attain righteousness by the Law are a denial of Christ’s sacrifice for us under the Law’s condemnation.*

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.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse of the week: Romans 3:20

“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”

Psalm 62 and/or the appointed daily psalms as listed below

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	59	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73	75, 76
Evening	57, 58	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74	77

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—The Ten Commandments, Review and The Close of the Commandments

What are all the commandments?

**You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Kindergarten +

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.”

First Grade +

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 promises 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.

Second Grade +

Readings for the Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	Jesus Warns of Offenses; Faith and Duty—Luke 17:1-10	Deut. 3:1-29	Matt. 7:1-12
Monday	Matthew 5-6	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29
Tuesday	Matthew 7-8	Deut. 4:21-40	Matt. 8:1-17
Wednesday	Matthew 9-10	Deut. 5:1-21	Matt. 8:18-34
Thursday	Matthew 11-12	Deut. 5:22-6:9	Matt. 9:1-17
Friday	Matthew 13-14	Deut. 6:10-25	Matt. 9:18-38
Saturday	Matthew 15-19	Deut. 7:1-19	Matt. 10:1-23

Prayers: Collect for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Victory in Christ

Collect for week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray 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:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray 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:** *Pray 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 sacraments of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray 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:** *Pray 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 at Victory in Christ this Week

Healing

Gary Rohloff, Pastor Philip Schielke, Coy Warfield, Barbara Lee, Carol Rohloff, Mario Reyes, Taelor Slagle, Barbara Wieting, Lee Wilson, Dave Brown, Darlene Biehle, Kenneth Biehle, Henry Ostermann, Antonia Menendez, Grace Metoxen, Dante Pellegrino, Collene Pellegrino, Bobbie Sherrod, Jenny Jones, Eugene Kroeger

Strength

Norma Sandel, the Martin, Courtney, Bradshaw, Herbel, and Rice families, and Grace House Fort Worth

Our Shut-ins

Deena Strang

Employment

Peace and Comfort

Expectant Mothers

Linnea Triage

Military and Over Seas

Kyle Rohloff

Seminarian

John Schober

Blessings

The marriage of John and Sarah Schober, who were united in holy matrimony yesterday

Mission / Ministries

The missions we support and the future of our Academy

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

Hymn of Week

"I Know My Faith Is Founded"