

*For the week of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 28th through September 4th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Third and Fourth Commandments — “God’s Good Gifts of His Word and Authority” “I can be a Christian without going to Church.” How often are statements like these spoken to excuse a lack of church attendance? Yet God commands, “Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.” Or, if you’d prefer, from Hebrews, “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Luther speaks in the Small Catechism that God’s Word is what makes something holy. So to keep a day holy, we fill it with God’s Word. What’s more, the “sabbath” is honored with rest. We as Christians know our rest is found in Jesus. We receive His rest through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. He promises to distribute these gifts through His appointed servants (pastors) at Church. No, going to Church does not make you Christian, but Christians go to Church. They go because it is there they receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. And it is there that God gives His servant to distribute His gifts faithfully. A pastor’s authority is not for his own benefit, but for yours. God wants to give you His gifts, so He tells you where to find them. Come, receive.

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: Prayer and Christ’s Passion

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk to them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Psalm 127 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Almighty God, You have created and establish the family when you created them male and female and commanded them to go forth and multiply. Guard and protect our families against all that assaults and assails them. Help us to honor the vocations of parents and children. Teach us to cherish children as a desired gift from You, rather than as a commodity we can demand or dismiss. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	23, 24	26, 27	30, 32	33	35	37	39, 41	42, 43
Evening	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38	40	44

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	John 19:31-37	
Monday	The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:(40) 41-52 The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist—Mark 6:14-29	Romans 3:19-31
Tuesday	Mary Sits at Jesus' Feet—Luke 10:38-42	Romans 4:1-25
Wednesday	The Fall and a Promise, Fall into Sin—Genesis 3	Romans 5:1-21
Thursday	The Rebellion of Absalom—2Samuel 15:2-15 (15:16-18:5) 18:6-15 (16-32)18:33	Romans 6:1-23
Friday	Ruth and Her Kingsman Redeemer—Ruth 1:1-19a (1:19b—3:18) 4:1-10 (11-22)	Romans 7:1-20
Saturday	Genesis 50:15-21	1 John 1:1-2:6

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments — The First and Second Commandment

<i>The Third Commandment?</i> Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> 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.	Second Grade+
<i>The Fourth Commandment?</i> Honor your father and your mother.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> 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.	First Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayers on the Third Commandment:

We thank you, kind Father, that You give us time to hear Your Holy Word. Grant that fearing and loving You, we may set aside our work to receive Your Son's words, which are spirit and life, and so, refreshed and renewed by the preaching of Your Gospel, we might live in the peace and quietness that come through faith alone; we ask it for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers on the Fourth Commandment:

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is given: give to us gratitude for the gifts of parents and others in authority and the humility to serve, obey, love, and cherish them as they fulfill the duties and responsibilities You have assigned to them in this life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Life as a Baptized Child of God

Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Collect of the Day for the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Almighty God, You gave your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sack of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacrament.*
- 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 sin.*
- 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, 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

Our Congregation: *Larry and Marlene Bender; Ronald and Sherri Berr; Dave and Connie Breidenbach; Marty and Jan Burik; Kenneth and Kathleen Butel; Mike and Debra Carey; Dewey Cook Jr; Terry and Gayle Coulson; Mike and Sally Crane; Vic and Sonya Croci.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Vinson Barry; Debra Carey; Kay Gerdes; Doris King; Connie Miller.*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Jack & Lisa Davis; Pat & Janine Wagner;*

The Sick: *Ellen Cromwell; Max Herrick; Ruth Trickett; Marty & Jan Burik; Dorothy Rodgers, Yvonne Knight; Allison Watkins; Xander Daniel; Zack Herrick.*

Friends of our Congregation: *Ellen Berry.*

Our Circuit:

Faith Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Adam Reichart.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Eddie Hosch.

Our District Staff and President, *Rev. Justin Panzer.*

Jim Bradshaw, Assistant to the President for Education and Youth

Heather Williams, Business Manager

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison.*

Our Community: *City of Wellsville; USD 289*

Our State and Governor, *Laura Kelly*

Our Nation and President, Joseph Biden

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

—or—

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Hymn of the Week

“Oh, Blest the House”

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- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—
How sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!

- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

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Looking Forward to “Father, Forgive Them”

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Hymns: 440, 453, 761, 606, 423, 445, 430, 576

Genesis 50:15-21—Joseph forgives his brothers for selling him into slavery. He acknowledges that they weren't in their right mind and didn't understand the evil they committed against him. Even so, though they meant to harm him, God used Joseph's suffering for his good, and even the good of his whole family.

1 John 1:1-2:6—If we believe and act as if we have no sin, then our sin will be held against us. But if we acknowledge before God and man that we are sinners in need of mercy, then the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin and we have fellowship with God and one another.

Luke 23:33-34—Hanging from the cross, Jesus takes the sin of the world upon Himself and cries out, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

