

*For the week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25th through October 2nd, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “The Weight of the Law” God affixes words to His commandments to tell us how serious He is. We naturally (read “sinful nature”) to try and justify and minimize our sin. We even find ways to *demand* that we are owed our sin. Yet over and over again God tells us that He cares how we live here on earth. He tells us to walk in His statutes and always have them before our eyes. When was the last time you took up your catechism to study His commands? But 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 theologians refer to this as the “alien” work of God. In other words, God punishes because it is necessary, not because He wants to. The “proper” work of God is to show love. That is who He is. We can even see this in the words appended to the Commandments as He threatens to punish to the *third and fourth generation of those who hate Me*, but shows “*love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.*” He eagerly loves and forgives and shows mercy. However, He does not force His love upon us. If we reject Him, then He will hand us over to our rejection. But, if we turn to Him and acknowledge Him and seek His will, then He heaps blessing upon blessing upon us! Though this life and world shall pass away on account of sin, He desires to give us a life and world that will never pass away! And when we receive that life from Him we get to experience it even now as we seek to do His will.

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: The Close of the Commandments

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Psalm 79:5-13 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Almighty God, apart from your salvation we have no hope. Remember not our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son. Give us a love for your commandments and so turn from our iniquity of our fathers toward You. Help us to glorify Your name forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	97, 98	101	103	105	107	108, 110	113, 114	116, 117
Evening	99, 100	102	104	106	109	111, 112	115	118

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	John 13:31-36	
Monday	God's Law Always Threatens and Accuses—Exodus 20:1-6, 18-21; 31:18	1 Corinthians 4:1-21
Tuesday	The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Wednesday	Hope in Hardship, Joseph—Genesis 37: 45:1-10; 50:20 St. Michael and All Angels	1 Corinthians 6:1-20
Thursday	God's Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers—Exodus 32:15-35	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Friday	Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
Saturday	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments — 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."

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+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer on the Close of the Commandment:

Holy and merciful God, You have taught us what You would have us do and not do. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us so that He may bear fruit in our lives and that, remembering Your mercies and Your Laws, we may grow in obedience to Your will and in love for Your and our neighbor. Help us to follow the example of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Collect of the Week

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and defend us here on earth; through 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:** *Arlie & Ramona Hildebrandt; Leroy Hildebrandt; Norman Hildebrandt; Ashley Hird, Emma; Daveen Holzapfel; Travis Holzapfel; Jerry & Ronda Huffman; Sam & Margo Hughes, Clyde, Ebony, Emery;; David & Debbi Hunsaker, Kevin & Delilah James*
- Baptismal Birthdays:** *Adam Wadkins; Shiloh Roth; Peighton Ellis; Brad Graf; Becca Mingle; Debi Thompson; Tristan Davis; Amanda Ferguson; Kirsti Rubino*
- Wedding Anniversaries:** *Jay & Jean Davis; Mark & Teresa Falls; Bryan & Ginger Davis; Brian & Jessica Luft.*
- The Sick:** *Ellen Cromwell; Max Herrick; Ruth Trickett; Marty & Jan Burik; Allison Watkins*
- Friends of our Congregation:** *Ellen Berry.*
- Our Circuit:**
Trinity Lutheran Church, Garnett
Zion Lutheran Church, Vassar; Rev. Joshua Woelmer
- Our District Staff and President, Rev. Justin Panzer.**
Heather Williams, Business Manager, Shannon Fender, Administrative Assistant
- Our Synod and President, Rev. Matthew Harrison**
- Our Community:** *City of Ottawa, Ottawa University, Neosho Community College*
- 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

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

594

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity! | 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me! |
| 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood? | 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine. |
| 5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I’ll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise! | |

Text: © 1991 Robert E. Voelker. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002175

Looking Forward to “The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost”

October 2, 2022

Service Hymns: 337, 659, 587, 511 | Distribution Hymns: 655, 575, 850, 895, 566

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 | Psalm 62 | 2 Timothy 1:1–14 | Luke 17:1–10

We are surrounded by “destruction and violence” (Hab. 1:3) because the Law “is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth” (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, “the righteous shall live by his faith” (Hab. 2:4). “Temptations to sin are sure to come” (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus “increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His “unworthy servants” (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, “by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings “life and immortality to light” (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, “follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,” by which He guards you “in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:13).

