

*For the week of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
September 4th through September 11th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “God’s Good Gifts of Life and Marriage” Have you ever read through Genesis 1 and 2 and paid attention to what God considers a thing? In Chapter 1, each day God finishes His work, looks over His creation, and calls it good. On the sixth day, though, He creates all the living creatures besides humans, looks over them, and calls them good. It is only after He creates Adam and Eve, and places them together in marriage, that He observes His creation and calls it “very good.” Creation went from “good” to “very good” once marriage was created. And notice, too, before calling it very good, God gave Adam and Eve two commands. Neither of these commandments are “You shall not eat from the tree in the center of the garden.” Rather, the first command is **“Be fruitful and multiply.”** What was the reason for this fruitfulness? The second command, “fill the earth and subdue it.”

In chapter 2, we hone in on this thing that gives creation its “very good” finishing touch. And yet we hear God calling what he sees something else. “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

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 Fifth and Sixth Commandments

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Mark 10:6-8a

“But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

Psalm 139:13-16 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Almighty God, You have formed each one of us within our mother’s womb. From before the foundations of the world, You knew our name. All the days of my life are numbered by You. Thank You for the gift of life You have given to me and to all others. Help us to cherish and protect this gift beyond all temptation. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	42, 43	45	48	50	52, 53	54, 56	59	62, 63
Evening	44	46, 47	49	51	55	57, 58	60, 61	64, 65

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Luke 23:33-34	
Monday	Cain Murders His Brother Abel—Genesis 4:1-12 (13-15)	Romans 7:21-8:17
Tuesday	The Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37	Romans 8:18-39
Wednesday	A New Beginning, Noah—Genesis 6:11-22; 7:11-24; 8:13-22	Romans 9:1-18
Thursday	Joseph Flees from Adultery—Genesis 39:1-21 (22-23)	Romans 9:19-33
Friday	Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil—Matthew 4:1-11	Romans 10:1-21
Saturday	Ezekiel 18:20-32	1 Peter 3:8-14

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments — The Fifth and Sixth Commandments

<i>The Fifth Commandment</i> You shall not murder.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.	First Grade+
<i>The Sixth Commandment</i> You shall not commit adultery.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.	Second Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayers on the Fifth Commandment:

Lord God, by Your Law You guard and defend every human life from violence and destruction. Give us wisdom never to hurt or harm our neighbors in their bodily life and give us hearts of mercy to help and support them in every physical need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers on the Sixth Commandment:

Holy Lord, You instituted marriage in Eden, and by Your Word You uphold and protect this blessed union of man and woman in one flesh. Cause us to honor marriage and put away from us all sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that would dishonor and distort the gift of marriage. Bless all married couples with faithfulness. Hear the prayers of all who seek a godly spouse, and give to us all purity and decency in all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Week

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord

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: *Gary & Torybeth Daniel, Xander; Bryan & Ginger Davis; Jack & Lisa Davis; Jay & Jean Davis; Tristan & Kaylyn Davis; Alvin & Charlotte Dehn; Brady & Malissa Desormeaux, Bennett; Kermit & Cheryl Deterding; Richard & Christine Dewey; Christal Dewey-Forsberg; Lynn Dunn*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Bert Tegtmeier; Kirk Lauritsen; Levi Roth; Clyde Hughes; Emily Livingston.*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Aaron & Destiny Ellis.*

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

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.*

Jeffrey Maltz, District Vice President, LCEF

Tami Lierz, Administrative Assistant

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *Life Care Center; Hope House*

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

“Draw Us to Thee”

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1 Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

2 Draw us to Thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

3 Draw us to Thee,
O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.

Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642-99; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. tune: *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625; setting: *The Lutheran HYman*, 1941

Looking Forward to “The Need for Repentance”

September 11, 2022

Hymns: Praise Band

Ezekiel 18:20-32—Each person will be held to account for himself. The wicked will be held account for their wickedness, but if a wicked person turns away from their sin and turns to trust in God and seeks to do His will, then they will be forgiven and no sin will be held against them. In the same way, one who has been made righteous by God but turns from Him to sin will be held accountable.

1 Peter 3:8-14—We are called to love and do good to others. As we keep ourselves from evil the Lord is attentive to us. Even when we do suffer, if we continue trusting in the Lord, we will be blessed.

Luke 13:1-5—Our circumstances do not speak our sinfulness. No one suffers ‘more’ because He is a sinner, and no one suffers ‘less’ because they are righteous. Yet, death is the outcome of sin without salvation. So if we do not repent we will surely die.

