



# MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



## A CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — EASTER 6

MAY 17—MAY 23, 2009

### COMMENTARY FOR THE WEEK

It is often said, that the mission of the church is missions. Our Lord Himself commanded His disciples shortly before He left this earth, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Mathew 28:18-19). This is often called the Great Commission and remains Jesus' command to Christians of every age. Accordingly each of us since our Baptism should see ourselves as commissioned by Christ to spread His Word by our words and deeds. We do that directly as we witness our faith to others, pray with people, invite them to worship with us, or teach others about Jesus and what He has done for us. We also do that indirectly through our prayer and financial support of missionaries. Missionaries are people especially sent out and supported by other Christians to spread the good news of Jesus to people who have not yet heard it. This missionary outreach has

been going on since the earliest days of the Church. Today we are greatly honored to have Missionary Philip Schielke and his wife, Kerri, and their children with us. They serve as missionaries in Kazakhas-tan. Mt. Calvary, along with other congregations, provides financial support to them each quarter to make this work possible. Your ongoing gifts to Missions make this support possible. Today Pastor Schielke will preach in all three services and lead the Adult Bible Class. Please continue to pray for his work and the safety and well being of his family each day.



**The Great Commission**

### A SAMPLE FAMILY DEVOTION:

#### • Invocation

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

#### • Verse of the Week

*Try to memorize by the end of the week.*

#### • Daily Bible Story

*Read together and talk about the story. Which character are you most like? Where is the Gospel?*

#### • Apostles' Creed

#### • Prayers

*Pray together the collect, and have a family member pray the daily thematic prayer and the prayers of the Church for the Week*

### Reading the Psalms:

**Perfect for personal morning devotions.**

SUNDAY	35 36
MONDAY	37 38
TUESDAY	40 39, 41
WEDNESDAY	42, 43 44
THURSDAY	45 46, 47
FRIDAY	48, 49 50
SATURDAY	51 52, 53

### MEMORIZING THE CATECHISM: TABLE OF DUTIES TO CHILDREN

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.	1st +
2 "Honor your father and mother" - which is the first commandment with a promise - 3 "that it may go well with you and that you many enjoy long life on the earth."	2nd +

*Ephesians 6:1-3*



*Ephesians 6:2, NIV*

## **VERSE OF THE WEEK**

The LORD says to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Psalm 110:1

## **Hymn of the Week:**

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”, #222

**A musician in the family can play the tune while the family sings together. Otherwise, the text is good devotional material.**

## **Next Sunday's Readings:** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### ***Acts 1:12-26***

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

### ***1 John 5:9-15***

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

### ***John 17:11b-19***

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

## **BIBLE STORIES FOR THE FAMILY AND CONGREGATION: TO BE READ DURING YOUR DAILY FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

Monday	The Great Commission to Baptize and Teach the Nations (Matthew 28:16-20)
Tuesday	St. Mark Records the Command to Preach the Gospel (Mark 16:9-20)
Wednesday	Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples (Luke 24:44-53)
Thursday	<i>Ascension Service</i>
Friday	The Ascension of Our Lord (Acts 1:1-14)
Saturday	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

## **DAILY PRAYER READINGS: PERFECT FOR PERSONAL EVENING DEVOTIONS**

Sunday	OT: Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48	NT: Luke 14:25—15:10
Monday	Numbers 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tuesday	Numbers 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wednesday	Numbers 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thursday	Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Friday	Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37
Saturday	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17
Sunday	Numbers 14:1-25	Luke 18:18-34

## **PRAYERS**

### **Collect for the Week:**

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Daily Themes for Prayer:**

<b>Sunday</b>	for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of the faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.
<b>Monday</b>	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.
<b>Tuesday</b>	for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
<b>Wednesday</b>	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.
<b>Thursday</b>	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.
<b>Friday</b>	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.
<b>Saturday</b>	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 @ Mt. Calvary**

**Sam Winkler** at Audie Murphy Hospital; **Sid Greehey, Jr.** who will have surgery this week; **Andy Bergquist** at Town & Country Care Center in Boerne; **Nick Rossi** at home; **Sylvia Nichols** at Salado Creek Care Center; **Phyllis Gilg** at TriSun Rehab; the **Hansmann family** and **Ganoza family** at the death of loved ones; **Stephanie Seale** and **Kyle Clemens** who will be united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday at Mt. Calvary; the **Schielke family** on their work for the Lord.