



# MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



## A CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

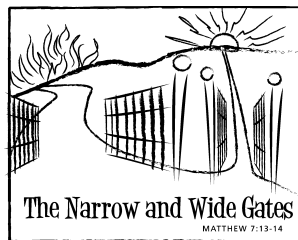
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 11—JULY 18, 2010

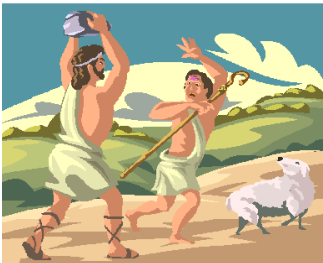
### COMMENTARY FOR THE WEEK

The Gospel lesson for today is one of the best known stories in the Bible. In this parable Jesus answers the question, “Who is my neighbor?” By using the example of the Samaritan who stopped to help a beaten man, our Lord shows what kind of a good neighbor we are to be to others. In helping the beaten man, the Samaritan had to take a detour on his journey. His detour interrupted his previous plans and required his time, effort, and money. Down through the ages this man, who willingly took this detour, is known as the “Good Samaritan” and is held up as an example of neighborly concern for all of God’s people. In life, we sometimes are confronted with detours which we often try to avoid. We set goals and agendas for ourselves, and hate and shun any thing which might interrupt our plans. However, God may be the one who places certain detours in our lives to get us to slow down, to take a different course, to acknowledge Him.

When we insist on going our own way we often end up spiritually and eternally lost. How sad to think some will remain on the worldly path they have chosen only to end up in hell. Jesus Himself warns us, “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14). Rather Jesus instructs us, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 15:8). As we travel on life’s journey we are wise to be open to Jesus’ call to us and to take His path even when it involves a detour.



### MEMORIZING THE CATECHISM THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

<i>What is the Fifth Commandment?</i> You shall not murder.	Pre+
<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.	1st +
	

### 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

**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

**13** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
Colossians 1:13-14

**Hymn of the Week:**

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”, #851

**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:**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 18:1-10a**

The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

**Colossians 1:21-29**

Paul’s Ministry to the Church

**Luke 10:38-42**

Martha and Mary

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

Monday	The Ten Lepers Are Cleansed (Luke 17:11-19)
Tuesday	The Kingdom of God (Luke 17:20-37)
Wednesday	The Parable of the persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8)
Thursday	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-17)
Friday	The Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-34)
Saturday	<i>Look ahead to Sunday’s Readings</i>

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

Sunday	OT: Judges 6:25-40	NT: Acts 15:6-21
Monday	Judges 7:1-23	Galatians 1:1-24
Tuesday	Judges 13:1-25	Galatians 2:1-21
Wednesday	Judges 14:1-20	Galatians 3:1-22
Thursday	Judges 15:1—16:3	Galatians 3:23—4:11
Friday	Judges 16:4-30	Galatians 4:12-31
Saturday	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Galatians 5:1-26
Sunday	1 Samuel 1:21—2:17	Galatians 6:1-18

**PRAYERS  
Collect for the Week:**

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father 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**

Joyce and David Warren at the death of her daughter and his sister, Cara Serpico, on Wednesday, in Pennsylvania; Brian Van Dyke at home following reconstructive eye surgery; Ruth Faubion at BAMC; Olivia White at home with a broken foot; Sullivan Carl Wille at his birth on July 6th; Willow Providence Zammit at her birth on July 6th; Ellia Hope Klein on her baptism today; Carole Willis undergoing tests; Molly and Cara Brunz on their Confirmation today; Fred Brunz as he joins us by transfer; our National Convention in Houston; Lindsey Short and Andrew Wickboldt who will be united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday.