



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



A CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25—AUGUST 1, 2010

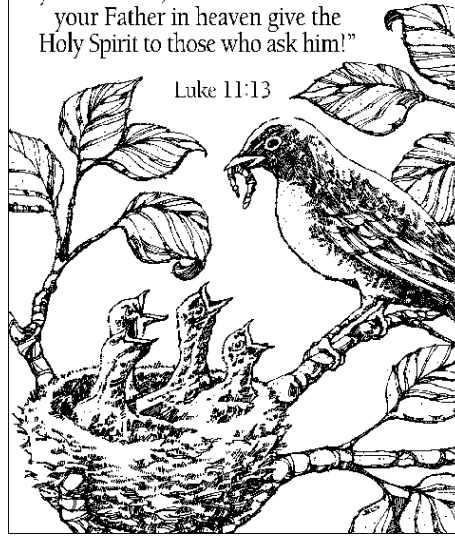
COMMENTARY FOR THE WEEK

The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, “how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him” (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would “surely become a great and mighty nation . . .” (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold “fast to the Head” (Col. 2:19), “rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:6–7).

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13



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

MEMORIZING THE CATECHISM THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

What is the Seventh Commandment?
You shall not steal.

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What does this mean?
We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

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"You shall not steal"

Exodus 20:15

Reading the Psalms:

Perfect for personal morning devotions.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10

Hymn of the Week:

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”, #766

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:

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1,12-14;2:18-26

The Vanity of Wisdom and Toil

Colossians 3:1-11

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

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

Monday	The Sadducees Question Jesus About the Resurrection (Luke 20:27-44)
Tuesday	The Widow's Two Mites (Luke 20:45—21:4)
Wednesday	The Signs of the End (Luke 21:5-19)
Thursday	The Destruction of Jerusalem and Signs of Christ's Coming (Luke 21:20-28)
Friday	The parable of the Fig Tree (Luke 21:29-38)
Saturday	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

DAILY PRAYER READINGS: PERFECT FOR PERSONAL EVENING DEVOTIONS

Sunday	OT: 1 Samuel 9:1-27	NT: Acts 21:37—22:16
Monday	1 Samuel 10:1-27	Acts 22:17-29
Tuesday	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Acts 22:30—23:11
Wednesday	1 Samuel 13:1-18	Acts 23:12-35
Thursday	1 Samuel 14:47—15:9	Acts 24:1-23
Friday	1 Samuel 15:10-35	Acts 24:24—25:12
Saturday	1 Samuel 16:1-23	Acts 25:13-27
Sunday	1 Samuel 17:1-19	Acts 26:1-23

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week:

O Lord, let your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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:

Sunday	for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of the faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.
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 @ Mt. Calvary

Ruth Faubion at home; **Marilyn Biedermann** at home recuperating from surgery; **Art Borland** at home recuperating from surgery; **our Vacation Bible School** this week; **Gerald Scharnau and Laura Jean Mike** on their marriage; **Carole Willis** at home; **Mildred Farquhar** at the death of her husband, Bill.