



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



A CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4—JULY 10, 2010

COMMENTARY FOR THE WEEK

Happy Six Sunday after Pentecost! We're happy you all made it today to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. What's that, you say? Today is a holiday? Independence Day? The 4th of July? Well, happy Independence Day! And, I'm glad you all made it today to celebrate the **death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ!** You see, each Sunday we gather to hear about a kingdom that is not ruled by a President, or any other sort of elected (or appointed) official. And that is important for us to remember. While we do give thanks and praise to God for the great nation we call home (and we will be celebrating with fireworks somewhere tonight!), it is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that gives us great comfort even on this important national holiday.

Even as the strength of this nation depends upon the ideals of its founding fathers being

carried on through the leaders of today, so too, the Christian Church can only remain strong as it relies on its cornerstone—the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection for our salvation! In our Gospel reading we hear of Jesus sending out a team of disciples to go and proclaim that the Kingdom of God had come. Today, we are still proclaiming that message. There is a King above all kings that rules not by power or force, but by His grace in the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins. And no matter what may come our way, in the church and in our country, our King prevails: "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

God bless the Church, and this native land!

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 FOURTH COMMANDMENT

What is the Fourth Commandment?
Honor your father and your mother.

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What does this mean?
We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

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"Honor your father and your mother..."
Exodus 20:12

Reading the Psalms:

Perfect for personal morning devotions.

SUNDAY 18
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MONDAY 19, 20
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TUESDAY 22
23, 24

WEDNESDAY 26, 27
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THURSDAY 30
28, 29

FRIDAY 32
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SATURDAY 33
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VERSE OF THE WEEK

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
Luke 10:2

Hymn of the Week:

"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying", #827

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 after Pentecost

Leviticus 19:9-18

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

Colossians 1:1-14

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you...

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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

Monday	The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)
Tuesday	The parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
Wednesday	The Parable of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-13)
Thursday	The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:14-31)
Friday	Faith as a Mustard Seed (Luke 17:1-10)
Saturday	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

DAILY PRAYER READINGS: PERFECT FOR PERSONAL EVENING DEVOTIONS

Sunday	OT: Joshua 10:1-25	NT: Acts 11:19-30
Monday	Joshua 23:1-16	Acts 12:1-25
Tuesday	Joshua 24:1-31	Acts 13:1-12
Wednesday	Judges 2:6-23	Acts 13:13-41
Thursday	Judges 3:7-31	Acts 13:42-52
Friday	Judges 4:1-24	Acts 14:1-18
Saturday	Judges 6:1-24	Acts 14:19—15:5
Sunday	Judges 6:25-40	Acts 15:6-21

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week:

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in the true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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

Gene Knuth and family at the death of Ann last Sunday; **Bill Greinke** at home; **Judy Hohn** undergoing tests; **Ruth Faubion** at home from the hospital; **Madeline White** at home; **Ken Krinke, Blayne Ley, Cara Serpico** undergoing cancer treatments; **Carole Willis** at home from the hospital; **Mallory Pundt** born seven weeks early.