

**The Congregation at Prayer**  
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*  
September 25<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>

***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:** What God Say About the Commandments?

***Invocation***

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

***Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

***Verse: Deuteronomy 6:5***

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”**

**Catechism:**

***“The Close of the Commandments”***

**What does God say about all these commandments?** He says, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Exodus 20:5-6)

***What does this mean?***

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

***Collect for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity***

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn***

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**“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”**

Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
The world’s foundations first were laid,  
Come visit ev’ry humble mind;  
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free;  
May we Your living temples be.

*Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Morning Prayer*

**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.**

*Evening Prayer*

**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. Amen.**

“I am of opinion, indeed, that here one will find his hands full, [and will have enough] to do to observe these, namely, meekness, patience, and love towards enemies, chastity, kindness, etc., and what such virtues imply. But such works are not of value and make no display in the eyes of the world; for they are not peculiar and conceited works, and restricted to particular times, places, rites, and customs, but are common, every-day domestic works which one neighbor can practice toward another; therefore they are not of high esteem.”

*Large Catechism, Close of the Commandments*

## **Readings for the Week**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Monday	LSB Hymn #960
Tuesday	Isaiah 41:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 41:17-29
Thursday	Isaiah 42:1-17
Friday	Isaiah 42:18-25
Saturday	LSB Hymn #960

### **In Our Prayers this Week:**

Mel Girl (brother-in-law of Jane Oeltjen), Rick Schaffer  
(brother of Peggy Doering)

Continuing Prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Loren  
Daubendiek, Leonard Esch, Deryl Wergin

Missing: Ann Kelley

**Looking forward to Nineteenth Sunday after  
Trinity**

**October 2, 2016**

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**Hymns:** 916, 708, 568, 551, 561, 921

**Lessons:** Genesis 28:10-17; Ephesians 4:22-28; Matthew 9:1-8

**Hymn of the  
Week**

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

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