

Daily Home Devotions

For the week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017 through October 14, 2017

Verse of the Week

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. – Philippians 3:8

Invocation

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

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life, to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!

Catechism Review: Second Commandment

What is swearing by God's name? Swearing by God's name is taking an oath in which we call on God to witness the truth of what we say or promise and to punish us if we lie or break our promise.

When are we permitted, and even required, to swear by God's name? We are permitted, and even required, to take an oath by God's name when an oath is necessary for the glory of God or the welfare of our neighbor.

God's Word for the week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 – God has a song for His people. They are a vineyard. God has given His people everything they need to grow and be happy. They have become sour grapes. So God will destroy them. We also have God's favor. He helps us daily. But if we neglect our God we also will face ruin

Philippians 3:4b-14 – Life teaches us to compare. Sadly, when we compare we determine some people are "more right" for God. Paul reminds us that if anyone was "more right" it was him. But at first he didn't know Christ. It is only when he came to faith that he realized only faith in Christ matters.

Matthew 21:33-46 – Jesus continues teaching at the temple. His parable about wicked tenants is about the religious leaders who opposed Him. But really it is about anyone who forsakes the Word and Christ. There will be only punishment. The real key to life is Christ, the cornerstone.

Collect for the week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

Hymn of the Week: Jesus, Lead Thou On

1. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears overtake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe To our home we go.

3. When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

4. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heavenly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

Reading through the Bible: Read chapters 1, 2, and 3 of Numbers

1. Why did God want Moses and Aaron to take a census?
2. What was the tribe of Levi to do?
3. When the Israelites camped, how were they to be arranged?
4. Who were the Levites a replacement for?
5. What were the duties of specific groups of Levites?

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.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.