

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The 12th week after Trinity: Sept. 8-14, 2019



**LEARN-BY-HEART**

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY  
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

Fifth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not murder

1st gr+ *What does this mean?*

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.

Sixth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not commit adultery

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God  
so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life  
in what we say and do,  
and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Bible Verse

3rd gr+ From the beginning of the creation, God "made them male and female."  
"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
And be joined to his wife,  
And the two shall become one flesh."  
(Mark 10:6-8a)



**PRAYERS**

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO  
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.  
LET US PRAY...

- Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament  
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel
- Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, and for our teachers and  
students who begin a new week of school
- Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be  
comforted with the Gospel
- Wed ...for all husbands and wives, for all parents and children, that all families may live in peace according to God's  
Word
- Thu ...for our Church and our pastors, for our teachers, for our missionaries, for all who serve and volunteer at St.  
John's
- Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick and  
dying

Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service tomorrow



## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

Galatians 3:15-22

Luke 10:23-37



## HYMNS

Church Sermon Hymn "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" (*LSB* 683)

School Hymn of the Month "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (*LSB* 655)



## FAMILY DEVOTION

"And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, 'He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak' (Mark 7:37)." This verse that ended last Sunday's Gospel lesson should inspire and challenge us. They were astonished and zealously shared the good news of what Jesus had done. How often do we read and pass by these Gospel lessons with zero amazement? The problem is not with the story, or the repetition of hearing it over and over again. The problem is that we lack love. We lack empathy. We don't take the time to pause and consider just what that miracle meant for that deaf-mute man and the witnesses. If it was us, we'd be astonished, amazed, and telling others. Let us learn to walk in the shoes of those blessed by Jesus.

After all, that's who and what we are- blessed by God in Jesus Christ. Amazing! Astonishing! Now, of course, we cannot do what Jesus did. That's not the point of a miracle. Jesus had healed a deaf-mute. He cared for that man's physical needs and provided for him just as the Fifth Commandment requires all of us to do what we are able to help and support a neighbor in his body.

That's a challenge for us. Our society has become very individualistic and materialistic. And we in Christ's church cannot help breathing that air. So we must be ever more mindful of our neighbor and his needs. Lift them up in prayer (2nd Commandment) and seek a way to help. We do not need to quickly excuse ourselves from helping or handing it off to the government or the random "somebody else" who we think will help. A miracle-lesson may lead us to do that ("Jesus could heal him, so I don't have to help"- what a silly conclusion to draw). This coming Sunday will help us get over that hurdle. We will hear the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:23-37) and learn more about the mercy of Christ and the love and mercy we should show as members of His Body.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Moss