



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



A CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

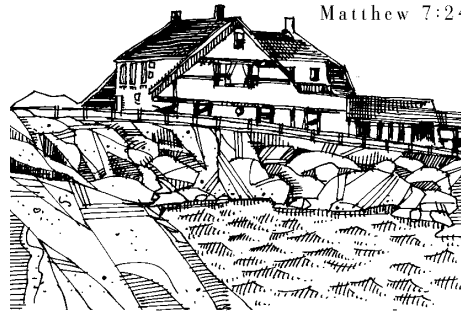
FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13, 2010

COMMENTARY FOR THE WEEK

In the last several days we have been hearing about a retaining wall that collapsed in a San Antonio subdivision endangering several houses. Engineers have determined that the soil was unstable and has shifted. This event brings to need Jesus' words about building on the rock or the sand. Homes built on sand will collapse when a storm comes. But a house built on a rock will continue to stand. Each of us should consider what we are building our life, marriage, or family on. When the inevitable storms of life come, people who have built on the solid rock of Jesus Christ and His Word will survive and even thrive, whereas those who build on the shifting sand of this world will fall in a great crash. As Christians who build on the rock of Jesus, we can face unafraid whatever storms will come.

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24



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: BAPTISM

<i>What does such baptizing with water indicate?</i> It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.	3rd +
<i>Where is this written?</i> St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:	1st +
We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death	K+
In order that , just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4	2nd +

Reading the Psalms:

Perfect for personal morning devotions.

SUNDAY	101 102
MONDAY	103 104
TUESDAY	150 106
WEDNESDAY	107 108
THURSDAY	109 110, 111
FRIDAY	112, 113 114
SATURDAY	115 116

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

Hymn of the Week:

“As with Gladness Men of Old”, #127

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: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Death of Moses

Hebrews 3:1-6

Jesus Greater Than Moses

Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

BIBLE STORIES FOR THE FAMILY AND CONGREGATION:

TO BE READ DURING YOUR DAILY FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Monday	Ezekiel's Vision (Ezekiel 1:1-28)
Tuesday	Ezekiel is Called to be a Prophet to an Exiled People (Ezekiel 2:1—3:3)
Wednesday	Daniel and His Three Friends are Taken to Babylon (Daniel 1:1-21)
Thursday	King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2:1-23)
Friday	Daniel Interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2:24-49)
Saturday	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

DAILY PRAYER READINGS:

PERFECT FOR PERSONAL EVENING DEVOTIONS

Sunday	OT: Job 4:1-21	NT: John 2:1-12
Monday	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
Tuesday	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
Wednesday	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22—4:6
Thursday	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
Friday	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
Saturday	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
Sunday	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18

PRAYERS

Collect for the Week:

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Wayne West at Wilford Hall after hip surgery; **Elizabeth Rose** at Northeast Baptist, room 11; **Marge Regelein** at Northeast Methodist; **Andy Bergquist** at Methodist, Floyd Curl; **Norva Sibley** at the death of her son, Steven Price; Abigail and Zane Golding at St. Luke's Baptist Intensive Care Unit for infants.