



MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9/16/18—9/22/18

Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil

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YOUNG CHILDREN

- What was the Gospel reading/children’s message about?
- Tell me about your Sunday School class this morning.
- What is one thing Jesus wants you to do this week?

STUDENTS

- What was the sermon about?
- What is one thing you talked about in Sunday School this morning?
- What are some action steps we can take this week in response to what we learned today?

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

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Friday The Prophet Nathan Confronts David with His Sin—2 Samuel 11:26-12:15

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ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED READINGS (FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER STUDENTS):

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MEMORIZATION FOR LIFE (FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES): LORD'S PRAYER

Fifth Petition – And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

PRAYERS: O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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