

## 11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

### What is the Ninth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

### What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not desire to get our neighbor's possessions by scheming, or by pretending to have a right to them, but always help him keep what is his.

### What is the Tenth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.

### What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not tempt or coax away from our neighbor his wife or his workers, but encourage them to remain loyal.

## 12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

**Prayer based on the Ninth and Tenth Commandment:** Heavenly Father, you open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living creature. Cause us to fear and love you above all things, that our hearts would not covet that which you have given to our neighbors. Rather, lead us to trust in your provision of daily bread, be content with what you provide, and reject every evil scheme or enticement that would secure for ourselves that which you have given to others. Enable us to serve our neighbors by helping them keep and guard all that you have given to them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 119]

## 13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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| ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia                    | ⇒ For Barbara Anderson newly diagnosed with multiple myeloma         |
| ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for                             | ⇒ For Ruth Scholze recovering from low iron level in her blood..     |
| ⇒ For Pastor Dave Steffenson battling cancer                  | ⇒ For Elyse Schoonover with a torn ACL                               |
| ⇒ For Sue Reget who suffered a brain aneurism                 | ⇒ For Jolene Wieman, David Bjornstad's sister, battling lung cancer. |
| ⇒ For Doris Stanke, Anne Warner's mother, with dementia       |  |
| ⇒ For Cynthia Granger, Naomi Rislow's sister battling cancer. |  |

## 14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

**He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!** LBW 501: *stnz 1* 1 He leadeth me: O, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me! *Refrain:* He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hand he leadeth me. His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me. *stnz 2* Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. *Refrain* *stnz 3* Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine; Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain* *stnz 4* And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vict'ry's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

**For October 24,** Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 25): **Jeremiah 31:7-9** "I will gather My people and lead them in a straight path."; **Psalms 126** "The Lord has done great things for us."; **Hebrews 7:23-28** Jesus always lives to make intercession for us.; **Mark 10:46-52** Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus.



## The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17 through October 23

**1 INVOCATION - MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND SAY:**  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**2 CONFESS THE APOSTLES' CREED**  
I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**3 PRAY THE 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.

**4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER**

*Morning.* We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

*Evening.* We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**5 AT MEAL TIME ASK BLESSING THEN AFTERWARDS RETURN THANKS**

*Blessing before meal*

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature.” [Ps. 145:15-16]

Lord, God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Returning Thanks after meal*

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. He gives food to all creatures. He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; but the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.” [Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9-11]

We thank you, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

**6 PRAY THE PSALMS**

General Wk 2	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	19, 150	135, 145	123, 146	15; 147:1-12	36, 147:13-	130, 148	56, 149
Evening	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 63

**7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Mark 10:26-27**

And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

**Theme of the Week:** Salvation Only Possible in Christ

**8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**SUN**

2 Kings 20:1-21; Acts 12:1-17; Luke 7:11-17

**MON**

2 Kings 21:1-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14–11:1; Matthew 8:28-34

**TUE**

2 Kings 22:1-13; 1 Corinthians 11:2-22; Matthew 9:1-8

**WED**

2 Kings 22:14—23:3; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34; Matthew 9:9-17

**THU**

2 Kings 23:4-25; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Matthew 9:18-26

**FRI**

2 Kings 23:36—24:17; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Matthew 9:27-34

**SAT**

Jeremiah 35:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3; Matthew 9:35—10:4

**9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK**

**The Ninth and Tenth Commandments,** *You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor’s.* - The last two Commandments, at least as Lutherans count them, have to do with coveting. In the Ninth Commandments we are warned against coveting our neighbor’s physical property, and in the Tenth the warning is against coveting the living beings loyal to, and connected with, our neighbor. We need to learn to be content with the gifts God has given us to sustain our lives. And when we feel lacking in these gifts we are to turn to God in prayer asking him for our daily bread. As but one of many examples in Scripture of how the sin of coveting leads to other sins, consider the account of how King Ahab acquired Naboth’s vineyard. You can find the account in 1 Kings 21:1-16. As believers in Christ we learn to live a life of contentment as we give thanks for the daily blessings God provides both for us and for our neighbor. Coveting, that is, the inordinate desire for that which God has not entrusted to us, is a sure indication that we have made an idol out of some object other than God. This brings us full circle back to the First Commandment, namely, You shall have no other gods.