

11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

What is the Second Commandment?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not use his name superstitiously, or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

Prayer based on Second Commandment: Holy Father, purify our lips from every misuse of your name by cursing, swearing, superstition, lying, or deception. Open our mouths to reverence your holy name, calling upon it in every time of trouble, praying for what you promise to give, praising you for your glory, and giving thanks to you as the giver of every good and perfect gift; this we ask in the name that gives us access to you, the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 73]

13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia
- ⇒ For Buff Peterson coping with pulmonary functioning
- ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for
- ⇒ For Lisa Cash in caring for her father Daniel
- ⇒ For Karri Bjornstad's father, Birger Eklov, battling cancer.
- ⇒ For Pastor Dave Steffenson battling cancer
- ⇒ For Harvey Olson battling pneumonia

14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus LBW 30: *stnz 1* Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art, Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart. *stnz 2* Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king; Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

For November 29, First Sunday in Advent: **Isaiah 64:1-9** "Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down."; **Psalms 80:1-7** "Restore us, O God Almighty."; **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** "He will keep you strong to the end."; **Mark 13:24-37** "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."



The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Christ the King Sunday
November 22 through November 28

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 |
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| Morning | 19, 150 | 135, 145 | 123, 146 | 15; 147:1-12 | 36, 147:13-21 | 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: 1 Thessalonians 5:5

“Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

Theme of the Week: Christ’s Coming For Judgment

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN
Zechariah 9:9-16; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Matthew 21:1-13

MON
Zechariah 10:1-12; Galatians 6:1-10; Luke 18:15-30

TUE
Zechariah 11:4-17; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; Luke 18:31-43

WED
Zechariah 12:1-10; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 19:1-10

THU
Zechariah 13:1-9; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 19:11-27

FRI
Zechariah 14:1-11; Romans 15:7-13; Luke 19:28-40

SAT
Zechariah 14:12-21; Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 19:41-48

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as the judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, 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 Second Commandment – When we trust God with all our heart, it automatically follows that we will use our lips to call upon Him as our Creator and Redeemer. We will call upon Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Otherwise, most uses of His name will be in vain. That is, we will utter or take His name for no good purpose. It would be hard to find a more compelling good and proper use of God’s name than the example that the Virgin Mary made as she offered her praise in Luke 1:46-55: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” As Christians, we treasure and honor God’s name with our prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and witness.