

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

- ⇒ 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 parents, Daniel and Marion
- ⇒ For Karri Bjornstad's father, Birger Eklov, battling cancer.

14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded LBW 117: *stnz 1* O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee thine.. *Stnz 2* How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn; How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter Passion Were all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.

For April 12, The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day: **Acts 10:34-43** "We are witnesses of all that He did." **Psalms 16** "You will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let Your holy one see corruption."; **Colossians 3:1-4** "Set your minds on things that are above ... your life is hidden with Christ in God."; **Matthew 28:1-10** The resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of The Sunday of the Passion (Holy Week)
April 5 through April 11

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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	84, 150	119:73-80; 145	34, 146	5, 147:1-12	27, 147:13-21	22, 148	43, 149
Evening	42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	105, 130	23, 114

7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: **Philippians 2:8**

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Theme of the Week: Jesus’ Obedience, Even Unto Death

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN

Zechariah 9:9-12 *or* Zechariah 12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9; 1 Timothy 6:12-16; Luke 19:41-48

MON

Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12; 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Mark 11:12-25

TUE

Lamentations 1:17-22; 2 Corinthians 1:8-22; Mark 11:27-33

WED

Lamentations 2:1-9; 2 Corinthians 1:23--2:11; Mark 12:1-11

THU

Lamentations 2:10-28; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32

FRI

Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38 *or* John 19:38-42

SAT

Lamentations 3:37-58; Hebrews 4:1-16; Romans 8:1-11

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same 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.