

## 11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

### What is the Sixth Commandment?

You shall not commit adultery.

### What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex our words and conduct are pure and honorable, and husband and wife love and respect each other.

## 12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

**Prayer based on Sixth Commandment:** Holy Lord, you instituted marriage in Eden, and by your Word you uphold and protect this blessed union of man and woman in one flesh. Cause us to honor marriage and put away from us all sinful thoughts, words, and deeds that would dishonor and distort the gift of marriage. Bless all married couples with faithfulness. Hear the prayers of all who seek a godly spouse, and give to us all purity and decency in all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 104]

## 13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

## 14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

**God of Grace and God of Glory** LBW 415: *stnz 1* God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r; Crown your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour. *stnz 2* Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days. *stnz 3* Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal. *stnz 4* Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore, Serving you whom we adore.

**For October 3,** Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 22): **Genesis 2:18-25** The Lord God creates woman.;

**Psalm 128** "Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.;" **Hebrews 2:1-13** "The one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.;" **Mark 10:2-16** A question regarding divorce. "Let the little children come to Me."



## The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 26 through October 2

**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.

**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

**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.

**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. 3	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	67, 150	57, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1-12	143, 147:13-21	88, 148	122, 149
Evening	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 20	125, 90

**7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Mark 9:50**

“Have salt in yourself, and be at peace with one another.”

**Theme of the Week: Keeping Faith In Christ**

**8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**SUN**

1 Kings 19:8-21; Acts 5:34-42; John 11:45-57

**MON**

1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Corinthians 1:1-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**TUE**

1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 Corinthians 1:20-31; Matthew 4:12-17

**WED**

1 Kings 22:1-28; 1 Corinthians 2:1-13; Matthew 4:18-25

**THU**

1 Kings 22:29-45; 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15; Matthew 5:1-10

**FRI**

2 Kings 1:2-17; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:11-16

**SAT**

2 Kings 2:1-18; 1 Corinthians 4:1-7; Matthew 5:17-20

**9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; 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 Sixth Commandment** *You shall not commit adultery.* – In Genesis 1 we read, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them (v 27).” And then in Genesis 2:18-25 we read more specifically of the harmonizing and corresponding (complementary) relationship between men and women, especially between a man and a woman in marriage. There we read of how it is not good for the man to be alone. Humans are created for community and fellowship, first and foremost for fellowship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But even among other created beings we were meant for community, the fellowship of which all the other animals are not fully suitable. So God fashioned the first woman from the first man’s side and presented the woman to the man as a “helper fit for him” (v 18). And then God formed the first of three important institutions that humans participate in, that of marriage and the family. And we read, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (v 24). Later, God would establish civil and religious communities. As Christians, we cherish marriage as the union of our different yet complementary natures as male and female. We accordingly are to think, talk, and act in ways that reflect God’s good purposes for it.