

## 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?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

### What is the Tenth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

## 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]

## 13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For Wendell Halderson grieving the death of his wife Carol.
- ⇒ For President John Wille being treated for Prostate Cancer
- ⇒ For Peter Magnuson with a succession of surgeries.
- ⇒ For Jonny Lowell (Dave Bjornstad's nephew) for proper medical diagnosis and treatment..
- ⇒ For Bev Kuehn and relief for her neck

## 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. *stnz 3* What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend, For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? Oh, make me thine forever, And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to thee. *stnz 4* Lord, be my consolation; Shield me when I must die; Remind me of thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh. These eyes, new faith receiving, From thee shall never move; For he who dies believing Dies safely in thy love.

**For April 9, Easter Sunday:** **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

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For Holy Week

April 2 through April 8

**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,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was  
buried. He descended into hell. The third day  
He rose again from the dead. He ascended into  
heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the  
Father Almighty. From thence He will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
Christian 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.* I thank You, my heavenly  
Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear  
Son, that You have kept me this night  
from all harm and danger; and I pray  
that You would keep me this day also  
from sin and every evil, that all my  
doings and life may please You. For into  
Your hands I commend myself, my  
body and soul, and all things. Let Your  
holy angel be with me, that the evil foe  
may have no power over me. Amen.

*Evening.* I thank You, my heavenly  
Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear  
Son, that You have graciously kept me  
this day; and I pray that You would  
forgive me all my sins where I have  
done wrong, and graciously keep me  
this night. For into Your hands I  
commend myself, my body and soul,  
and all things. Let Your holy angel be  
with me, that the evil foe may have no  
power over me. Amen.

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

*Blessing before meal*

“The eyes of all look to You, [O LORD,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.” (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. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.” (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**

Lent	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	31, 143

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

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Theme of the Week: Obedient to the Point of Death**

**8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**SUN**

Zechariah 9:9-12; 1 Timothy 6:12-16; Matthew 21:12-17

**MON**

Jeremiah 11:18-20; 12:1-17; Philippians 3:1-14; John 12:9-19

**TUE**

Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 3:15-21; John 12:20-26

**WED**

Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-18; Philippians 4:1-13; John 12:27-36

**THU**

Jeremiah 20:7-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32; John 17:1-26

**FRI**

Genesis 22:1-14; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38

**SAT**

Job 19:21-27a; Hebrews 4:1-16; Romans 8:1-11

**9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion** 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, 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 maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.* - 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.