

11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

What is the Fourth Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in authority, but respect, obey, love, and serve them.

12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

Prayer based on Fourth Commandment: Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is given: give unto us gratitude for the gifts of parents and others in authority and the humility to serve, obey, love, and cherish them as they fulfill the duties and responsibilities you have assigned to them in this life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 84]

13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us LBW 424: *stnz 1* Lord of glory, you have bought us With your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice; And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand To the unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand. *stnz 2* Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive. *stnz 3* Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me." Can it be, O gracious Master, That you deign for alms to sue, Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"? *stnz 4* Yes, the sorrow and the sufferings Which on ev'ry hand we view Channels are for gifts and offerings Due by solemn right to you; Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay, Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day. *stnz 5* Lord of glory, you have bought us With Your life-blood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you: But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

For September 19, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 20): **Jeremiah 11:18-20** "I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter."; **Psalms 54** "God is my helper."; **James 3:13-4:10** "A friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."; **Mark 9:30-37** "If anyone wants to be first he must be the very last."



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A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12 through September 18

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

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 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1-18; 147:1-12	97, 147:13-21	51, 148	104, 149
Evening	117, 139	82, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111

7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Mark 9:25

[Jesus] rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

Theme of the Week: Jesus’ Authority Over Demons

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN

1 Kings 8:22-40; 1 Timothy 4:7b-16; John 8:47-59

MON

2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7; James 2:1-13; Mark 14:53-65

TUE

1 Kings 8:65-9:9; James 2:14-26; Mark 14:66-72

WED

1 Kings 9:24-10:13; James 3:1-12; Mark 15:1-11

THU

1 Kings 11:1-13; James 3:13-4:12; Mark 15:12-21

FRI

1 Kings 11:26-43; James 4:13-5:6; Mark 15:22-32

SAT

1 Kings 12:1-20; James 5:7-20; Mark 15:33-39

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK

The Fourth Commandment *Honor your father and mother.* – God gives parents a unique task that serves the well-being of all society. Luther called the Office of Father and Mother the highest in the land. He notes that of the Ten Commandments, God has singled out parents as authorities to be honored. Second only to the fear, love, and trust of God alone, God has commanded that we honor and obey our parents. And as Luther will duly instruct, parents need quite a supporting cast to help them hold society together and raise children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. This supporting cast includes Pastors, Teachers, Governing Authorities, Civic Leaders, Administrators, Law Enforcement Officers, and the like. Interestingly, even as He hung on the cross, Jesus honored His mother as He was dying. And he did so by commending her to the care of His beloved disciple (cf. Jn. 19:25-27). As with all other commandments, Jesus kept the Fourth Commandment! As Christians, we give parents special honor as God’s representatives on earth – gifts of God through whom He gave us the gift of life.