

*For the week of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
September 11th through September 18th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “God’s Good Gifts of Possessions and Reputation” Notice how the fourth, fifth, and sixth commandments sort of form a groundwork for the family? They give and protect the gifts of parenthood, life, and marriage. But how are a husband and wife to provide for and protect this new family that God has given? After all, we are not solely spiritual creatures without any needs of the body. In order to care for the body we need money and possessions. I need a house to shelter my family, clothing to put on their bodies, food to put in their bellies, transportation to get them places. And of course, I need money in order to purchase these things for them. Therefore God protects the gifts that He gives for me to care for my family with His commandment, “You shall not steal.” Of course, in order for me to obey this commandment and not steal what God has given to others, I must earn money to purchase what we need. In order to do that I need to have a job, and in order to have a good job I need a good reputation in the community. Therefore, God even protects my reputation, with His command, “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. And He requires me to protect the reputation of others. After all, we are meant to live as *family*, not only in our individual families, but as a family together with other families in the name of Christ. Let us honor the seventh and eighth commandments.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: The Seventh and Eighth Commandments

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Matthew 5:37

“Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Psalm 57 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Almighty God, you give us all we need to support this body and life. Help us to place our trust in you when others revile us and utter all kinds of falsehood against us to seek our destruction. Help us to bridle our tongue to keep us from evil words but turn to you in praise and thanksgiving. Help us to remember that the words others speak concerning us shall pass away, but the words you speak over us will endure forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	62, 63	66	68	71	73	75, 76	78	80
Evening	64, 65	67, 70	69	72	74	77	79	81

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Luke 13:1-5	
Monday	Abram Gives Lot the Choice of the Land—Genesis 13:1-12 (13-18)	Romans 11:1-24
Tuesday	Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus's House—Luke 19:1-10	Romans 11:25-12:13
Wednesday	A Call To Action, Abraham—Genesis 12:1-9 Holy Cross Day	Romans 12:14-13:14
Thursday	Bless Those Who Curse—Matthew 5:33-45	Romans 14:1-24
Friday	Jesus Prays for His Enemies—Luke 23:33-43	Romans 15:1-13
Saturday	Ezekiel 12:21-28	1 Corinthians 11:23-34

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments — The Seventh and Eighth Commandments

<i>The Seventh Commandment</i> You shall not steal.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.	First Grade+
<i>The Eighth Commandment</i> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.	Second Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer on the Seventh Commandment:

Lord God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to rejoice in the bounty of Your gifts given to our neighbors and curb our appetite to claim for ourselves by theft or dishonesty the money or possessions You have bestowed on them. Instead, give us cheerful hearts and willing hands to help our neighbors improve and protect their livelihood; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer on the Eighth Commandment:

Guard our lips, O Lord, and govern our unruly tongues so that our words about our neighbors are not tainted with falsehood, betrayal, or slander, which would damage their reputation. Instead, give us the wisdom to speak well of our neighbors, defend them, and explain their circumstances and actions in the kindest way; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Week

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Holy Cross Day

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacrament.*
- Monday:** *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday:** *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Congregation: *Glen Daniel; Scott & Joy Dwyer, Jackson, Sydney; Joyce Eddings; Shari, Braden Edwards; Destiny Ellis; Austin & Lisa Entress, Aiden, Kielee, Landrie; Mark & Teresa Falls; Mary Lyn Fehr, Nicolas & Amanda Ferguson; Linda Floyd; Rich & Kay Gerdes.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Emily Livingston; Nathaniel Wadkins, Marilyn Zimmerman; Jayson Herrmann, Kady White, Laura Williams*

Wedding Anniversaries: *John & Linda Herrick; Arlie & Ramona Hildebrandt; David & Tracy White*

The Sick: *Ellen Cromwell; Max Herrick; Ruth Trickett; Marty & Jan Burik; Dorothy Rodgers, Yvonne Knight; Allison Watkins; Xander Daniel; Zack Herrick, Gary Daniel*

Friends of our Congregation: *Ellen Berry.*

Our Circuit:

*St. John Lutheran Church, Alliceville; Rev. Timothy Booth
Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington; Rev. Don Haselhuhn*

Our District Staff and President, *Rev. Justin Panzer.*

*Rev. Dan Galchutt, Assistant to the President for Missions & Stewardship
Shannon Fender, Administrative Assistant*

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *Cities of Pomona and Williamsburg, USD 287*

Our State and Governor, *Laura Kelly*

Our Nation and President, *Joseph Biden*

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

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.

—or—

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.

Hymn of the Week

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

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1 Come, let us join our cheerful sons
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

2 “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry
“To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!”

3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Tune: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Looking Forward to “Proclaiming the Lord’s Death”

September 18, 2022

Hymns: 534, 618, 628, 629, 633, 638, 641, 644

Exodus 12:21-28—God gives His command and promise of eating the Passover lamb. Anyone who trusts the Word of the Lord concerning the blood of the lamb and does as He commands will be delivered from death and saved from bondage of the house of Egypt. This celebration of the Passover would be observed as a remembrance to teach the coming generations of what all God had done for His people.

1 Corinthians 11:23-34—Paul instructs the Corinthians concerning the Lord’s Supper. He is only teaching them what Christ Himself had taught. When we gather at the Lord’s table it is both intimately personal and publicly corporate. We receive the very body and blood of Jesus upon our lips, but as we do so we make common confession with those we are communing with of who Jesus is and of the salvation He gives. When we fail to discern the body, both the body of Christ in the Supper and the Body of Christ gathered for the Supper, then we are actually eating and drinking to our own judgement and are condemned along with the world. Therefore Paul exhorts that no one come to the table without discernment and understanding, as individuals who are part of the Church.

John 6:43-69—The words of Jesus were simply too hard for people to receive. They were not rational. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” When we place our reason over the revelation of God’s Word, we are going to not only misunderstand the faith, we are going to misunderstand Jesus Himself. So the people turned away from following Jesus. Instead, we approach Jesus with our reason in submission to His revelation. Jesus says that we must receive His body and blood in order to have eternal life. This is not only true in a spiritual sense, but just as God commanded Israel to feast upon the flesh of the Passover lamb we too are to feast upon the flesh of Jesus. We do so through the Lord’s Supper. But how are the flesh and blood of Jesus in the bread and the wine? We don’t know. We simply confess, “We believe because Jesus has said it to be so.” We confess with the disciples, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believe, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

