

*For the week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18th through September 25th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “God’s Good Gifts of Contentment” In the Ninth and Tenth commandment, we receive God’s gift of contentment. He has given us all things and has not withheld anything from us that we need. Further, we know that God has given our neighbors all that they have. Therefore, we delight ourselves in our gifts and do not even desire what God has given to someone else. It is in these commandments that God really shows that not just our actions, but even our thoughts, emotions, and desires are corrupted by sin. Coveting is the sinful desire to acquire for ourselves anything that does not belong to our neighbor. It is also the desire to draw away from our neighbor for our own benefit anyone who is important to them, such as a source or family member, friend, or employee. When we find ourselves beginning to think that someone has something better than we do, then we must turn back to God and remember that He is the giver of all good gifts and ask Him to help us have contentment.

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 Ninth and Tenth Commandments

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Matthew 6:33-34

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Psalm 16 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Almighty God, you are my chosen portion and my cup. Help me to be content with all that you have given me in this life, knowing that in You I have all that I need and more. Help my flesh dwell securely knowing that in all things I have the hope of the resurrection from the dead and life eternal. Therefore, let no temptation find a place in my heart to desire what you have given another. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	80	82, 84	85, 87	88	90	92	94	97, 98
Evening	81	83	86	89	91	93	95, 96	99, 100

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	John 6:43-69	
Monday	Ahab Covets Naboth's Vineyard—1Kings 21:1-16	Romans 15:14-33
Tuesday	The Fall of Man into Sin—Genesis 3:1-8	Romans 16:17-27
Wednesday	A Promising Dream, Jacob—Genesis 28:10-22 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	1 Corinthians 1:1-25
Thursday	Confess Christ, Take Up Your Cross, and Follow Him—Matthew 10:32-39	1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16
Friday	The Rich Young Ruler—Mark 10:17-31	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Saturday	Ezekiel 33:30-33	1 John 3:13-18

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments — The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

<i>The Ninth Commandment</i> You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> 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.	Second Grade+
<i>The Tenth Commandment</i> You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, Or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, Or anything that belongs to your neighbor.	Preschool+
<i>What does this mean?</i> 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.	Second Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer 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.

Collect of the Week

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Day

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father 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: *Brad & Michelle Graf, Jori, Reggie, Taylor; Larry & Debi Hanson; Dwayne & Robyn Harris; Hershel & Margi Harris; Sam & Sheri Harris; Kris & Shannon Hassler, Lucas, Nathaniel; Joe & Randi Helget, Avery, Gavin, Sydney; John & Linda Herrick; Jonathan Herrick; Shawn & Molly Herrmann, Jayson, Jeron.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Laura Williams; Gary Daniel; Bo Kelley; Dennis Kelley; Kari Neiswender; Wilford Sinclair; Randall Skiles; Abigail Roth*

Wedding Anniversaries: *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:

Faith Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Adam Reichart

Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Eddie Hosch

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

Rev. Dan Galchutt, Assistant to the President for Missions & Stewardship

Jackie Schaefer, Communications Specialist

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *City of Richmond, Princeton; USD 288*

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

"In Thee Is Gladness"

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1 In Thee is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest,
Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,
We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses
In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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Looking Forward to "Table of Duties"

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Hymns: 411, 845, 848, 853, 857

Leviticus 19:1-4, 11:18—God makes His people holy, and therefore calls you to be holy in all that you do. In every relationship, in every interaction He has given you, you are to be known by His name and act in accord to His will.

1 John 3:13-18—Our calling is needed yet not appreciated by the world. As we love in the way that Christ loved us we should expect to receive the same welcome He received from the world: hatred. And yet we are to love anyway by giving of what we have been given by God to care for others.

John 13:31-36—People will know that we are His disciples when we love one another. Jesus is speaking to His disciples when He says, "Love one another." Yes, we are called to love our neighbors, which is anyone God has placed before us who has a need. But, we are not to be so focused on the world that we forget that we are called specifically to love one another, that is our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are to serve one another in the way that Christ served us, through forgiveness and love.

