

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Week following All Saints' (Nov. 7th – Nov. 13th)

CATECHETICAL THEME:

9th & 10th Commandments

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 9th & 10th Commandments

In the Ninth and Tenth Commandments we learn that it is sinful to covet. But do we know what it is to covet? Certainly these commandments are not to be taken as a prohibition against the pursuit, or desire, for a house, a wife, a job, etc. Indeed, the pursuit of such things is often times encouraged by the Scriptures as a holy and noble pursuit. To desire that which is good, the Lord does not forbid. But, to covet the Lord does forbid. This week we will explore what it is that the LORD forbids in these commandments, and we will see that to covet is to desire for yourself what the LORD has given to another. God bless your time in His Word.

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: 9th & 10th Commandments

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.

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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5:1-12		Psalm 71
Monday	Woe to Those Who Covet Micah 2:1-2	1 Cor. 8:1-13	Psalm 72
Tuesday	David Covets Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11:2-4	1 Cor. 9:1-27	Psalm 73
Wednesday	Naboth's Vineyard 1 Kings 21:1-16	1 Cor. 10:1-22	Psalm 74
Thursday	We Will Be content 1 Timothy 6:8-10	1 Cor. 10:23-11:1	Psalm 75

Friday	Tempted By Desire James 1:14-15	1 Cor. 11:1-16	Psalms 76
Saturday	Isaiah 51:9-16	Colossians 1:9-14	Psalms 77

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon:** What warning does Micah speak against those who covet? How does coveting multiply sin? **Tues:** Identify the sinful desire for something that belongs to another person. To what additional sins does the coveting lead? **Wed:** Identify the sinful desire for something that belongs to another person. To what additional sins does the coveting lead? **Thurs:** From whom do we receive our blessings? From whom does our neighbor receive his or her blessings? With what attitude are we taught to receive the LORD's blessings? How does a desire for more multiply sin? **Fri:** Fri: How does sinful desire multiply sin? What is its end result? Why must we guard against this? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses. (Luke 12:15)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **For Our Veterans:** Elbert Brink, Roy Defend, Glen Edwards, Vernon Freund, Carl Hanke, Eddie Hermsmeyer, Mike Jones, Dennis Kleiboeker, Norman Kleiboeker, Paul Kleiboeker, Jerry Mines, Paul Schierschwitz, Earl Schneider. **For the Hospitalized:** Eden VanDorn. **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Elbert Brink, Eddie Hermsmeyer, Glenn Knolhoff (undergoing lung cancer treatment). **Those Recovering From Surgery:** Mike Jones, Pat Borgelt (Angie Nolte's father). **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Ariana Nolte, Barb Mueller, Randy Zimmermann, Rodney Tate, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Elbert Brink, Jeff Schatz (11/7), Riley Terry (11/11), Raeshelle Braye (11/14). **Anniversaries:** Thomas & Janette Albers, Mike & Kim Eggerman (11/7), Steve & Cindy Hoffmann (11/11).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism

Hymn of the Week: For All the Saints (LSB 677)