

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity(October 8th – October 14th)*

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: The 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 Great Commandment Matthew 22:34-46		Psalm 135
Monday	Woe to Those Who Covet Micah 2:1-2	1 Samuel 8	Psalm 136
Tuesday	David Covets Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11:2-4	1 Samuel 9	Psalm 137

Wednesday	Naboth's Vineyard 1 Kings 21:1-16	1 Samuel 10	Psalm 138
Thursday	We Will Be Content 1 Timothy 6:8-10	1 Samuel 11	Psalm 139
Friday	Tempted By Desire James 1:14-15	1 Samuel 12	Psalm 140
Saturday	Genesis 28:10-17	Ephesians 4:22-28	Psalm 141

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? **Thur:** 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:** 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

For Circuit Vacancies: Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those Recovering From Surgery:** Matt Nolte, Curtis French. **For Those in Need of Healing:** Mary Boeker, Abby Siddell, Melba Nolte, Norma Rueter, Brandon Schrage, Kay Wheaton. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Alexis Tehandon (Granddaughter of Debra Wells). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Alexa Childress, Alan Kleiboeker (10/9), Addison Golding (10/11), Sylvia Kleiboeker, Paul Langenhorst (10/12), Trevor Corry (10/13).

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

Hymn of the Week: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (LSB 708)