Thank you for joining us for worship today.
Please silence your cell phone as we worship together in God's House.

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

#### **Hymn of Invocation**

#### CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

LSB 909

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and corner stone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come, with all your loving kindness, Hear you people as they pray; And your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain; What they gain from you forever With the blessed to retain; And hereafter in your glory Evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one: One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

#### **Confession and Absolution**

- ${f P}$  In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit!
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ,
- You look past what we wear into the depths of our souls. You know us inside and out, everything about us, and You love us. Teach us to walk in the way of humility as You modeled for us on earth. Bring us to our knees before we stand. We've got a lot to

### learn as humans always do. We don't want to stumble; we desire to be humble and follow after You.

- P More often than not, we find ourselves in a place desiring recognition, power, and success as defined by this world. We admit that pride tempts us just like shiny gold or a sparkling jewel can steal the attention of the eyes.
- **©** We are at fault. Pride creeps in, and we allow it to sit on the thrones in our hearts.
- **P** Father, we know that Satan fell because of pride. We confess this terrible sin of pride and surrender it to You.
- God, we ask You to dethrone the pride in our hearts. We ask You to take Your rightful place as the Lord of All in our hearts now. Forgive us our sins.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: Ps. 75:7

- P It is God who executes judgment,
- **9** putting down one and lifting up another.
- P We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
- We recount your wondrous deeds.
- P At the set time that I appoint
- C I will judge with equity.
- **P** For not from the east or from the west
- **and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**
- P But I will declare it forever;
- **I** will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P It is God who executes judgment,
- **Q** putting down one and lifting up another.

This Is the Feast





#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

LSB 156



#### P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure

hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 25:2-10

When before a king, do not make yourself higher than you ought. Learn the place of humility.

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

<sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel;

 $^{5}$ take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,

<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 13:1–17

The way we treat others matters in God's eyes. Loving one another as brothers and sisters, showing hospitality to strangers, keeping marriage relationships pure, and continually offering praises to God pleases Him.

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through

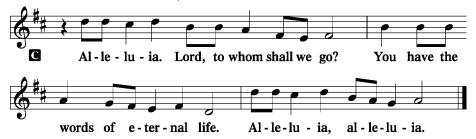
him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Common Alleluia and Verse** (please rise)

LSB 156



Holy Gospel Luke 14:1–14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



The Pharisees kept close watch on Jesus and even invited him to the house of a prominent Pharisee for dinner. As Jesus dined, he taught about the consequences and rewards of honor. In this particular parable, Jesus illustrated that there will always be someone more important than you.

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

<sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will

come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of Love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease. By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope's fruition; Here on earth Your will be done.

#### Sermon

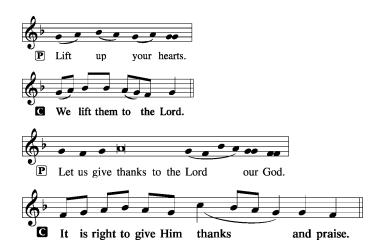
**Offering** (As the offering is being gathered, if it is a Holy Communion Sunday and you wish to register for communion, please complete the card found in the pew rack.)

#### Prayer of the Church (please rise)

#### **Service of the Sacrament**

Preface LSB 160

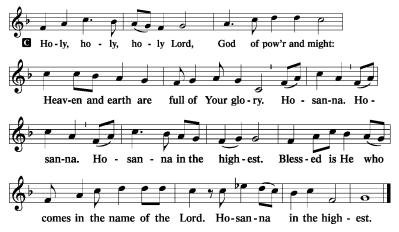




#### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus LSB 161



P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

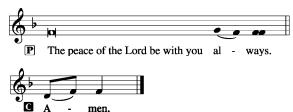
Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 163



Agnus Dei LSB 163



**Distribution** 

In Holy Communion we believe Jesus gives us His real presence, in and with the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this forgiveness, which comes through faith, and we are strengthened in our personal faith and in our love for one another.

We invite to Holy Communion all who believe in Jesus as their Savior, are a baptized believer, have been instructed in the meaning of Holy Communion, and agree with these teachings.

If you have any questions, please speak with the Pastor.

As we eat and drink we remember our Lord's suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Both Common and individual cups are available. When using the individual cup, please place the empty cup in the basket at either end of the communion rail. The non-alcoholic wine is red in color and is in the center of the tray. If the Common cup is used, please help the server by holding the base of the cup when you are served.

Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please speak to the Pastor if these wafers are needed.

If you are unable to attend communion, due to health/physical limitations, please inform an usher and we will gladly serve you by bringing communion to you.

Thank the Lord



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.



#### **Closing Hymn**

#### **GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY**

LSB 850

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!

From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

- P Go in peace, serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **⅓** Soli Deo Gloria **⅓**

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#### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

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Ushers	Gary Bierly, Dave Ianeczi
AcolyteAltar Guild	Brayden Warner
Altar Guild	Geri Brauer, Janet Stoffer
Tellers	Bill Krugman, Paul Jaroch

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** to the Glory of God by Nancy Kelley and by Alan & Lois Porter in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

**THE SINGLE WHITE ROSE ON THE ALTAR** is given by Patrick & Rose Marie Reichert-Smith to celebrate the arrival of their first Great-Grandson, Jackson Wolf Reichert, who was born on August 28th. God's Blessings to the family!

#### **CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:**

Alan & Lois Porter (**55 yrs.**) Kevin & Heather Baker (15 yrs.)

#### **REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

#### <u>Immediate Prayers:</u>

The family & friends of John Bonko, who entered his eternal home on August 28th, Amy Carstens, Bill Brown, Jim Canan, JoAnn Pais.

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Bill Brown is recovering and doing much better. Eli (Leanna Brown's great-nephew) is also doing well. Thanks to all for your prayers!

#### Rehab/Nursing Home/Long-term Prayer Concerns:

#### For Grace Members:

Bill Brown, Sandi Fowler, Jan Trammell, Audrey Joviak, Wendy Mertz, Ken Wahl, Sarah Learn, Jan Schindler, Brian Porter, Emily Siegert, Wilomene Yonkof, Craig Jaroch, Betty Chavalia.

#### For Friends/Extended Family of Grace:

**Amy Yates** (Gail Yate's daughter) **Janice** (Emily Siegert's friend)

**Deannia** (Pastor Weldon's mother)

LuAnne, Cindy & Jason (friends of the Canfield family)

Nick Snodgrass (Sue Snodgrass' husband)

Miles & Karen Light (friends of Eileen Palajac)

Audrey & Christopher Loeser (Geri Brauer's Daughter & Grandson)

**Kathy Hance** (Darlene McKinney's friend)

Lorraine Leshnak, Grazia Maiorca, Sue Kazamek, (Carol Kaminchak's friends)

**Jill Young** (Janet and Rick Stoffer's Sister-In-law)

Augie Piazza and family (past neighbor friend of Eileen Palajac)

**Jennifer Schibley** (Kim Becka's friend)

**Sandy Johnson** (Alan & Lois Porter's friend)

**Landon Fuge** (friend of Palajac family)

**Bonnie** (Leanna Brown's aunt)

**Brantley Lowery** (Karie Youngberg's friend's grandson)

Nicole Knepper (Eileen Palajac's Niece-in-Law)

Gavin Coughlin (past preschooler)

**Daryl Townsend** (Emily Siegert's brother)

**Gina Notley & son, Richard** (Carol Kaminchak's daughter & Grandson)

Blake Hutchins (Michelle Kaminchak's son)

& Dean Hutchins (son) & Shalena Matson (friend of family) & their baby, Nikoli

Also for those who are deployed:

Tori Dunham, Chris Okura.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:** 





**SUNDAY GOODIES SIGN-UPS!** A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex if you are able to provide a baked goodie in September or October for our Sunday Fellowship time. Thank you to those who signed up for August!

SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY HOUSE DONATIONS: CANNED FRUIT

church office if a name should be moved or removed from our prayer list.

Please notify the



**PRESCHOOL SPONSOR UPDATE!** Thank you to all who have sponsored a child/children. As of right now, **all children are sponsored!** If more register—we still have openings at both sites—we will add these names to the list and let you know.

Sponsor a child

**HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT EXTRAVAGANZA:** Pastor Weldon is organizing a trip to Lancaster, PA in December (9th-11th) that includes for \$389/person (based on double occupancy):

- 2 Nights Lodging
- 2 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners, including a Family-style Dinner & a Smorgasbord Dinner
- "Miracle of Christmas" at the Millennium Theatre
- "Joy to the World" at the American Music Theatre
- Tanger Outlets
- Kitchen Kettle Village
- Souvenir Gift
- Luagage Handling
- All Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation

Fliers and Sign-Up Sheet available on the hallway bulletin board or in the church office. Cost: \$389. Checks can be made out to: Grace Lutheran Church and turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate (Please write "Lancaster Trip" on the memo line.) Any questions--please see Pastor Weldon.

We will again participate in the **2ND ANNUAL POP TAB CHALLENGE** that will run from September 1st - December 3rd. This is a Thrivent Member Network-Ohio Valley Region event that benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities. Start saving your tabs from pop/tuna/soup cans and drop them off in the **BIG RED BOX** in the Narthex. The goal is to collect 10 million pop tabs. The churches/organizations that collect the most tabs during the challenge will receive a celebration luncheon!



Coming Up - Rally Day - Sunday, September 8th!

This year our Sunday School theme is "The Heart of God" and that He is a Defender, Giving, Creative, Surprising, and the Greatest! We will have 5 stations representing/explaining these characteristics of God on Rally Day. To learn about the

Giving side, we will have a Sunday School Food Challenge. The Sunday School classes will compete to see who can collect the most non-perishable/canned food items for 6 weeks! On October 20th, we'll end the challenge and see which class is the winner! We will then donate these food items to our local Hospitality House.

**THIS WEEKEND IS OUR LAST SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE.** On September 8th we will go back to our two service schedule at 8:00 and 10:30 AM with Sunday School Classes in between. Holy Communion will be offered at early service on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month and at late service on the 2nd & 4th. When there is a 5th Sunday, we will offer communion at both.

#### ALSO COMING UP...

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW** and then **REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS RESUME** on Tuesday, September 2nd from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM with the office closing for lunch for an hour.

**SUNDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8TH** at the church at 6:00 PM. We will be studying Chapter 4. If you have any questions, please see Jackie Mertz.

CONFIRMATION CLASS ALSO BEGINS on September 8th at 6:00 PM.

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY STARTS UP AGAIN** on Tuesday, September 10th. Please see Trudi Jennings with any questions.

#### THIS WEEK AT GRACE

	TODAY
	The Tw <u>e</u> lf <u>th</u> Sunday after Pentecost
9 <u>:00 AM</u>	Worship w/Holy Communion
10:20 AM	Adult Bible Class
	Monday, September 1st
	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
	Tuesday, September 2nd
	First Days of Preschool at Elyria site for 3's & PM 5's
	Wednesday, September 4th
10.00 444	First Day of Preschool at Elyria site for AM 4's
10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM	Grafton Site Preschool Open House
	Thursday, September 5th
(:00 D) (	First Day of Preschool at Grafton site for 4/5's
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts
	Friday, September 6th
	First Day of Preschool at Grafton site for 3's
	<u>Saturday</u> , September_7th
8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
	Sunday, September 8th
	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day!
8:00 AM	Worship
9:20 AM	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School Hour
10:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
1:00 PM	Girl Scouts
6:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	Women's Bible Study - Chapter 4
	Our purpose here at G L C is:
	<b>G</b> AINING <b>L</b> IVES for <b>C</b> HRIST
	<b>G</b> ROWING <b>L</b> IVES in <b>C</b> HRIST

#### **Ten Commandments**

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household

### The First Commandment You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

# The Second Commandment You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

## The Third Commandment Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

### The Fourth Commandment **Honor your father and your mother.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

### The Fifth Commandment **You shall not murder.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

### The Sixth Commandment **You shall not commit adultery.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

### The Seventh Commandment You shall not steal.

What does this mean? 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.

# The Eighth Commandment You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? 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.

### The Ninth Commandment 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.

# The Tenth Commandment 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.

(Taken from Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, English Standard Version.)