

FAITH IN THE WORD

Faith Lutheran Church, Wylie Texas - *Many members. One body united in Christ.*

For the week of The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

July 26 – August 1 AD 2026

The Ninth Commandment is the first of two commandments that cuts straight to our hearts. Coveting is a disordered desire to have our neighbor's possessions which would then drive us to plot and scheme some way to get it that doesn't look like stealing. Today, that often happens when people use the courts to take what God has given to their neighbor. Covetous desires betray a heart that doesn't trust God, a heart that believes God has failed to be good and give the proper daily bread. The Old Testament story of wicked King Ahab's covetous desire for Naboth's vineyard is a good example of this. Ahab wouldn't be happy unless he had Naboth's vineyard. Finally, Ahab's wicked wife, Jezebel, raised up lies about Naboth and had him murdered so that Ahab could have the vineyard. Covetousness begins with discontent and discontent betrays unbelief. We must always be on guard against covetous desires, giving God thanks every day for the good that He has graciously given to both us and our neighbor and actively looking for ways that we can help our neighbor keep and improve what God has given. May Christ forgive us for our discontent and by His Holy Spirit give us glad and thankful hearts that are eager to help our neighbor. God grant it for Jesus' sake.

Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. 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 month.

The Ten Commandments: 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 ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:17 – *[Jesus said] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*

PSALM OF THE MONTH

Psalm 119:97-104

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“These Are the Holy Ten Commands” (LSB 581)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
① SUNDAY	ACTS 22:17-29	1 SAMUEL 10:1-27
② MONDAY	ACTS 22:30—23:11	1 SAMUEL 12:1-25
③ TUESDAY	ACTS 23:12-35	1 SAMUEL 13:1-18
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 24:1-23	1 SAMUEL 14:47—15:9
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 24:24—25:12	1 SAMUEL 15:10-35
⑥ FRIDAY	ACTS 25:13-27	1 SAMUEL 16:1-23
⑦ SATURDAY	ACTS 26:1-23	1 SAMUEL 17:1-19

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), and Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week: Tabitha Rose, Gail Seller, Pete Kun.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Gloria Lawrence, Geoff Hackbart, Trevor Hendon.
- Thanksgiving for the work of our Synod and God's continued blessing upon her faithfulness to His Word and the Lutheran Confessions.
- Brad Lowery and his LAMP group who are traveling to Lynn Lake and Brochet Canada to offer VBS to children in those towns.
- Emma Cassanova, Ellie Pollux, and Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Reagan Armstrong, preparing for surgery this week.
- Judy Michels, preparing for surgery this week.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Sandra Zastrow, Kyle, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Dony Reaves, Stephanie, Tibor Kun, Diego Martinez, Joseph Horte, Will, Lance, Ina, Suzie, Mary, Adeline, Braden.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Marc Schwiesow.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity, August 2, 2026

Catechesis: The Tenth Commandment

Hymns: 904, 730, 766, 566, 619, 559, 851

Readings: 2 Samuel 22:26-34; 2 Corinthians 10:6-13; Luke 16:1-13

