The Sunday of the Final Judgment "The Final Judgment of All Men"



"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

Matthew 25:37, 40

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask **visitors who are not members of the LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher: Rev, Timothy Frank Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Cindy Frank, James Villareal (10:45 a.m.)

Kantors: Cantate Domino Choir (8 a.m.); Samuel Frank (10:45 a.m.)

The Word In Music

Prelude: "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment" – arr. Richard W. Gieseke; "At the Name of Jesus" – arr. Jonathan Eifert

Gradual: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655) – arr. Timothy Frank Offertory "Jerusalem the Golden" - arr. Elizabeth Grimpo

Distribution: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" – LSB 348 (8 a.m.);

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised" – Arr. Elizabeth Grimpo (10:45 a.m.)

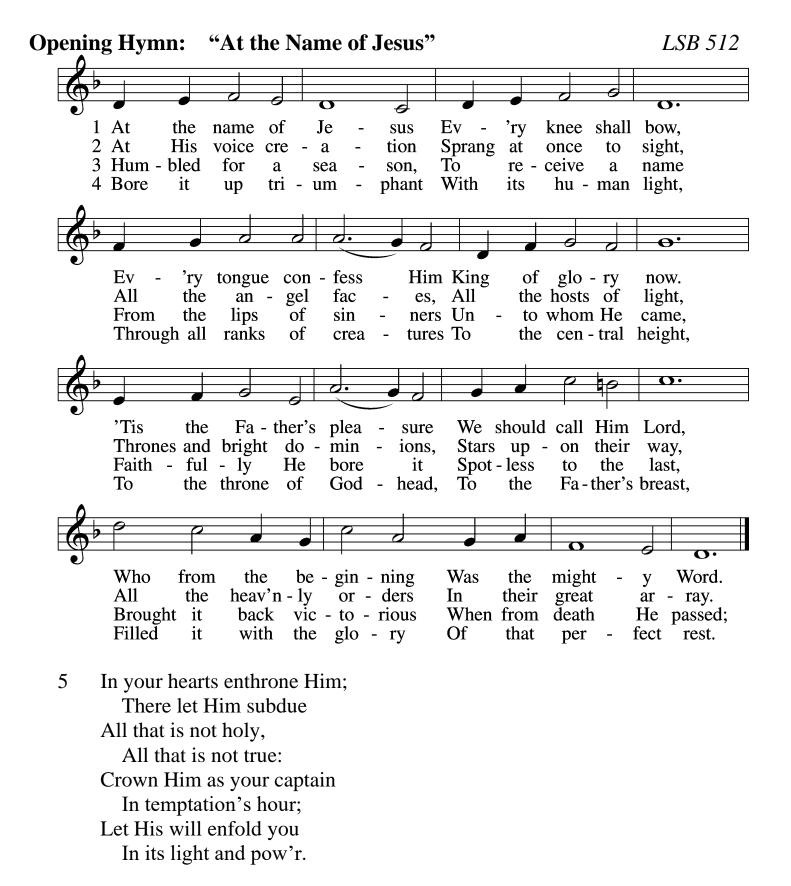
Postlude: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" – Arr. Elizabeth Grimpo

Kantor notes: The readings on the 26th Sunday after Trinity teach us what God would have us know about Christ's Final Judgment. By repentant faith, Christians live in eager anticipation of that Final Day. Thus, today's hymn of the day (LSB 508) describes this Final Judgment, concluding with the ready Christian's earnest prayer, "O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.

"Hymn of the Season: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB 940) (www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns)

Divine Service Setting 3

Prelude:



- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In His Father's glory,
 With His angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon His brow,
 And our hearts confess Him
 King of glory now.
- △ 7 Glory then to Jesus,
 Who, the Prince of light,
 To a world in darkness
 Brought the gift of sight;
 Praise to God the Father;
 In the Spirit's love
 Praise we all together
 Him who reigns above.

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit



Psalm 54:3-5, 7; antiphon: vv. 1-2

- O God, save me, | by your name,* and vindicate me | by your might.
- O God, | hear my prayer;*
 give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen a- | gainst me;* they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;* in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,* and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

- O God, save me, | by your name,* and vindicate me | by your might.
- O God, | hear my prayer;* give ear to the words | of my mouth.

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Daniel 7:9–14

⁹As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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

Epistle 2 *Peter 3:3–14*

³[Know] this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

Stand

Verse LSB 190

- C Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.
- A Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;* incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!
- C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31–46

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 191

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,

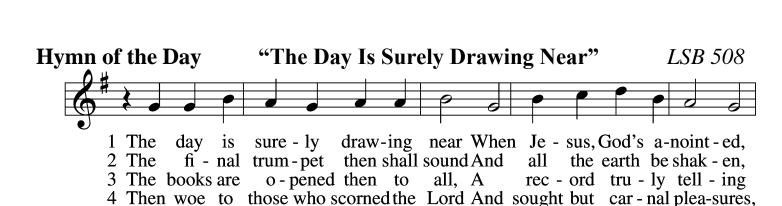
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

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.





In all His pow - er shall ap - pear judge whom God As apbe - neath the ground And all who rest Shall from their sleep What each has done, both great and small, earth was When he on de-spised His pre-cious Word And Who here loved their earth - ly



point - ed. wak - en. dwell - ing, trea - sures! Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on who live will But all in that hour, By God's al-And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be With shame and trem-bling they will stand And the at



flames shall rav - age earth As might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be known as they have been In judg - e's stern com-mand To Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,

With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon

"Christians Live Ready Lives"

2 Peter 3:3-14

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome communicant members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

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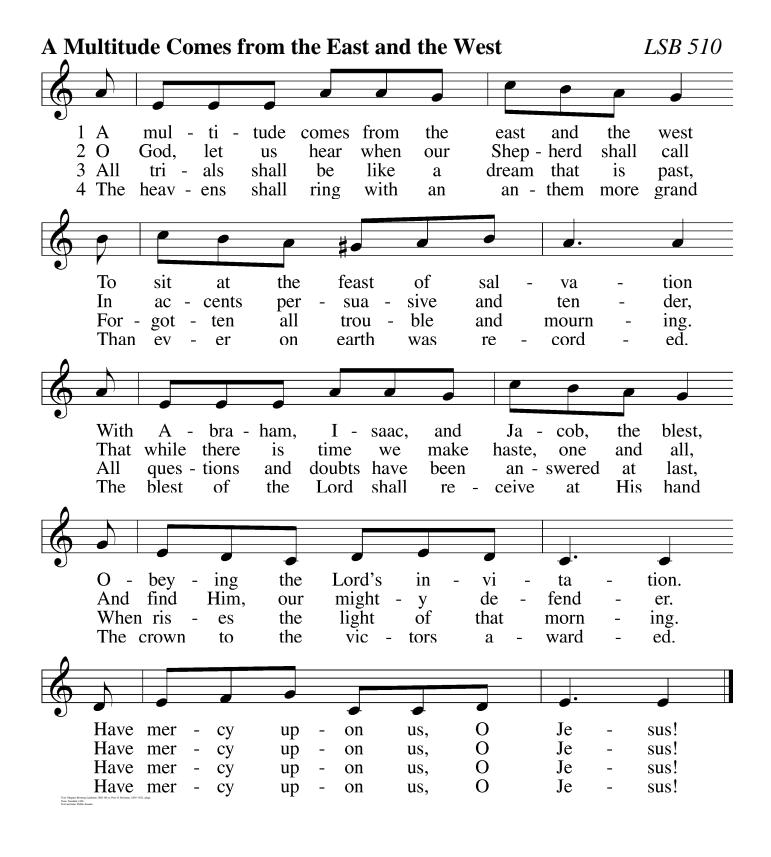
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution



Christ ia! the Lord lu re turns reign. to wail - ing, true Mes -Shall their si ah see. rap ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars! Thou reign, and lu ia! Thou shalt lone! a Text Chades Weeky, 1707-88, Tene: Thomas Olivers, 1725-99 Text and tone: Bubble domain





Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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 in 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.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- **A** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.



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Postlude:

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Christ Academy
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
	12:30 p.m.	Harvest Potluck

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Miles Maurice (grandson of Joel & Paulette Maurice), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Dawn Letcher (daughter of Tony and Shirley Gust), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Arla Mae Eber (mother of Julie Moreno), Jack Gray, Chris Circo

Jan Goodin, and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt - (**Thank you** to those who have supported our missionaries through the recent door offerings. With your special offerings, we have reached half of our \$10,000 goal. Mission offerings can continue to be made through the end of the year.)

News and Notes

Birthday thank you! I would like to thank everyone who sent me birthday cards and messages for my ninety-fifth birthday. Your caring thoughtfulness has given me much joy. I thank the Lord for you all. - Bob Wege

Christ Academy Meal: The hospitality team is providing pizza and a salad. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Join us for Thanksgiving-themed songs and hymns at the next **SING-ALONG with Dr. Christensen.** Meet on the 2nd floor of FoxRun Assisted Living (3121 Macineery Dr.) this Thursday, November 21, at 3:00 p.m. Thanksgiving treats to follow the singing.

Harvest Potluck is coming up. Mark your calendars for next Sunday, November 24, 2024, beginning about 12:30 p.m. after late service. Plan to bring a tasty dish to share, eat a lot, and enjoy great fellowship. See you there!!!

Poinsettias - It is time to order poinsettias for the sanctuary. Cost is \$8.00 per plant. See the insert in today's bulletin. Deadline for ordering is December 7th.

Coming soon! The Christmas Trees Scavenger Hunt will be held on December 8th and 15th at the Burris residence. All proceeds will go to Midlands Animal Shelter. Watch for an insert with more information.

Catechism

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.

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