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Holy Trinity

16 June 2019

Today's Hymns: 507, 604, 639, 794

Catechism

P The Second Commandment

C You shall not misuse the name of your God.

P What is this?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, practise witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	David	Calvin	Sarah	Rosemary
Next week:	Hanna	??	??	Rosemary

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina; Erin

Family of members

Helen (operation); Holly (health); Mike

(Alzheimer's); Alex, Sarah & family;

Marie (health); Geoffrey (depression);

Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health);

Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (de-

mentia); Howard (health); Žanna

(health); Rita (cancer); Steve (heart fail-

ure); Sheridan (health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil

(health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Steve

(stroke, heart failure); Charlotte (cancer);

John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer);

Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch

(Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard (health); Jean (health); Albert (health); Tressey (mental health)

ELCE

Brighton & Kent Lutheran Missions, Pr.

Ehlers; Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily

Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church—Synod

of France; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr.

Mohamed Gurhan; Catholic Parish of

Fareham and Portchester; Amir family,

Jawid (persecution)

GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

If someone now asks, “How do you understand the Second Commandment?” or “What is meant by taking God’s name in vain, or misusing God’s name?” answer briefly in this way: “It means misusing God’s name when we call upon the Lord God—no matter how—in order to deceive or do wrong of any kind.” Therefore, this commandment makes this point: God’s name must not be appealed to falsely, or taken upon the lips, while the heart knows well enough—or should know—that the truth of the matter is different. This is what happens with people who take oaths in court, where one side lies against the other. For God’s name cannot be misused worse than for the support of falsehood and deceit. Let this remain the exact German and simplest meaning of this commandment.

From this everyone can easily see when and in how many ways God’s name is misused, although it is impossible to list all its misuses. But, to explain this in a few words, all misuse of the divine name happens first in worldly business and in matters that concern money, possessions, and honour. This applies publicly in court, in the market, or wherever else people make false oaths in God’s name or pledge their souls in any matter. This is especially common in marriage affairs, where two go and secretly get engaged to one another, and afterwards, break their engagement.

But the greatest abuse occurs in spiritual matters. These have to do with the conscience, when false preachers rise up and offer their lying vanities as God’s Word.

Look, all this is dressing up one’s self with God’s name, or making a pretty show, or claiming to be right. This is true whether it happens in common, worldly business or in higher, refined matters of faith and doctrine. Blasphemers also belong with the liars. I mean not just the most ordinary blasphemers, well known to everyone, who disgrace God’s name without fear. ... I also mean those who publicly disgrace the truth and God’s Word and hand it over to the devil. ...

Now you understand what it means to take God’s name in vain. In sum it means (a) to use His name simply for purposes of falsehood, (b) to assert in God’s name something that is not true, or (c) to curse, swear, use spells, and, in short, to practice whatever wickedness one may.

Besides this you must also know how to use God’s name rightly. For when He says, “You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain,” He wants us to understand at the same time that His name is to be used properly. For His name has been revealed and given to us so that it may be of constant use and profit. So it is natural to conclude that since this commandment forbids using the holy name for falsehood or wickedness, we are, on the other hand, commanded to use His

name for truth and for all good, like when someone takes an oath truthfully when it is needed and it is demanded. This commandment also applies to right teaching and to calling on His name in trouble or praising and thanking Him in prosperity, and so on. All of this is summed up and commanded in Psalm 50:15, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” For all this is bringing God’s name into the service of truth and using it in a blessed way. In this way His name is hallowed, as we pray in the Lord’s Prayer.

Large Catechism, Part I: The Ten Commandments, paragraphs 51–55, 61–64

From Paul McCain, ed., Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005).



Congregational Trip to Norway? – October 2019



It is very likely that the ELCE will be entering into full church fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese in Norway (ELDN), a small, young church body in Norway.

I have been invited to give a series of Bible talks in October at a congregation of the ELDN near the beautiful city of Tromsø in Norwegian Lapland. I would love to take a delegation of ELCE members with me!

This is a great opportunity for us to meet fellow Lutherans from across the North Sea, to provide mutual encouragement to one another, to learn together, as well as to visit a very beautiful part of the world.

If you are at all interested in coming along, please sign on the form on the notice board.

This is not a firm commitment, only an expression of interest.

- **Date:**
25–27 October 2019 (with possible extra days)
- **Accommodation:**
We would stay with host families
- **Cost of flights:**
Approximate £170-250 (from Gatwick)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
Thu	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
Sun	3 pm	Bible study (Oxford Mission)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service (Oxford Mission)

Further Ahead

24 Jun	<i>The Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	
26 Jun	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge
27 Jun	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
29 Jun	<i>St. Peter & St. Paul</i>	
	5.30 pm	Community Fun Night
30 Jun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
2 Jul	<i>The Visitation</i>	
3 Jul	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Divine Service—The Visitation
4 Jul	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
6 Jul	ELCE Restructuring Meeting (Luther-Tyndale, Kentish Town)	
7 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
10 Jul	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Numbers 35:9–30	Acts 1:1–7:60	Luke 24:28–53	Three Ecumenical Creeds
Mon:	Proverbs 17:1–28	Prov 18:1–20:4	John 16:17–33	Augsburg Confession I–II
Tue:	Prov 20:5–25	Prov 21:1–31	John 17:1–26	AC III–IV
Wed:	Prov 22:1–21	John 18:1–14	AC V–VI	
Thu:	Prov 22:22–23:12	John 18:15–40	AC VII–VIII	
Fri:	Prov 24:1–22	John 19:1–22	AC IX–XI	
Sat:	Prov 25:1–22	Prov 26:1–28	John 19:23–42	AC XII–XIII
Sun:	Prov 27:1–24	Prov 28:1–29:27	John 20:1–18	AC XIV–XVI

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