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## Fourth Sunday after Trinity

14 July 2019

Today's Hymns: 696, *Entrust Your Days and Burdens* (insert), 617, 797

### Catechism

**P** The Sixth Commandment

**C** You shall not commit adultery.

**P** What is this?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we live chastely and decently in our words and actions, and everyone loves and honours their spouse.

*Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.*

### Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	John	Sarah	Barbara	Dot
Next week:	John	Calvin	Michelle	Anne

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Erin

#### Family of members

Helen (appendicitis); Holly (health);

Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey (depression);

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

Doug & Myra (health); Jack

Fast (dementia); Howard (health);

Žanna (health); Rita (cancer); Steve

(heart failure); Sheridan (health); Ros-

sella (health), Marian (old age)

#### 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); Mel

(terminal cancer); Bobbie (heart attack);

Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie

& Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard

(health); Albert (health); Tressey (mental

health)

#### ELCE

Oxford Lutheran Mission, Pastors on

CRM (Pr. Fry); *The British Lutheran*;

Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones

(health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

#### The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Diocese in Nor-

way; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mo-

hamed Gurhan; St. Columba Coffe;

Amir family

## GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

### THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

... Therefore, this commandment is directed against all kinds of unchastity, whatever it may be called. Not only is the outward act of adultery forbidden, but also every kind of cause, motive, and means of adultery. Then the heart, the lips, and the whole body may be chaste and offer no opportunity, help, or persuasion toward unchastity. Not only this, but we must also resist temptation, offer protection, and rescue honour wherever there is danger and need. We must give help and counsel, so as to maintain our neighbour's honour. For whenever you abandon this effort when you could resist unchastity, or whenever you overlook it as if it did not concern you, you are as truly guilty of adultery as the one doing the deed. To speak in the briefest way, this much is required of you: everyone must live chastely himself and help his neighbour. do the same. So by this commandment God wishes to build a hedge round about and protect every spouse so that no one trespasses against him or her.

But this commandment is aimed directly at the state of marriage and gives us an opportunity to speak about it. First, understand and mark well how gloriously God honours and praises this estate. For by His commandment He both approves and guards it. He has approved it above in the Fourth Commandment, "Honour your father and your mother." But here He has (as we said) hedged it about and protected it. Therefore, He also wishes us to honour it and to maintain and govern it as a divine and blessed estate because, in the first place, He has instituted it before all others. He created man and woman separately, as is clear. This was not for lewdness, but so that they might live together in marriage, be fruitful, bear children, and nourish and train them to honour God.

Therefore, God has also most richly blessed this estate above all others. In addition, He has bestowed on it and wrapped up in it everything in the world, so that this estate might be well and richly provided for. Married life is, therefore, no joke or presumption. It is an excellent thing and a matter of divine seriousness. For marriage has the highest importance to God so that people are raised up who may serve the world and promote the knowledge of God, godly living, and all virtues, to fight against wickedness and the devil.

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In the second place, you must know also that marriage is not only an honourable but also a necessary state. In general and in all conditions it is solemnly commanded by God that men and women, who were created for marriage, shall be found in this estate. Yet there are some exceptions (although few) whom God has especially set apart. They are not fit for the married estate. Or there are individuals whom He has released by a high, supernatural gift so that

they can maintain chastity without this estate. For where nature has its course—since it is given by God—it is not possible to remain chaste without marriage. For flesh and blood remain flesh and blood. The natural desire and excitement have their course without delay or hindrance, as everybody sees and feels. In order, therefore, that it may be easier in some degree to avoid unchastity., God has commanded the estate of marriage. In this way everyone may have his proper portion and be satisfied with it. Yet God’s grace is also required in order that the heart may be pure.

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Now, I speak of this in order that the young may be guided so that they desire the married estate and know that it is a blessed estate and pleases God. For in this way, over time we might cause married life to be restored to honour. There might be less of the filthy, loose, disorderly behaviour that runs riot the world over in open prostitution and other shameful vices arising from disregard for married life. Therefore, it is the duty of parents and the government to see to it that our youth are brought up with discipline and respectability. When they have become mature, parents and government should provide for them to marry in the fear of God and honourably. God would not fail to add His blessing and grace, so that people would have joy and happiness from marriage.

Let me now say in conclusion what this commandment demands: Everyone should live chaste in thought, word, and deed in his condition—that is, especially in the estate of marriage. But also everyone should love and value the spouse God gave to him. For where marital chastity is to be maintained, man and wife must by all means live together in love and harmony. Then one may cherish the other from the heart and with complete faithfulness. For harmony is one of the principal points that enkindles love and desire for chastity, so that, where this is found, chastity will follow without any command. Therefore, St. Paul diligently encourages husband and wife to love and honour one another. Here you have again precious, indeed, many and great good works. You can joyfully boast about them, against all churchly estates chosen without God’s Word and commandment.

*Large Catechism, Part I: The Ten Commandments, paragraphs 202-8, 211-12, 217-21*

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

- Today 4.30 pm Divine Service at Brighton Lutheran Mission  
Wed 10.45 am Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)  
2 pm Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge  
Thu 1.10 pm Bible study (Parsonage)  
6.45 pm Bible study (Eastleigh)  
Sun 10.30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)  
12.30 pm Voters' Assembly  
4.30 pm Divine Service at Oxford Lutheran Mission

### Further Ahead

- 22 Jul *St. Mary Magdalene*  
23 Jul–7 Aug Pastor on annual leave  
25 Jul *St. James the Apostle*  
28 Jul 10.30 am Divine Service (Pr. Graham Jenks)  
4 Aug 10.30 am Morning Service (Scout Hall)—*Special Offering for Overseas Missions*  
11 Aug 10.30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)  
3.30 pm Bible study at Brighton Mission  
4.30 pm Divine Service at Brighton Mission  
15 Aug *St. Mary*  
7 pm Divine Service (St. Mary)  
18 Aug 10.30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)  
23–26 Aug Youth Rally (Herefordshire)  
**25 Aug *ELCE South-Eastern Joint Service & Summer Festival***

### Daily Readings:

- Sun: Judges 14:1–20 Galatians 3:1–22 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession Greeting:1–19*  
Mon: Judg 15:1–16:3 Gal 3:23–4:11 *Ap I, II (I):1–4*  
Tue: Judg 16:4–30 *Judg 17:1–21:25* Gal 4:12–31 *Ap II (I):5–22*  
Wed: 1 Samuel 1:1–20 Gal 5:1–26 *Ap II (I):23–34*  
Thu: 1 Sam 1:21–2:17 Gal 6:1–18 *Ap II (I):35–51*  
Fri: 1 Sam 2:18–36 Acts 15:22–41 *Ap III, IV (II):1–11*  
Sat: 1 Sam 3:1–21 Acts 16:1–22 *Ap IV (II):12–21*  
Sun: 1 Sam 4:1–22 Acts 17:1–34 Acts 16:23–40 *Ap IV (II):22–35*

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