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The Second Sunday after Trinity

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Today's Hymns: 645, 510, 622, 632

Catechism

P The Fourth Commandment

C You shall honour your father and your mother.

P What is this?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents or those in authority over us, but honour them, and serve and obey, love and value them.

Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	Hanna	Carol	—	Anne
Next week:	??	??	??	Averil

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)

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

Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, Pr. Flor; Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Fareham Community Church; Amir family

The Church of God

Jawid Ahmadi

GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

To the position of fatherhood and motherhood God has given special distinction above all positions that are beneath it: He does not simply command us to love our parents, but to honour them. Regarding our brothers, sisters, and neighbours in general, He commands nothing more than that we love them. In this way He separates and distinguishes father and mother from all other persons upon earth and places them at His side. ...

Learn, therefore, what is the honour towards parents that this commandment requires. (a) They must be held in distinction and esteem above all things, as the most precious treasure on earth. (b) In our words we must speak modestly toward them. Do not address them roughly, haughtily, and defiantly. But yield to them and be silent, even though they go too far. (c) We must show them such honour also by works, that is, with our body and possessions. We must serve them, help them, and provide for them when they are old, sick, infirm, or poor. We must do all this not only gladly, but with humility and reverence, as doing it before God. ...

Second, notice how great, good, and holy a work is assigned to children here. ...

Therefore, you should be heartily glad and thank God that He has chosen you and made you worthy to do a work so precious and pleasing to Him. Only note this: although this work is regarded as the most humble and despised, consider it great and precious. Do this not because of the worthiness of parents, but because this work is included in, and controlled by, the jewel and sanctuary, namely, the Word and commandment of God.

In this commandment belongs a further statement about all kinds of obedience to persons in authority who have to command and to govern. For all authority flows and is born from the authority of parents. Where a father is unable alone to educate his child, he uses a schoolmaster to teach the child. If he is too weak, he gets the help of his friends and neighbours. If he departs this life, he delegates and confers his authority and government upon others who are appointed for the purpose. ... So also men are all called fathers in the Scriptures, who in their government perform the functions of a father, and have a paternal heart toward their subordinates. ...

Yet there is need that this truth about spiritual fatherhood also be taught to the people. For those who want to be Christians are obliged in God's sight to think them worthy of double honour who minister to their souls. They are obliged to deal well with them and provide for them. For that reason, God is willing to bless you enough and will not let you run out. But in this matter everyone refuses to be generous and resists. All are afraid that they will perish from bodily needs and cannot now support one respectable preacher Because of this, we also deserve

for God to deprive us of His Word and blessing and to allow preachers of lies to arise again and lead us to the devil. In addition, they will drain our sweat and blood. ...

But those who keep God's will and commandment in sight have this promise: everything they give to temporal and spiritual fathers, and whatever they do to honour them, shall be richly repaid to them. They will not have bread, clothing, and money for a year or two, but will have long life, support, and peace. They shall be eternally rich and blessed. So just do what is your duty. Let God manage how He will support you and provide enough for you. Since He has promised it and has never lied yet, He will not be found lying to you. ...

In addition, it would be well to preach to the parents also, and to those who bear their office. Tell them how they should behave toward those who are given to them for their governance. This is not stated in the Ten Commandments. But it is still abundantly commanded in many places in the Scripture. God wants to have this included in this commandment when He speaks of father and mother. He does not wish to have rogues and tyrants in this office and government. He does not assign this honour to them, that is, power and authority to govern, so they can have themselves worshipped. But they should consider that they are obligated to obey God. First of all, they should seriously and faithfully fulfil their office, not only to support and provide for the bodily necessities of their children, servants, subjects, and so on, but, most of all, they should train them to honour and praise God. Therefore, do not think that this matter is left to your pleasure and arbitrary will. This is God's strict command and order, to whom also you must give account for it.

Large Catechism, Part I: The Ten Commandments, paragraphs 105-7, 109-12, 117, 141-2, 162-5, 167-9

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Mon	8 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tue		<i>The Visitation</i>
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Divine Service—The Visitation
Thu		<i>Bible study cancelled</i>
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
Sat		ELCE Restructuring Meeting (Luther-Tyndale, Kentish Town)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
		<i>No Youth Club</i>

Further Ahead

10 Jul	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
11 Jul	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
14 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
17 Jul	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
18 Jul	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
18-21 Jul		International Lutheran Rally (Bleckmar, Germany)

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Joshua 5:1–6:5 Acts 10:1–17 <i>Augsburg Confession XXIV:1–20</i>
Mon:	Josh 6:6–27 Acts 10:18–33 <i>AC XXIV:21–41</i>
Tue:	Josh 7:1–26 Acts 10:34–48 <i>AC XXV</i>
Wed:	Josh 8:1–28 Acts 11:1–18 <i>AC XXVI:1–20</i>
Thu:	Josh 10:1–25 <i>Josh 10:28–22:34</i> Acts 11:19–30 <i>AC XXVI:21–45</i>
Fri:	Josh 23:1–16 Acts 12:1–25 <i>AC XXVII:1–23</i>
Sat:	Josh 24:1–31 <i>Judges 1:1–36</i> Acts 13:1–12 <i>AC XXVII:24–43</i>
Sun:	Judg 2:6–23 Acts 13:13–41 <i>AC XXVII:44–62</i>

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