

Redeemer Lutheran Church

7th Commandment

I. Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II. Before You Begin

- ❖ What questions do you have about the seventh commandment, thou shall not steal?
- ❖ In the margin of your Catechism list all your questions pertaining to this topic.

III. Into Luther's Small Catechism

- ❖ Read pages 105-109 of the Catechism.

IV. Engage in Activity

- ❖ Choose a ministry to financially support. Decorate a jar or box to hold donations. Count your blessings and use the list below to guide your generosity. Place corresponding money into your decorated container.
 - For each pair of shoes in the house, 1 penny.
 - For each door in the house, 1 nickel.
 - For each canned good in the house, 1 dime.
 - For each device in the house, 1 quarter.
 - For each bed in the house, 1 dollar.
 - For each vehicle you own/lease, 5 dollars.
- ❖ Walk through your house and yard. Are there any items out of place? Put back those items, caring for the blessings that you have been given.

V. Application

- ❖ *Know-* Everything you and your neighbor have is good and comes from God. He is honored when you care for and protect those things.
- ❖ *Be-* Seek to be more aware of the blessings God has abundantly given.

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- ❖ Do-Seek to intentionally care for the blessings God has given you and when you see a neighbor in need seek to help them.

VI. Prayer

- ❖ Lord God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to rejoice in the bounty of Your gifts given to our neighbors and curb our appetite to claim for ourselves by theft or dishonesty the money or possessions You have bestowed on them. Instead, give us cheerful hearts and willing hands to help our neighbors improve and protect their livelihood; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Luther's Small Catechism* pg. 109)

VII. Digging Deeper

All links listed below can be found at redeemerjackson.org/grow/affirmation-of-faith

❖ Videos

- [Luther's Small Catechism Study Videos-Seventh Commandment](#)
- [Sing the Faith-Seventh Commandment Song](#)

❖ Podcasts

- [Thou Shalt Not Steal-Thinking Fellows \(1517\)](#)

❖ Reading

- *Luther's Large Catechism* portion on Seventh Commandment