

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” LBW #480

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise ... “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” LBW #520

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, our God, You have taught us through the First Commandment to trust You wholeheartedly in every circumstance of life, not so that we might make You our God, but because You decided first to be our God and have declared that choice to us in the Word and sacraments. By the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us abiding faith that will place our trust nowhere else but in Your free and undeserved choosing of sinners like us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 6:12-18, 7:7-13

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Faith Seeds Shelly Kirchoff

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Matthew 5:17-20

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “The Ten Commandments: The Good, the Bad and the Ultimate” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Salvation unto Us Has Come” LBW #297

Service of Holy Baptism: **William Owen Schwarze**

son of Todd and Alexia Schwarze

Sponsor: Scott Schwarze

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive him with love and rejoice with him at his entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering/Special Music “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Bailey Fields and Austin Willhite

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune; Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Installation of the Interns: Courtney Corrente, Joshua Fernandez,

and Trevor Wersal

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Let Me Be Yours Forever” LBW #490 (Tune LBW #369)

A Simple Way: *The Ten Commandments*

Week 2 Devotional Questions for Discussion at Home

Monday

- ◆ **Adults:** Read the first Commandment is Luther's explanation. What is the decision God has made about you? Why do we so often resist that decision?
- ◆ **Families with Youth:** What kinds of things define us these days? How does God's declaration to be your God define you?
- ◆ **Families with Young Children:** What does it mean to be the only one?

Tuesday

- ◆ **Adults:** Luther's Ten Commandments explanations begin with "we should fear and love God." What does it mean to fear the Lord?
- ◆ **Families with Youth:** What authority figures do you respect? How do you treat them? What do you think it means to fear the Lord?
- ◆ **Families with Young Children:** What does respect mean? Who do you respect? How do you show respect?

Wednesday

- ◆ **Adults:** One of the functions of the Commandments is to provide order and protection. How does each Commandment accomplish this?
- ◆ **Families with Youth:** How do your parent's rules protect you? How do the Commandments function in the same way?
- ◆ **Families with Young Children:** What kind of rules do you have at home or at school to protect everyone there?

Thursday

- ◆ **Adults:** The other function of the Commandments is to convict us, which drives us to Christ. How do the Commandments and their meanings convict you?
- ◆ **Families with Youth:** How do the Commandments show us our need for a savior?
- ◆ **Families with Young Children:** What are ways we can be kind to people? Why is it important to be kind? Should we tell others how to be kind if they are being mean?

Friday

- ◆ **Adults:** How does the First Commandment summarize all of the Commandments?
- ◆ **Families with Youth:** What do you fear, love, and trust other than God?
- ◆ **Families with Young Children:** If God gave us one rule to follow, what do you think it would be? Why?

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Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

September 17, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



TEN COMMANDMENTS

What Does This Mean?

- * Why did Martin Luther place the 10 Commandments first in the *Small Catechism*?
- * What is the first or "good" way that God's Law functions on us?
- * What is the second or "bad" way that God's Law functions on us?
- * What is the ultimate (and *only*) solution to the Law for sinners like us?