

THE CATECHETICAL CHURCH

The Ten Commandments — The Second Commandment

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

Sunday, July 17, 2016

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

ABOUT THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

The First Commandment instructs our heart toward God. This commandment guides our lips. Using God's name to cover up lies or spread falsehood is a great evil and sin, and it happens in many ways in life. There is no greater sin against the Second Commandment than using God's name to preach, teach, and spread false doctrine. Luther explains how to use God's name properly and how to take an oath without sin. By faith, our hearts and our mouths honor God by confessing Him and His Word purely. Luther recommends beginning and ending each day, and each meal, by making the sign of the cross and commending ourselves to God. Making the sign of the cross is not a "Roman Catholic" practice, but has its roots in the earliest years of the Church. It is a visible way to remind ourselves whose we are through our baptisms and how we have been redeemed by the cross of Jesus Christ.

THE CATECHETICAL CHURCH SERIES

In the Preface to his Large Catechism, Luther writes that there is "a minimum of knowledge that every Christian should have." The 'minimum knowledge' includes the 10 Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, The Keys and Confession, and the Lord's Supper. Luther writes, "Whoever lacks this knowledge cannot be counted among Christians nor be admitted to the sacraments." (This is part of the reason we ask that our youth attend three years of Confirmation/Catechism Class.) Luther compares someone who calls himself a Christian but doesn't know 'the minimum,' to someone who calls himself a craftsman but

doesn't know the rules and techniques of his craft (e.g., A carpenter who doesn't know what a hammer or saw are or how to use them).

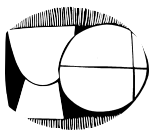
The proper place for instruction in the 'minimums' is in the home—your home. Luther wrote his Small Catechism to help the head of the house instruct his family in the 'minimums' of the Christian faith.

Whoever the head of your family in these matters might be, we would like to use these summer Sundays for instruction in the 10 Commandments here, with the intent that you would continue the discussion in your own family during the week—even if that's just you. The insert in the bulletin each Sunday is to help you bring what we do here into your home during the week.

Luther writes, "It is the duty of every family head to examine his children and household members at least once a week to see what they have learned of the Catechism." So, as the head of the family in this house, you are asked to memorize the particular Commandment of the Week and the explanation from Luther's Small Catechism and invite you, if applicable, to have your family do the same.

Luther says that if a household member will not do this, they should not be given supper. Luther did not mean this in the context of the Lord's Supper. But we will leave it up to your own conscience as to whether or not you deserve to eat the goodies served during Fellowship after the service today (We hope and pray that you know we're just kidding...).

HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



In Holy Communion, we share in the mystery of the bread and wine offered together with the body and blood of Christ. As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine.

While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not taught first.

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Service of Word & Sacrament — Christian Worship, pg. 26



The Apostle Paul opened many of his letters with this greeting. What an appropriate prayer for a Christian to pray every day!

This is not the traditional Invocation that has been used in the Divine Service though the centuries. However, within the realm of Christian Freedom, we use this greeting from time to time as an appropriate reminder of the words of Paul.

OPENING HYMN

I Know My Faith Is Founded | **CW 403**

INVOCATION

Please stand.

- [M]** The grace of our Lord ✙ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- [C]** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- [M]** If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness,
- [C]** **we lie and do not practice the truth.**
- [M]** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
- [C]** **we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus** *1 John 1:6,7*
his Son cleanses us from all sin.
- [M]** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination as you consider your thoughts, words, and actions according to the Ten Commandments*
- [C]** Holy and merciful Father,
- [C]** **I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in**

eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

[M] God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY — *Kyrie*

[M] For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



[M] For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



[M] For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



"Of course it is dreadful, and still I am so full of joy that I should like to take the whole world into my arms. This is the great secret of redemption you understand, that God has drawn a cross over all the sinfulness of the world both without and within us. Do you believe that Christ died only for the sins you committed before you became spiritually concerned? He would hardly have needed to die for them — you could put them away by your own strength. That you begin your day with the Bible instead of with Moliere, that you deny yourself a nip of brandy on Saturday nights, that you no longer write coquettish verses with double meanings — that is only picking burrs from your coat, something you can get rid of yourself. But the corruption of sin is something that you cannot put away yourself. For this you need a Redeemer, one who suffers in your place; for otherwise you might as well give up every thought of heaven right now."

— Bo Giertz, "The Hammer of God"

The Pastor, after having announced forgiveness "as a called servant of Christ," and thus, speaking as if Christ himself said it, now invites the forgiven to rejoice. The forgiving work of the Lord is great and glorious. He most certainly is worthy of our praise!

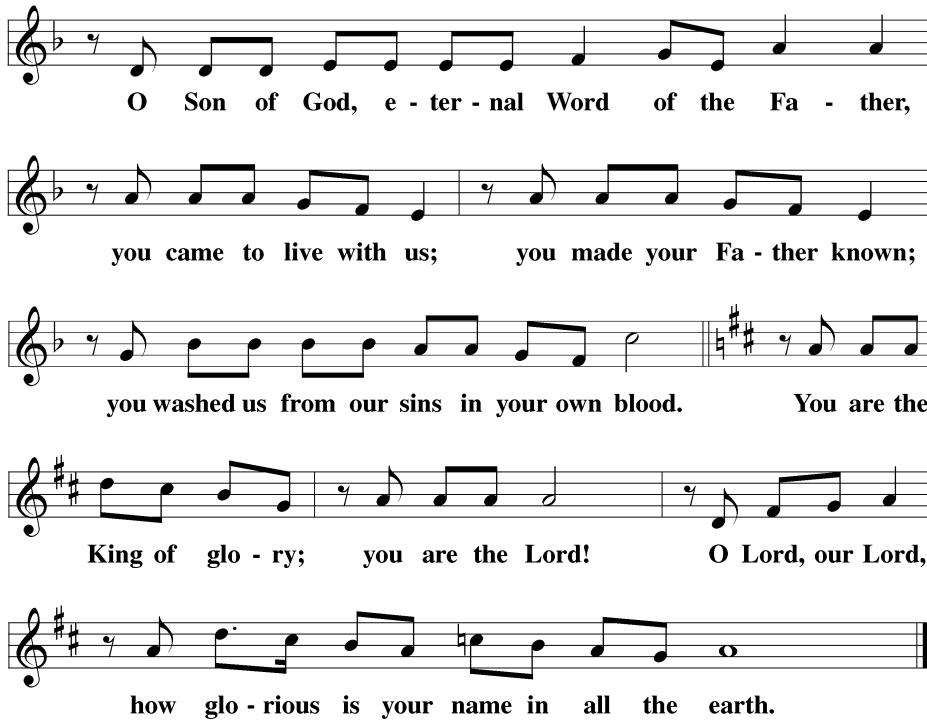
- [M]** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



- [M]** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise!

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The Collect (also called the "Prayer of the Day") is a concise prayer which "collects" the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Most of these prayers have been in use in the Church for more than 1,500 years. By praying these prayers, we join with the great body of believers, the communion of saints, and with the generations yet to come. The congregation makes the Collect its own with its "Amen," a declaration that what has been said is true and affirming its trust in the Lord's promise; "Yes, yes, this is most certainly true."



The Service of the Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY — *Collect*

[M] Let us pray.

Holy and merciful God, cause us to fear and love You so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by Your name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks and so glorify Your name, which alone is holy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

What begins as just another day tending sheep changes dramatically when God confronts Moses at the burning bush on the holy mountain. I am makes his presence known in fire and word. I am discloses his special name. I am sends Moses on what seems to him an impossible mission. Moses has absolutely no hope for success except through God's Word and promise, which assures him of God's presence. Luther said, "Without God's Word we can have no God." What was true for Moses is true for us as well. God is present for us and speaks to us in his Word. We have no hope for salvation except through God's Word and promise.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:13-15

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 8 | CW p. 67

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Refrain

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

When I consider your | heavens,*

the work of your | fingers,

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*

the Son of Man that you | care for him?

Refrain

Refrain

James 5:7-12

¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

C Thanks be to God!

The return of Jesus in glory shapes the Christian life. Confidence in his return (vv. 7-8) gives us a perspective on how we relate to one another (v. 9) and our sufferings (v. 10). God promises to remain with us and restore us to himself (V. 11). In our shortsighted, self-focused lives, we dwell on our own problems and try to deal with them ourselves. The quicker we get out of a mess, the better. But this is not God's perspective. He looks at the true goal: eternal life with him. So then, he encourages us to be truthful in all we say, and to confidently live lives in accordance with his Word.

Jesus tells his disciples not to take an oath at all, expressing a general rule of conduct for them. The bottom line for Jesus is truthfulness. When believers lie or exaggerate commitment, they are not letting their lights shine. This rule applies especially when believers converse with fellow Christians. However, there may be times when Christians will be asked to take an oath in their earthly affairs or contacts with governing authorities. Out of loving consideration for this request, Christians may comply. Thanks be to God that he vowed to save us (cf. Titus 1:2) and fulfilled that vow by his Son's life, death, and resurrection for our salvation!

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:21

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:33-37

Please stand.

[M] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter five.

³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

[M] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

SERMON

Matthew 5:33-37

Use Simple Talk to Express Simple Truths

A LUTHERAN CONFESSION

Large Catechism, I:50-52, 61

[M] The First Commandment has instructed the heart and taught the faith. This commandment now leads us forward and directs the mouth and tongue to God. For the first things that spring from the heart and show themselves are words [Matthew 12:34]. I have taught above how to answer the question “What does it mean to have a god?” Now you must simply learn to understand the meaning of this commandment and all the commandments, and to apply it to yourself.

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 know 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 on side lies against the other. For God’s name cannot be misused worse than for the support of falsehood and deceit...

Therefore, above all things, our young people should have this Second Commandment earnestly pressed upon them [Deuteronomy 6:7]. They should be trained to hold this and the First Commandment in high regard. And whenever they sin, we must at once be after them with the rod [Proverbs 13:24]. We must hold the commandment before them, and constantly teach it, so that we bring them up not only with punishment, but also in reverence and fear of God [Ephesians 6:4].

The First Commandment instructs our heart toward God. This commandment guides our lips. Using God’s name to cover up lies or spread falsehood is a great evil and sin, and it happens in many ways in life. There is no greater sin against the Second Commandment than using God’s name to preach, teach, and spread false doctrine. Luther explains how to use God’s name properly and how to take an oath without sin. By faith, our hearts and our mouths honor God by confessing Him and His Word purely.

C This is most certainly true.

Be seated.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

The Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

The words of the Preface are a part of the Proper, or a component of the liturgy that is specific to a particular day of the Church Year.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The **Sanctus** is based on Isaiah 61:1-4. Like Isaiah, we are in the presence of God: the Lord is here with us in a special way in Communion. "Hosts" means armies. The "heavenly hosts" are God's armies of holy angels.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[M] Blessed are you, O God Almighty, who through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, created all things and made mankind in your own image. You have gathered us here to remember Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. In this meal you give us his true body and blood, which paid our debt to you and assures us of your forgiveness. For all of your undeserved love toward us, we give thanks and praise to your living and life-giving name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

"The Lord's Prayer is a prayer above all prayers, the greatest of all prayers, which has been taught by the greatest Master of all, in which all spiritual and bodily trouble is comprehended and which is the strongest consolation in all temptations, tribulations, and in the last hour."

— Martin Luther

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

*The **Agnus Dei**, which means "Lamb of God," is a song included in the Ordinary of the Divine Service. That means it is included in every Service of the Sacrament. This canticle reminds us that Jesus is God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin, once for all.*

LAMB OF GOD — *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:

[M] Now, may this true body and blood strengthen and keep you in the true faith to life everlasting. Your sins ✠ are forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.

*Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a **Closed Communion**. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.*

THANK THE LORD

Please stand.



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER FOR GRACE

- [M]** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

- [M]** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the LORD with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Be seated.

The **blessing** of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (cf. Numbers 6:27)

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name | CW 321 (1,4)



SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Preacher & Presiding MinisterPr. Nathanael Seelow
Pianist.....Michelle Reinsch
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Announcements

SUMMER SESSION OF BIBLE CLASSES TODAY The Summer Session of Bible Class continues today! The class will last 19 minutes (we promise!) and will cover some *Very Important Chapters of the Bible*. Please make time in your schedules to attend this great opportunity to continue to grow in faith and fellowship. Today's study: **EXODUS 20 — THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

SUMMER SERIES ON THE CATECHISM In the coming weeks, Good Shepherd will continue her annual exercise of studying and meditating on Luther's Catechism. This is an exercise that has been done in the Lutheran Church for hundreds of years, and was encouraged by Dr. Luther himself. Using the Small Catechism as our guide, and reading portions of his Large Catechism, this summer we will meditate on the Ten Commandments. Next week we will study and meditate on the *Third Commandment*.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER A copy of the newest "A Congregation at Prayer" is available on the table in the entryway. This packet is not only a good outline for personal and family devotions, but it also includes an up-to-date prayer list for those in (and outside) our congregation.

This Week's Calendar

TODAY10:45 — *Very Important Chapters* Bible Class

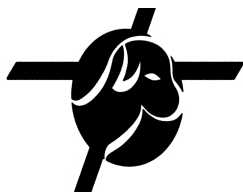
Sunday, July 249:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45a — *Very Important Chapters* 19-Minute Bible Class

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