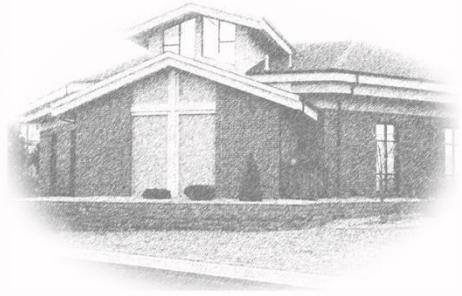


Meditation

On the Commandments of God

March 4, 2018 Pastor Mark Voss
Lent 3



P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;

C: then I will keep them to the end.

Psalm 119:33

P: Direct me in the path of your commands;

C: for there I find delight.

Psalm 119:35

P: How I long for your precepts!

C: Preserve my life in your righteousness.

Psalm 119:40

PRAYER

P: Lord God, you are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Fill us with the peace of your forgiveness so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN – “To Your Temple I Draw Near”

CW 226

God’s Pattern for Life . . . With Him

The First Commandment

All: You shall have no other gods before me.

P: Jesus said: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

C: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

The Second Commandment

All: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

P: Jesus said: “Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool. . . Let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes’, and your ‘no’, ‘no’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

C: We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

The Third Commandment

All: Remember God's day by keeping it holy.

P: Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

God's Pattern for Life . . . With Others

The Fourth Commandment

All: Honor your father and your mother.

P: As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord.

C: As parents and Christians we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The Fifth Commandment

All: You shall not murder.

P: Jesus said: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

C: We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

The Sixth Commandment

All: You shall not commit adultery.

P: Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

C: We are not our own; we were bought at a price. Therefore we will honor God with our body.

The Seventh Commandment

All: You shall not steal.

P: Jesus said: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery. . . theft . . . These are what make a person 'unclean'."

C: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

The Eighth Commandment

All: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

P: Jesus said: "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks . . . For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

C: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

All: You shall not covet.

P: Jesus said: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

C: We will be content whatever our circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.

The Summary and Absolution

P: The second part of the law is similar to the first.

C: We must love our neighbor as ourselves.

SONG OF PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre - a - tion,
I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my call - ing!



The God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of our sal - va - tion!
For death he gave me life in - deed And kept my feet from fall - ing.



With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row
For this my thanks shall end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with



still-- To God all praise and glo - ry!
me-- To God all praise and glo - ry!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

God is serious about his Word

Exodus 20:1-8, 12-17 – *Obedience begins and ends with love*

¹And God spoke all these words: ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You shall not steal. ¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

VERSE OF THE DAY

ALL: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 2:13-22 – *Sometimes anger is okay*

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all.

C: **By his wounds we are healed.**

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Lord God Almighty, we stand in violation of your holy will.

C: There is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalm 14:3

P: In mercy, you sent your Son, the Passover Lamb without blemish, to atone for our sins.

C: This is the name by which he is called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:6

P: Teach our hearts to praise you for your saving love.

C: Lead us to fear, love, and trust in you above all things.

P: You have taught us to pray:

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.

LORD'S SUPPER

*Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

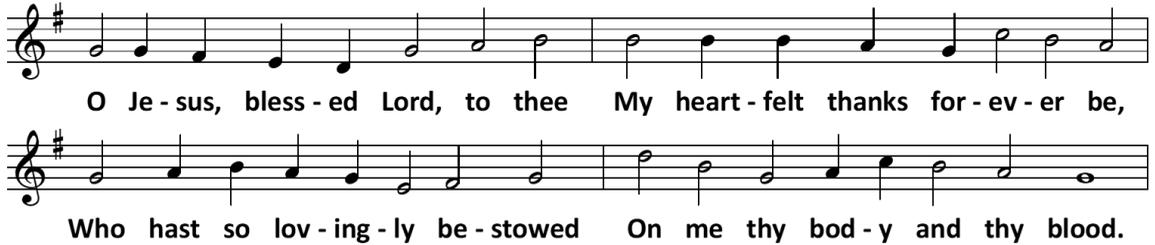
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

SING:



O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt thanks for - ev - er be,
Who hast so lov - ing - ly be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SING:

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say;
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart –
How blest am I! How good thou art!**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “*Drawn to the Cross*”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: A reminder to “spring ahead” your clocks one hour next Saturday as daylight savings begins.

EASTER FOR KIDS: Saturday, March 24, from 9:30-11:30a. Please see the board in the narthex to sign-up to help or to register your children. Invitations to the event are also available on the narthex table. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

TOWN MEETING: Please set aside some time to include Sunday, March 25, at 9:15a for our Annual Town/Voter Meeting. Come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer's Ministry.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR – March 4

Today 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
12-1:30p Catechism Class

Monday 3:15p Child & Family Ministry Board Meeting

Tuesday 6:30-8p Facility in Use

Wednesday 6p Lenten Dinner (Soup Supper)
7p Devotion *“Pictures of a Great High Priest – The Perfectionist”*
7:30p Choir

Thursday 8a Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
9:15a Finance Board
12-1:30p Catechism Class

SERVING OUR SAVIOR

8a Brian Shepherd / Marv Kruse / Chris Volz Ushers
10:30a Alex Miller / Justin Rampy / Taylor Rampy
Feld / Meister Outreach
8a Andrew & Natasha Maurer, Elise & William Greeters
10:30a Michael & Patti Vanderhyde
Volz / Casey Counters
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Engelbrecht / Quintela/ Thompson Cleaners
Jones / James / Burr Coffee

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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