

# LUTHER'S CATECHISM



The Ten Commandments  
March 4, 2020

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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### OPENING HYMN

*The Law of God Is Good and Wise | CW 287*

*Please stand.*

### OPENING DIALOGUE

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. But I have also sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. Instead of cherishing you and your Word above all things, I have lived according to my own evil and selfish desires. When I examine your law, I see how short I fall of the perfection you demand. You would be right to cast me away forever, for you cannot stand to have sin in your presence. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

M: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### PRAYER

M: Let us pray—Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Exodus 20:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

<sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods beside me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. <sup>5</sup>Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. (EHV)

## PSALM 32

*Read responsively from the hymnal.*

**ALL: Remember your mercy, O Lord;  
Remember, your mercy and love.**

M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,  
Whose sins are covered.

**C: When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;  
My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

M: Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
And did not cover up my iniquity.

**C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**ALL: Remember your mercy, O Lord;  
Remember, your mercy and love.**

M: You are my hiding place;  
You will protect me from trouble.

**C: Many are the woes of the wicked,  
But the LORD's unfailing love  
surrounds those who trust in him.**

M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit,

**C: As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**ALL: Remember your mercy, O Lord;  
Remember, your mercy and love.**

## CATECHISM READING

M: The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

M: The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not use His name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use it superstitiously, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

M: The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.**

M: The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on earth. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve and obey them, and give love and respect.**

M: The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and be a friend to him in every bodily need.**

M: The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in word and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.**

M: The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business.**

M: The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.**

M: The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or obtain it by false claims, but do all we can to help him keep it.**

M: The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his workers or his animals or anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away from our neighbor his wife, workers or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

M: Conclusion: What does God say about all these commandments?

**C: He says, "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, but showing love to thousands who love me and keep my commandments."**

M: What does this mean?

**C: God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear His anger and not disobey what He commands. But He promises Grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in Him, and gladly obey what He commands.**

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Mark 10:17-27*

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments. 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>20</sup>The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.” (EHV)

## **HYMN**

*When O'er My Sin I Sorrow | CW 109*

## **SERMON**

### **OFFERING**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. Please fill out the friendship register as it is passed.*

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **HYMN**

*Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing | CW 121 (2)*





**BABY SHOWER FOR PASTOR & AMY PROEBER**

**Saturday, March 14 at 1:00**

If you are interested in attending, please sign up  
at the Ministry Table by Sunday, March 8.



**EASTER FOR KIDS**

**Saturday, April 4 at 9:00-11:45 AM**

With optional lunch following.

Sing up at the Ministry Table or [www.stpaulswr.org/Easter-for-Kids](http://www.stpaulswr.org/Easter-for-Kids).  
Volunteers needed. See the sign up on the Ministry Table.

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