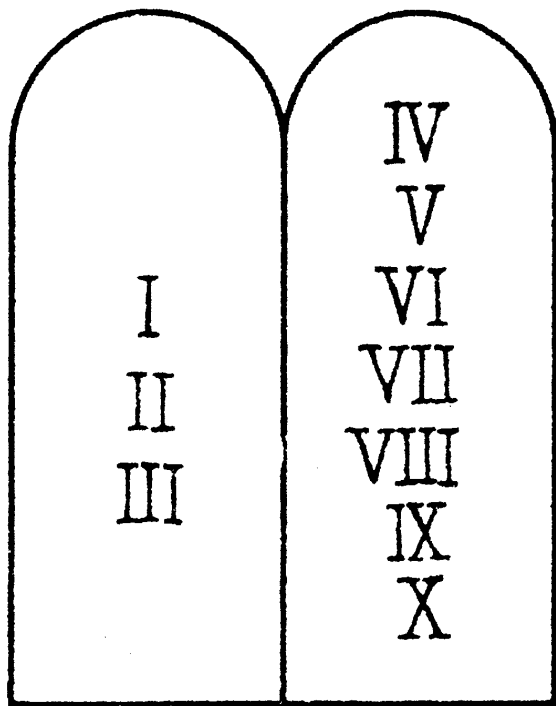


# The Ten Commandments



**You Shall Not  
Take the Name of the  
Lord Your God in Vain**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!

2. Order my footsteps by your Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e’er forget your way,  
Restore your wand’ring sheep.

4. Make me to walk in your commands,  
'Tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

**P** The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.

**C** **The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.**

**P** The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.

**C** **The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.**

**P** The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever.

**C** **The decrees of the LORD are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.**

**P** They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;

**C** **They are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.**

**P** By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

**C** **May these words of my mouth  
and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

*(NIV)*

**UNISON PRAYER**

**C** **O God,  
from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works:  
Give to us, your servants,  
that peace which the world cannot give,  
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;  
and also that we,  
being defended from the fear of our enemies,  
may live in peace and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING, Exodus 20:1- 7**

God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

*(ESV)*

### **SCRIPTURE READING, Numbers 6:22-27**

The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

“The LORD bless you

and keep you;

the LORD make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

the LORD turn his face toward you

and give you peace.””

“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

*(NIV)*

### **SCRIPTURE READING, Psalm 50:14-15**

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,  
and call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

*(ESV)*

### **SCRIPTURE READING, James 3:1-10**

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. *(NIV)*

### **SCRIPTURE READING, Romans 10:9-13**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." *(NIV)*

## **SCRIPTURE READING, John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. (NRSV)

## **SCRIPTURE READING, Matthew 7:7-8**

*Jesus said:* “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (NIV)

## **SCRIPTURE READING, Matthew 28:16-20**

Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (NRSV)

1. If you would live all blissfully  
And dwell with God eternally,  
You shall observe the Ten Commands  
Written by God with his own hands.

2. Your God and Lord I am always;  
No other god shall make you stray;  
Your heart must ever trust in me  
My own kingdom you shall be.

My name to honor you shall heed  
And call on me in time of need.  
You shall hallow the sabbath day  
So in you I will work always.

*Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

**LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM**

☐ I am the Lord your God.  
You shall have no other gods.  
What does this mean?

☑ **We are to fear, love, and trust God  
above anything else.**

☐ You shall not take the name of the Lord  
your God in vain.  
What does this mean?

☑ **We are to fear and love God  
so that we do not use his name superstitiously,  
or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive,  
but call on him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.**

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away all fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart’s unrest;  
’Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

4. By thee my prayers acceptance gain  
Although with sin defiled.  
The devil charges me in vain,  
And I am owned a child.

5. O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.

6. How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see thee as thou art,  
I’ll praise thee as I ought.

7. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!



## CATECHISM PRAYER

**P** I am the Lord your God.  
You shall have no other gods.

**C** O Lord, our God,  
You command us to have no other gods.  
May we fear, love, and trust in you above anything else.

**P** You shall not take the name  
of the Lord your God in vain.

**C** O God, you command us  
not to take your name in vain.  
May we so fear and love you  
that we do not use your name  
to curse, swear, lie, or deceive,  
but call on you in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## BLESSING

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

1. These are the holy Ten Commands  
God gave to us by Moses’ hands  
When high on Sinai’s mount he stood,  
Receiving them for our own good.

2. “I am alone your God, the Lord,  
No other gods shall be adored.  
But you shall fully trust in me  
And love me all wholeheartedly.”

3. “In what you speak bring me no shame;  
Do not misuse my holy name,  
But call on me in troubled days;  
Give me your thanks and prayers and praise.

11. You have this law to see therein  
That you have not been free from sin  
But also that you clearly see  
How pure toward God your life should be.

12. Our works cannot salvation gain;  
They merit only endless pain.  
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,  
Who pleads for us so endlessly.

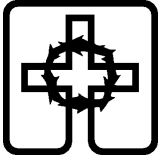
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**POSTLUDE**



**WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshipping with us tonight. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

**A LIGHT SUPPER** of soup will be served following our service tonight. Please plan to stay after worship for the supper.



**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES** are at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday of Lent. Our midweek services this year focus on the Ten Commandments. A light supper is served following the Lenten services.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with serving the light supper following our Wednesday night Lenten services. Hosts are not expected to provide food. The church will provide soup for the suppers. Supper hosts are asked to serve the light supper following the Lenten service and help clean up afterward.

**WE ARE COLLECTING** items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits during Lent. These kits help those throughout the world who are displaced from their homes by wars, disasters or violence. Items included in the kits are toothbrushes, nail clippers, bars of soap (4-5 oz.), sturdy combs, and light-weight bath-sized towels (52 x 27 maximum, dark color recommended).

**DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT** from the North American Lutheran Church are available online. You can request a daily email or text message or read or listen to them online. You also can listen to the devotions through the NALC podcast or on Facebook. To access the devotions or for more information go to [thenalc.org/lent](http://thenalc.org/lent).

**A FREE COUNTRY MUSIC CONCERT** featuring Alvin McAmis and friends Sue Clark, Ben Foster, and Perry Washenberger will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Whitewood Community Hall. Donations will be received for Churches Care for Whitewood.