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## **First Lutheran Church**

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Lenten Mid-Week Worship

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Announcements, Prelude, and Candle lighting

### Call To Worship

- ☐ *The Lord is near you;*
- ☑ **On your lips and in your heart.**
- ☐ *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,*
- ☑ **And believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**
- ☐ *Faith comes from what is heard,*
- ☑ **And what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

### Opening Hymn

*"O Living Bread from Heaven"*

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### The Prayer of the Day

The Passion Reading . . . . . Matthew 26:1-30

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### Theme Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.



## A Special Liturgy on the Ten Commandments

**P** *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *God spoke all these words saying, I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods.*

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

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

**C** **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 by his name, but call upon him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.**

**P** *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.*

**C** **We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect his Word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.**

**P** *Let us acknowledge before God, each for ourselves, in all things that fit our condition.*

*(Brief Silence)*

**P** *If I have daily broken your commandments, daily you have borne with my offenses and continued your goodness to me.*

**C** **Forgive and heal me, Lord.**

**P** *If I have not loved you with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength,*

**C** **Forgive and heal me, Lord.**

**P** *If I have failed and offended you in deeper ways unknown to myself,*

**C** **Be with me, O Holy Spirit, and teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**P** *If I have feared disapproval of people more than your correction,*

**C** **Help me to see it and return to you, O Lord of my life.**

**P** *If I have looked for security in money and human sources, and doubted my security in you,*

**C** **Help me to see it and return to you.**

**P** *If I have loved people and the beautiful things of earth for their own sake, and not as your gifts to your children,*

**C** Help me to see it and return.

**P** *If, knowing that my secret thoughts are naked in your sight, I have refused to admit them even to myself,*

**C** Help me to see it and return.

**P** *If I have condemned myself and felt guilty over lesser things, instead of confessing to you and seeking your help,*

**C** Help me to see it and return.

**P** *If I have been anxious and afraid because I doubted your love and help,*

**C** Help me to see it and return to you, O Lord of my life.

*(Brief Silence)*

**P** *Honor your father and mother.*

**C** We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in authority, but respect, obey, love, and serve them.

**P** *You shall not kill.*

**C** We are to fear and love God so that we do not hurt our neighbor in any way, but help them in all their physical needs.

**P** *You shall not commit adultery.*

**C** We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex our words and conduct are pure and honorable, and husband and wife love and respect each other.

**P** *You shall not steal.*

**C** We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get them in any dishonest way, but help them to improve and protect their property and means of making a living.

**P** *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

**C** We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor, but defend them, speak well of them, and explain their actions in the kindest way.

**P** *You shall not covet your neighbor's house.*



**☐** We are to fear and love God so that we do not desire to get our neighbor's possessions by scheming, or by pretending to have a right to them, but always help them keep what is theirs.

**☐** *You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything else that is your neighbor's.*

**☐** We are to fear and love God so that we do not tempt or coax away from our neighbor his wife or his workers, but encourage them to remain loyal.

**☐** *God says: For I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing mercy to the thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

**☐** God warns that he will punish all who break his commandments. Therefore, we are to fear his wrath and not disobey him. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we are to love and trust him, and gladly do what he commands.

**☐** *Let us open our hearts to God.*

*(Brief Silence)*

**☐** *If I have been guilty of anger, impatience, contempt, deceit, or injury to others, you have still dealt with me in love.*

**☐** **Forgive and heal me, O Lord.**

**☐** *If I have not loved my neighbor as myself,*

**☐** **Forgive and heal me.**

**☐** *If I have failed and offended against you in deeper ways unknown to myself,*

**☐** **Be with me, O Holy Spirit, and help me to know my transgression.**

**☐** *If I have thought of my unloving treatment of others as wrongs done to them only, and not as offenses against your love,*

**☐** **Enlighten and cleanse me, O Holy Spirit.**

**☐** *If I have shifted to someone else the blame for my own failure,*

**☐** **Enlighten and cleanse me.**

**☐** *If I have used people as means to gain my own ends, and not accepted them as equals in your love,*

**☞ Enlighten and cleanse me.**

☞ *If I have tried to shun the burden of love, and wanted to be loved without loving,*

**☞ Enlighten and cleanse me.**

☞ *If I have demanded for myself the good I did not seek for every creature of yours,*

**☞ Enlighten and cleanse me.**

☞ *If I have resisted instruction and refused all control by my own wayward will,*

**☞ Enlighten and cleanse me.**

☞ *If I have leaned on someone else for all my decisions, and evaded my responsibility for my own life before you,*

**☞ Grant me freedom and strength, O Lord.**

☞ *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,*

**☞ And cleanse me from my sin.**

*(Brief Silence)*

☞ *If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**☞ The Lord is faithful to forgive and cleanse me. He will grant me freedom in his strength.**

☞ *Let us bless that Lord who has loved us, and broken the chains of our sin, and called us to share the life of his Son.*

**☞ Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

☞ *Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time, now and forever.*

**☞ Amen.**

The Lesson ..... Romans 7:14-25a

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## Homily

The Law: The Ten Commandments

## Offertory

*(The Offerings are received and brought forward)*

## Theme Hymn

To Moses on great Sinai's height  
God gave ten laws to guide us;  
But more than simply wrong or right,  
They're not our only focus.  
God's mercy and his grace,  
Have set for us a pace  
So that we may not roam,  
Nor find in them our home.  
The truth is in the promise.

God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

## Departing Hymn

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

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## The Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God.

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What does this mean for us?

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