



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *Ten Commandments* *Exodus 20*

*September 9, 2018*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

The Ten Commandments serve as the ethical foundation of our society. These ancient rules create fairness and justice, and they are the beginning of a right relationship with God. However, there is more to them than we usually realize. Today we will expand their story so we can more deeply appreciate the expectations they teach.

*Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Opening of the 2018-2019 Sunday School Year

P: For the marvels of your creation,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

P: For the opportunity to explore and study,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

P: For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

**C: we praise you, O God.**

P: Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all this us, seen and unseen.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight, and students the gift of diligence and openness, that all may grow in what is good and honest and true.

Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus the Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: We begin the 2018-2019 academic year in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### Gathering Hymn We Are Called

*(For music turn to Hymn 720 in the Red Hymnal)*

#### **1. Come! Live in the light!**

**Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,**

**To live in the freedom of the city of God.**

#### *Refrain*

**We are called to act with justice,**

**we are called to love tenderly;**

**we are called to serve one another,**

**to walk humbly with God.**

#### **2. Come! Open your heart!**

**Show your mercy to all those in fear!**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless**

**so hatred and blindness will be no more.**    *Refrain*

**3. Sing! Sing a new song!**

**Sing of that great day when all will be one!**

**God will reign, and we'll walk with each other**

**as sisters and brother united in love.**    *Refrain*

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*Greeting* (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Gathering Dialog* (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

‡    **WORD**    ‡

*First Reading* Exodus 19:9-20:26

A1: Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after." When Moses had told the words of the people to the Lord,<sup>10</sup> the Lord said to Moses: "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes<sup>11</sup> and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.<sup>12</sup> You shall set limits for the

people all around, saying, ‘Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup>No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows; whether animal or human being, they shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain.” <sup>14</sup>So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. <sup>15</sup>And he said to the people, “Prepare for the third day; do not go near a woman.”

A2: On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. <sup>19</sup>As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder. <sup>20</sup>When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the Lord summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. <sup>21</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people not to break through to the Lord to look; otherwise many of them will perish. <sup>22</sup>Even the priests who approach the Lord must consecrate themselves or the Lord will break out against them.” <sup>23</sup>Moses said to the Lord, “The people are not permitted to come up to Mount Sinai; for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and keep it holy.’” <sup>24</sup>The Lord said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let either the priests or the people break through to come up to the Lord; otherwise he will break out against them.” <sup>25</sup>So Moses went down to the people and told them.

A3: Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

A4: When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.” <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.” <sup>21</sup>Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

<sup>22</sup>The Lord said to Moses: Thus you shall say to the Israelites: “You have seen for yourselves that I spoke with you from heaven. <sup>23</sup>You shall not make gods of silver alongside me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. <sup>24</sup>You need make for me only an altar of earth and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your offerings of well-being, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. <sup>25</sup>But if you make for me an altar of stone, do not build it of hewn stones; for if you use a chisel upon it you profane it.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 119:89-96 (*Read responsively*)

A: Your word is for ever, Lord,  
fixed in the heavens.

**C: You made the earth firm,  
your faithfulness is eternal.**

A: According to your decree  
all exist to serve you.

**C: Had I not loved your law,  
I would have wasted away.**

A: I never forget your word,  
for it is my life.

**C: I am yours, save me!  
I study your precepts.**

A: The wicked plot against me,  
but I cling to your decrees.

**C: All creatures have limits,  
your rule has no frontier.**

Gospel Acclamation (Mark 12:30)

**C: Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your  
strength. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Mark 12:28-34

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’ <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup>and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**  
(For music see Hymn 656 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**
2. **Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**
3. **We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**
4. **From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Music: Johann G. Nageli, 1773-1836, adapt.

Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

Offering & Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:*

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

*For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**



**When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: God of life,

**C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus the Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love  
(For music turn to Hymn 708 in the Red Hymnal)

*Refrain* **Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.**

1. **Kneels at the feet of his friends  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.** *Refrain*
2. **Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.** *Refrain*
3. **These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.** *Refrain*
4. **Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.** *Refrain*

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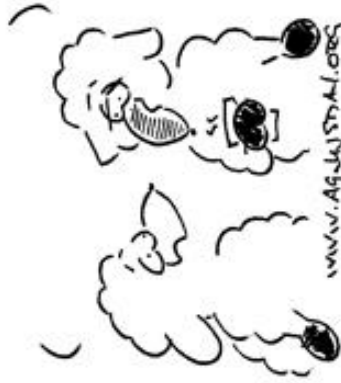
Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

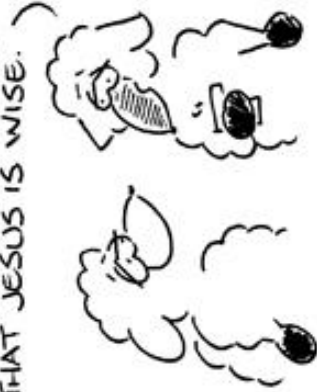
**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

NO ONE ASKED  
ANY MORE  
QUESTIONS?

NO



THEY TRIED TO MAKE  
JESUS APPEAR FOOLISH  
BUT AS JESUS SPEAKS  
OF LOVING ONE'S  
NEIGHBOR, THEY SEE  
THAT JESUS IS WISE.



YEAH... I GUESS—  
BUT IT SOUNDS  
LIKE THEY'VE  
NEVER MET  
MY NEIGHBOR.



MARK 12 : 28-34

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**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Cassie Ross
Acolyte	Mary Ehrlinger
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Rally Day BBQ

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Bettina Kalish
Acolyte	Molly Perdan
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Tricia Kolczynski and Beth Bright
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelle
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up</i>

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