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Exodus 20:3-11  
June 19, 2022



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- **Prelude**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome**

**Pr Mel Musser**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: God of liberation,

**C: We are quick to forget all that you have done for us. We ignore your commandments, choosing ourselves over you and our neighbors time and again. Lead us out of the wilderness of our sin, and into new lives of love.**

P: Our God bears us on eagle's wings and lovingly gathers us into a community of faith. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins and walk in the freedom and confidence of God's deliverance, in Jesus Christ, our savior.

**C: Amen.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Morning Has Broken”**

**ELW 556**



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

\* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**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.**

**\* KYRIE**

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Blessed YAHWEH, You claim us as your beloved people, and exhort us to live out our love for you. Teach us to honor and obey you, our one and only God, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**• CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Show Ten Commandments Video**

**• SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:3-11**

P: Our scripture reading for this day is from Exodus, Chapter 20.

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

**20** <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,

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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.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)**

• **SERMON**

**Pr Mel Musser**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the one who perfectly fulfilled the Law, Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord, amen.

I'm going to start out today with a question for all of you. What is Church? If you ask 10 Christians that question you're likely to get one of several answers. Some might say Church is the gathered people of God. Others would say it's where Christians go to get equipped for the mission of spreading God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Still others and I believe this is the vast majority, would tell you Church is the place where they come to get their batteries recharged or their spiritual gas tank filled up after a long six days doing battle with sin, death, and the devil. At some point I've felt the Church to be all of these things. Over the years I've learned that the Church is so much more than just my personal spiritual gas station. If that's what Church means to you, I'm not judging you, but I am asking you to step out of your tiny self-centered perspective and let's all try to see the Church through the eyes of the one who created it and everything else in the universe as well...

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So, let's think for a few minutes about what the church is meant to be according to God's perspective? I know this may be a difficult task for us. We do live in a world of selfies and increasingly of 3 minute videos we post on Tic-Tok... It's a world where more and more, everyone feels it's necessary to tweet or post our every feeling and opinion as if our opinion actually matters to anyone except ourselves. Instead of scrolling through Facebook pages and Tic-Tok videos maybe if we go back to the source of all things we might be able to see from God's perspective. In the portion of the Ten Commandments we have before us today God has given us what Bible Scholars call the First Table of the Commandments. These first three Commands deal with our relationship with this jealous creator God. You will not have any other gods. You will not misuse the name of God. You will remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy. If only we could just obey these three tiny Commands all the rest would fall in line. Unfortunately, we are unable or unwilling to follow these and as a result our world lives in sin and constant tumult.

Every time I teach my Confirmation students about the Ten Commandments I tell them these are words of promise from a loving God. So many well-meaning Christians and God Followers have misread these words of God for thousands of years. We have turned what God meant as a blessing into an onerous burden no

one can carry. It's all about perspective. Here's what I mean. Imagine a High School student who is having trouble with math. Not much of a stretch... Now there's a big test coming up and the student believes he's going to fail. His mother spends several evenings helping him with the homework and learning the theorems and steps for solving the problems. On the morning of the big test she tells her son how much she loves him and then says, "You will pass this test and you will do well."

Now imagine another scenario. That same student having the same math troubles is on the basketball team. His coach just learned his star player is in danger of being benched due to his low math grades. The coach gets right up in the face of the young man and screams, "You WILL PASS that test... or else!" See the difference? It's all in the perspective of how you hear the words.

As we learn from Jesus when he taught the disciples to pray, we're to ask God that His Holy Will might be done right here on Earth, just as it is in Heaven. Seen from this perspective, these first three Commandments might be a promise that someday we will have no other gods before us. Someday we will only use God's name in prayer, praise and petition. Someday, we will all rest in God's loving arms and be totally at peace with God and with the world. Words of

promise versus words of command and coercion. I prefer to see them as promise...

Let's get back to our first question... What is Church from God's perspective? Our Heavenly Father chose for Himself a unique and peculiar people to be His people, His chosen ones – The Hebrews – Israel. God would use this one nation as a living illustration for all the other nations of the world. As God told Abraham, "I will bless you to be a blessing to the nations..." In the same way, Jesus chose for Himself a unique and peculiar people from all the nations of the world to become the Church "Ecclesia" the Called Out Ones". The Love of Christ has "Called us Out" of the World of Sin to His Holiness in order to be His Church. God is a jealous God. He does not want our attention, devotion, service, love or worship directed at any other thing or god. Martin Luther famously said anything that comes between you and God is your idol or your god... The Hebrews understood this early after they had made a golden calf while waiting for Moses to come down from the mountain with the Ten Commandments. Many lost their lives that day because of the sin of Idolatry. So, first and foremost, our church is about worshiping the Living God and not about the things in the building or the building itself. It's about God not about us. It's about recognizing God as Supreme, Holy, all Powerful and the source of our Salvation. That is the attitude



we are to bring into this sanctuary on Sunday morning. When we worship God in purity and in truth we might receive some of these other “benefits,” but that’s not why we’re here nor is it why the Church exists. It’s not about what I or you get out of it that matters. It’s about demonstrating to God and making a public witness to the rest of the world that we have no other gods and Church is the place where we gather to show that to the world.

Please don’t misunderstand me on what Church is. It’s not a bad thing to get your spiritual battery recharged, your spiritual gas tank refilled, or to be equipped for ministry, but all those things can be done outside of worship. On Sunday morning we gather together as God’s people around God’s Holy Word and the Sacraments in order to give God our thanks and our praise. We give to God the Honor and the Glory only God deserves for creating us and all things, for sustaining us each and every day we are privileged to get up and walk the face of this great planet God has created and given to us to care for. We gather to receive His Body and His Blood as God’s greatest gift to us--the gift that gives us eternal life and forgiveness for all those times when we were unable or unwilling to live out the blessings God gave us in these ten promises.

I pray we will learn to see these ten words of God as the blessings they were meant to be. May we live our lives embodying these blessings and publicly

proclaiming our love for this awesome God who created us, who redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil through His only Son, Jesus Christ, and who sustains us and makes us pure and holy through the gift of His Holy Spirit.

Trinity Lutheran Church, I know of your great love for God. There will be a day when you won't have any other gods getting in your way of showing and sharing that love. Trinity Lutheran Church, I've seen how much you love to call on the name of God both in times of trouble and times of plenty. There will be a day when your great love will only call on the Lord your God rightly and in pure worship. Trinity Lutheran Church, the ritual God established from the very beginning by taking one day of the week for rest will provide time and space for your worship and praise, but also to rest your weary bodies and souls for another time when the work of God's Kingdom calls you back into the labor field. Hear these words, not as commands to obey begrudgingly, but as words of promise and blessing from your God who loves you, who gathers you to bless you, and then who sends you into the world with His grace to spread His Gospel. Amen.

*Silence may be kept for meditation...*

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Trusting in the faithful promises of our God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: One and only liberating God, you have been faithful to us, asking for our faithfulness in return. Help us to live as faithful servants, obeying your commandments, and loving you with our whole hearts. God of Promise,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: In your commandment to rest on the Sabbath, you also commanded that we retire the workers, the livestock, and the land. Remind us that even now, your creation needs to rest. God of Promise,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: Grant all who serve you through all manner of leadership positions the time and space to rest. Remind them that you, not they, are God. God of Promise,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: Pour your healing waters over all who suffer afflictions of spirit, mind, or body, (*especially*). Let no one remain in bondage to illness, addiction, abuse, neglect, poverty, exile, or isolation. God of Promise,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

L: Let all people throughout the earth turn away from the empty idols of wealth and possessions, and toward you as their God. Let no one stand upon another, but instead let all kneel before you. God of Promise,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We celebrate the lives of all the saints whose lives of faith have inspired and challenged us to follow in your ways. God of Promise,

**C: You hear our prayer.**

P: With humble hearts we lift these prayers to you, in the name of Jesus Christ our savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

*While the congregation is still standing say:*

P: Instead of passing the offering plate, we ask you to please place your offering in the Offering Plates conveniently located on your way out of worship. For those worshipping with us from their vehicles, there is an offering basket located near the back door of the church and for those worshipping online if you go to [www.pitsburgtlc.org](http://www.pitsburgtlc.org) you can make your offering online.

P: So, let's pray for the offerings we receive this day.... God of Sabbath rest, we offer these, the fruits of our labors, that others may receive all that is needed. Bless our gifts to the glory of your holy name.

**C: Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\* DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

**\* THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\* THE SANCTUS**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united together by this heavenly food, which is the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. So, let us pray as Jesus taught...

**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.**

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God who loves us with a fierce passion calls us into God's embrace through the body and blood of our savior, Jesus Christ. Come with open arms to receive the gift of life.

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- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*During the distribution the minister says these words to each communicant:*

P: At this time you may open the communion bread and partake of The Body of Christ, given for you.

Now please open the wine and you may now partake of The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

- \* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

- \* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* **SENDING BLESSING**


P: The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

\* SENDING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

LBW 552



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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**\* DISMISSAL**

**P:** Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

**C:** **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

**\* POSTLUDE**

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**Health Tips for the Week**

**BODY:** Try water aerobics

**MIND:** Listen to classical music

**SPIRIT:** Learn about the history of your favorite hymn

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES HAVE CHANGED!** The new dates are Tuesday, July 19 and Thursday, July 21 – 6:00-8:15 pm.

**Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship** – Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Worship will be under the portico and the picnic will be in the fellowship hall! Please mark the date and plan to attend!

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## **Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3**

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

### **This Week @ Trinity – June 19 thru June 26, 2022**

<b>Sun, June 19</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service	
<b>Tues, June 21</b>			
<b>Fri, June 24</b>	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry	
<b>Sun, June 26</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service	



Scripture readings for next Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Exodus 20:12-16

### **Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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