The 10 COMMANDMENTS



TEN TIMELESS WORDS



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We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ♦ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

WORSHIP THEME: God's Gift of Marriage

OPENING HYMN: # 916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us (vs.1-4)

INVOCATION

LITANY OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD (Select Verses of Psalm 119)

CONFESSION OF SIN & SELF-REFLECTION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS (Select Verses of Psalm 145)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-25

RESONSE: Purify My Heart (sung)

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 5:27-32

NICENE CREED

SERMON HYMN: Love Is the Gracious Gift (vs.1-5)

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 5:21-33

THEME: The Mystery of Marriage

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: # 663 Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness (vs.1-8)

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center of the tray.

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: # 689 Renew Me, O Eternal Light (vs.1-4)

CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP



Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or QR Code on the left if you prefer to use that. Please fill out any information and submit.

THE OFFERING

Dear guests, we're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.

If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by using the QR Code on the right or download our App, which is available at any app store. Those that give digitally can place the "Give" cards in the plate during the offering.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>COUNCIL OF NICAEA</u>: This week we will further investigate the importance and function of creeds by comparing the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. We'll see that because the Nicene Creed was written in response to the Arian heresy (that denied the eternal deity of God's Son, Jesus Christ), it aims to confess what we can say from Scripture about the relationship between God the Father and the Son while describing the personal union of deity and humanity in Jesus Christ.

NEW ZOOM STUDY—QUICK TO LISTEN: Our study begins by looking at God's plan and purpose for our lives. This will establish a Biblical foundation for how to seek to understand the issues raised by those of different worldviews and will grow our motivation to reach out with compassion to those separated from Christ. (Reading "Quick to Listen" provides background but is not required for the course.)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Developing Christian Character Aug. 26th, 7-8:30pm

<u>AUSTRALIA MISSION</u>: Did you know that WELS began mission work in the land down under in 2024? Like the USA, Australia's majority language is English and religion is Christian, but an amazing 40% of Australians claim no religion at all! This mission helps bring Jesus to the lost!



<u>CLEAN UP DAY—AUGUST 23RD:</u> Help clean the interior and exterior in advance of preschool including windows, interior painting, repairing rock beds and more.

<u>YARMETO'S HELPING HANDS FOUNDATION:</u> We will be packing clothing and supplies to send to those in need in Liberia on the morning of **August 9th 9-12pm** 220 101st Ave NW, Coon Rapids.

CAMP CROIX RETREAT'S:

Men's Retreat - "Awaiting the Fullness of Time: The Not-So-Silent Years Between the Testaments." | September 19-21 | This presentation will be led by Martin Luther College Prof. Keith Wessel. Sign up online, while there's still room!

Women's Retreat - Perfectly Placed: Embracing your God-Give Strengths | Camp Croix Women's Retreat | **October 3-5** | To find out more and to register, visit: https://campcroix.org/womens-retreat

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+ AV Team

+ Serving: Flock #3 - Brian Stein