

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Shall We Gather at the River?**
(Composer: Dale Wood)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship
This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn **How Shall the Young Direct** **#720**
Their Way
(Choir sings first verse,
congregation joins afterwards)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 119:7-10, 13**
The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
The precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we haven't been true to the guidance you have already given us. You gave us the law through Moses, but we have not upheld it. You revealed your will through the prophets, but we've ignored their message. You sent your Son into the world as the Way, but we haven't always followed his example. Forgive us, O God. Revive our faith and obedience to your teaching. Pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we may be emboldened to embrace our life in Christ.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response **Glory be to the Father** **#961**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Dedication of 2024 Pledges

Anthem **If Ye Love Me**
(Composer: T. Tallis)

Scripture Readings **Exodus 20:1-17**
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Freedom in the Law**
Set Free: A Study of the Book of Exodus

Musical Reflection **Lord, Have Mercy on Us**
(Composer: W. Byrd)

Doxology
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion
Invitation to the Lord's Table

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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 the People and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Music **My Jesus, I Love Thee**
(Composer: Jon Spong)

Closing Hymn **O Word of God Incarnate** **#757**

Benediction

Postlude **Faith of Our Fathers**
(Composer: Carl McKinley)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Greg Buell
Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader (9:30)	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Music	Logan Henke
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Sandy Mauk (11:00)
Organist (11:00)	Sharon Peterson

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Take You at Your Word

Lord, I Need You

Prayer of Confession

His Mercy is More

Passing the Peace

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Dedication of 2024 Pledges

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Closing Song

Remembrance

Blessing

Read: Exodus 20:1-20

Digging Deeper:

1. What did God say to introduce the ten commandments? (v.1-2) Why do you think he identified himself in this way? Why is this relevant?
2. What are the 10 commandments given in verse 3 to 17?
3. How are the first 4 commandments related? Why are they significant? What reasons does God give for obeying these commandments.
4. How are the last 6 commandments related?
5. What's the incentive for obeying the 5th commandment? (vs. 12)
6. Commandments six through nine (v.13-16) have no qualifications. Why might this be?
7. How would you summarize verse 17 in your own words? Why is this commandment so important?
8. Why were the Israelites afraid? And what does Moses tell them? What was the purpose of the thunder and lightning and the trumpet blasts and smoke? (v. 18-20)

Application:

1. In your opinion, which of the first four commandments are most important? (see v. 2-11) Which one of these is hardest for you to follow? Why?
2. Which of the last six commandments is most challenging for you? Why? (v. 12-17)
3. How does obedience or disobedience to these commandments affect your relationship with God?

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