

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

Voluntary I.
(Composer: Anonymous)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #559

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 15

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on
your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak
the truth from their heart;
Leader: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to
their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those
who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their
hurt;
All: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a
bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things
shall never be moved.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you for the privilege you've given us to approach
you in prayer. You have given us lips and mouths to voice our petitions,
to sing your praise, and to build one another up. But Lord, we confess
that our speech is not always praiseworthy. We have said things we
should not have said and left unsaid other things we should have said.
The truth is not always in us. Lord, save us from the sins of the tongue.
O God, give us pure hearts so that we would always speak your truth in
love.
(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)
In Jesus' name, 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

Joining God's Mission

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Hymn #627

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:16
Mark 14:66-72

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

And Nothing But the Truth
Formed and Free:
Living Out the Ten Commandments

Musical Reflection

And Can It Be?
(Composer: Dan Forrest)

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #352

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me to Thee
(Composer: Huish/Tonioli)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Liturgy & Prayer	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Song Leader	Natalie Mustea
Keyboardist	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Storm Metzger (8:30) Elaine Holmquist (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (10:00)
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Contemporary Service10:00 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Take You at Your Word

Song of Confession -
Lord, I Need You

Prayer of Confession

Yes and Amen

Passing the Peace

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

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All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song

Goodness of God

Blessing

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Questions for Discussion

The Ninth Commandment: ““You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Open

- Which bothers you more: discovering someone lied to you or discovering someone lied about you? Why?

Exodus 20:16

- What do you notice about the wording? Why do you think the commandment says, “bear false witness against your neighbor” rather than simply, “Do not lie”?
- The original context is related to a courtroom setting. What could happen to an innocent person if someone gave false testimony against them?
- What does the phrase “against your neighbor” tell us about what God is trying to protect through this commandment?

Read Mark 14:66–72

- How does Peter’s response change or intensify each time he is confronted?
- What appears to be motivating his dishonesty?
- There is a cost to telling the truth. When are you most tempted to bend the truth because the truth might cost you something?
- When the rooster crows, Peter remembers Jesus' words and breaks down. What do his tears tell you about Peter?
- Who are the other witnesses in the text and what does that reveal?

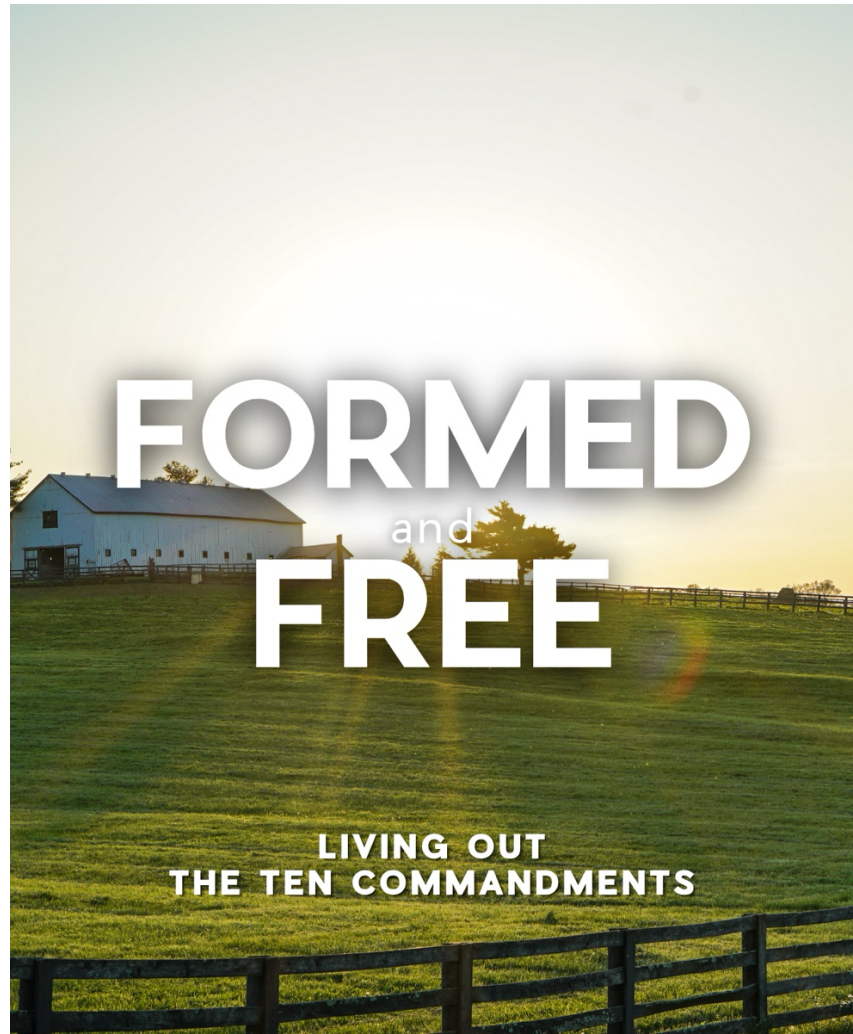
Apply

- Peter’s lie is not technically “false witness against his neighbor” in the courtroom context. What do you see as the connection between Peter’s denial and the 9th commandment?
- How has the speed at which information travels made keeping the Ninth Commandment more difficult?
- There was a lot at stake for Peter by acknowledging he was a disciple of Jesus. How might the Holy Spirit be asking you to act courageously this week regarding telling the truth about Jesus?

Prayer Concerns

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