

## Catechetical Sermon Series I – Baptism and the Ten Commandments

- **Hymns:** The hymns selected come from *Lutheran Service Book – LSB* (CPH, 2006). At times more than three hymns are offered as options. Readers preaching on the Catechism may find other hymns more appropriate for their congregational circumstance.
- **Catechetical readings:** The page numbers for the catechetical readings are also taken from *LSB*. If one is using a hymnal that does not contain Luther's *Small Catechism*, the catechetical readings can be printed in a bulletin insert.
- **Multiple options:** At times I have included multiple scripture readings or more than 3 hymn suggestions, reflecting some of the variations I made over the years.

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

There are 4 sermons in this series,  
since there are 4 parts to Holy Baptism in Luther's Small Catechism.

#### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Part I

- **Lectionary:** Genesis 17:9-14; Colossians 2:8-15; Matthew 28:16-20
- **Sermon title:** "Christ's Baptism and Ours" (Baptism I) Matt. 3:13-17
- **Catechetical reading:** "What is Baptism?" and "Which is that Word of God?" *LSB* p. 325
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 406/407, vv. 1-4 (ML) To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
  - 406/407, vv. 5-7 (ML) To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
  - 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

#### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Part II

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 14:21-22, 26-30; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4/Acts 2:36-39; Mark 16:15-16
- **Sermon title:** "What Does Baptism Give Me?" (Baptism II) Mark 16:16
- **Catechetical reading:** "What benefits does Baptism give?" & "Which are these words and promises of God?" *LSB* p. 325
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord
  - 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy
  - 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Part III**

- ***Lectioary:*** Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Titus 3:3-8; John 1:9-13
- ***Sermon title:*** "The Power Is The Word" (Baptism III) Titus 3:5-8
- ***Catechetical reading:*** "How can water do such great things?" *LSB* p. 325
- ***Suggested hymns***
  - 593 See This Wonder in the Making
  - 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here
  - 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Part IV**

- ***Lectioary:*** Genesis 28:10-22; Romans 6:1-11; John 8:12
- ***Sermon title:*** "Walking in the Sacramental Shower" (Baptism IV) Romans 6:4
- ***Catechetical reading:*** "What does such baptizing with water indicate?" & "Where is this written?" *LSB* p. 325
- ***Suggested hymns***
  - 594 God's Own Child, I gladly Say It
  - 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized
  - 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word; OR
  - 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

## **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

There are 10 sermons in this series,  
since there is one sermon covering the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments.

### **The First Commandment**

- ***Lectioary:*** Exodus 20:2-6; II Corinthians 13:11-14; Matthew 6:24-34
- ***Sermon title:*** "Who Is the One True God? - The 1st Commandment" Exodus 20:2-6
- ***Catechetical reading:*** "The First Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- ***Suggested hymns***
  - 954 (ML) We Believe in One True God
  - 581, vv. 1 & 2 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain; **OR**
  - 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

## The Second Commandment

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:7; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 28:16-20
- **Sermon title:** "Use God's Name Respectfully - The 2nd Commandment" Exodus 20:7
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Second Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love
  - 581, vv. 1 & 3 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds; **OR**
  - 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

## The Third Commandment

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:8-11; Hebrews 10:21-25/Acts 2:41-42; Luke 4:16-21
- **Sermon title:** "Visit God Regularly - The 3rd Commandment" Exodus 20:8-11
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Third Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us; **OR**
  - 578 Thy Strong Word
  - 581, vv. 1 & 4 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 921 On What Has Now Been Sown; **OR**
  - 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

## The Fourth Commandment

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:12; Romans 13:1-8; Luke 2:41-52
- **Sermon title:** "Loving and Respecting All Those in Authority - The 4th Commandment" **Exodus 20:12**
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Fourth Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 862 Oh, Blest the House
  - 581, vv. 1 & 5 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain; **OR**
  - 863 Our Father, by Whose Name; **OR**
  - 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

## The Fifth Commandment

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:13; I John 3:15-21; Luke 22:47-52
- **Sermon title:** "God Is the Creator of and Values Human Life - 5th Commandment" Exodus 20:13
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Fifth Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 433 Glory Be to Jesus
  - 581, vv. 1 & 6 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 578 Thy Strong Word; **OR**
  - 795 Voices Raised to You We Offer; **OR**
  - 889 Before the Ending of the Day

## The Sixth Commandment

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:14; Ephesians 5:22-33; John 2:1-11
- **Sermon title:** "God Blesses Marriage - The 6th Commandment" Exodus 20:14
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Sixth Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing (with marriage verse in place of stanzas 2 and 3)
  - 581, vv. 1 & 7 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 861 Christ Be My Leader; **OR**
  - 862 Oh, Blest the House

## The Seventh Commandment

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:27-28; Luke 19:1-10
- **Sermon title:** "Be One of God's Good Stewards - The 7th Commandment" **Exodus 20:15**
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Seventh Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own
  - 783 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings
  - 581, vv. 1 & 8 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 789 Praise and Thanksgiving
  - 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## The Eighth Commandment

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:16; Revelation 21:1-8/Acts 5:1-11; John 8:31-47
- **Sermon title:** "God's People Should Speak the Truth - The 8th Commandment" Exodus 20:16
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Eighth Commandment" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 321
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone
  - 581, vv. 1 & 9 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

## The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:17; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21
- **Sermon title:** "Sinful Desires Are as Bad as Sinful Actions - The 9th & 10th Commandments" Exodus 20:17
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Ninth & Tenth Commandments" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 322
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days
  - 581, vv. 1, 10-11 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 736 Consider How the Birds Above; **OR**
  - 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

## The Close of the Commandments

- **Lectionary:** Exodus 20:5b-6; Galatians 3:7-14; Matthew 5:17-20/Matthew 25:31-46
- **Sermon title:** "Punishment or Mercy At the End?" - (The Close of the Commandments) Exodus 20:5b-6
- **Catechetical reading:** "The Close of the Commandments – What does God say about all these commandments?" & "What does this mean?" *LSB* p. 322
- **Suggested hymns**
  - 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain
  - 581, vv. 1, 11-12 (ML) These Are the Holy Ten Commands
  - 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us; **OR**
  - 571 God Love the World So That He Gave; **OR**
  - 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me; **OR**
  - 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be