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Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we
Gather
around the Gospel
to help people
Grow
in the Gospel
and
Go
with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank
God that you have
joined us at worship
today.

Restrooms are
located in the
basement. Hearing
loop headphones and
Large Print Hymnals
are available from an
usher.

If your children need
to leave worship,
please take them to
the basement. A TV
broadcasts the service
in the basement.

Today we gather
together in the
presence of God. He is
present among us in a
special way through
his Word and
Sacrament. We
acknowledge our sin
and rejoice in the good
news of forgiveness
through the life and
death of Christ. This is
the focus of our
worship.

April 9, 2025
Lenten Midweek 5



LORD, HAVE MERCY

FOR FAILING TO LIVE WITH INTEGRITY

We use the word “integrity” to refer to something being in good condition. So, we talk about the structural integrity of a building or of a ship’s hull. We mean those things are “sound” and “whole.” We use “integrity” in reference to people too. Generally, if we speak of someone having integrity, we mean that there’s a wholeness to their character. Their morals are sound. If someone lives with integrity, it is not simply that they talk and behave decently. We would say the reason their behavior is proper is because their values and desires are proper.

The first six Commandments deal with our relationships with others: God and our fellow man. The final four Commandments get at the question of personal integrity. When someone steals, lies, or covets, it is a clear indication that their values and desires are highly improper. Such a person lacks honesty, empathy, and contentment. They say and do bad things because they are bad, not “sound and whole.” It is harsh, yet unfailingly true. Thus, when we break one of these Commandments, it is pointless to make excuses. Let us simply cry out, “Lord, have mercy, for failing to live with integrity!” And let us trust the Christ, who died so that we might be made “sound and whole.”

Stand

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We deserve you present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown CW 397:1,4



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son U and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown CW 397:2,7

2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
7 Here might I stay and sing; no sto - ry so di -
stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would
vine, nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like
know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,
thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
who at my need his life did spend!
I all my days could glad - ly spend!

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Be seated

THE WORD

Passion History

Luke 23:26-56

Jesus acts with integrity and willingly submits to death to atone for our abuse of his commandments.

²⁶ As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say,

‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then

“they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”

and to the hills, “Cover us!””[Hosea 10:8]

³¹ For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

M: ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said,

C: “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

M: ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

C: ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

M: ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

C: ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

M: ⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”[Psalm 31:5] When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment. (NIV)

Grades 7-8 (11 am)

Were You There CW 426

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1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Reading

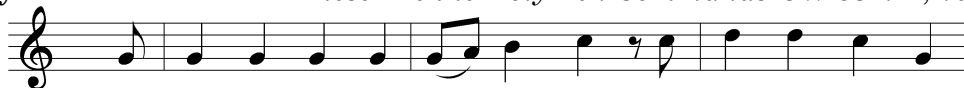
Solomon explains how the Lord feels about those who live without integrity.

Proverbs 6:12-19

- ¹² A troublemaker and a villain,
 who goes about with a corrupt mouth,
¹³ who winks maliciously with his eye,
 signals with his feet
 and motions with his fingers,
¹⁴ who plots evil with deceit in his heart—
 he always stirs up conflict.
¹⁵ Therefore disaster will overtake him in an instant;
 he will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.
¹⁶ There are six things the LORD hates,
 seven that are detestable to him:
¹⁷ haughty eyes,
 a lying tongue,
 hands that shed innocent blood,
¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked schemes,
 feet that are quick to rush into evil,
¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies
 and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. (NIV)

Hymn

These Are the Holy Ten Commands CW 634: A, 7th–9/10th, C



A These are the ho - ly Ten Com - mands God gave to us by
7th “You shall not steal or take a - way what oth - ers worked for
8th “Bear no false wit - ness nor de - fame your neigh - bor or de -
9/10th “You shall not crave your neigh - bor’s house nor cov - et mon - ey,
C Our works can - not sal - va - tion gain; they mer - it on - ly



Mo - ses’ hands when high on Si - nai’s mount he stood,
night and day, but o - pen wide a gen - ’rous hand
stroy his name, but view him in the kind - est way;
goods, or spouse. Pray God he would your neigh - bor bless
end - less pain. For - give us, Lord! To Christ we flee,



re - ceiv - ing them for our good. Have mer - cy, Lord!
and help the poor in the land.” Have mer - cy, Lord!
speak truth in all that you say.” Have mer - cy, Lord!
as you your - self wish suc - cess.” Have mer - cy, Lord!
who pleads for us end - less - ly. Have mer - cy, Lord!

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Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-10

St. Paul warns against the harmful desires that demonstrate a lack of integrity and choke off contentment.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NIV)

Devotion

7th – 10th Commandments

Lord Have Mercy: For Failing to Live with Integrity

Confession of Faith

from the Small Catechism

M: The Seventh Commandment:

C: You shall not steal.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

M: The Eighth Commandment:

C: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

M: The Ninth Commandment:

C: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

M: The Tenth Commandment:

C: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

WELS Connection

Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Hymn

Order My Life, Lord, as You Will CW 701



1 Or - der my life, Lord, as you will; you are the one I
2 In - still in me in - teg - ri - ty, faith - ful-ness, love, and
3 When from this world I must de - part, show me your gra - cious



cher - ish. As you have prom - ised, now ful - fill— Lord, do not
hon - or. Lead me in paths of pu - ri - ty— Lord, do not
fa - vor. Let there be joy with - in my heart— Lord, do not



let me per - ish. Kept by your grace, O let me be pa - tient in
let me wan - der. Help me to clear - ly rec - og - nize false-hood with
let me wa - ver. In Je - sus' name, my prayer at - tend: keep me un -



all ad - ver - si - ty, for you will sure - ly bless me.
all its sub - tle lies; your Word of truth will bless me.
til my jour - ney's end; then when I die, Lord, bless me.

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