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AS WE GATHER

For the past several weeks, we have focused on our **Vertical Connections** with God—how we may increase the depth and breadth of our lives with Him through prayer. Jesus said that the greatest commandment was, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment*. This has been our focus during the last series and, prayerfully, will continue to be a focus in our lives.

Horizontal Connections: Created for Community will be our focus over the next five weeks. Jesus followed up His mention of the great and first commandment with these words: "And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Culture seems more divided than ever, and people are growing weary. All this divisiveness is resulting in increased levels of anxiety, isolation, and loneliness.

Thankfully, God's Word speaks directly to this and offers us community—a sense of identity and belonging in Jesus, and a shared life with other believers in Christ's Church. In this series, we'll learn how to break out of isolation, find our identity and belonging in Christ, and invite others to join a faith-filled community once again. We will also take a closer look at the way in which God has structured His Creation for healthy relationships through the Ten Commandments and Martin Luther's explanations of them.

COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD

We're so glad you're here today. Whether you're visiting for the first time or looking for a church to call home, we believe your presence is no accident—God has a purpose for it. If you'd like to learn more or get connected, please stop by the Welcome Station or say hello to Pastor Galligar. We'd love to get to know you!

NEED HELP HEARING THE SERVICE?

We're happy to assist! Please see an usher before worship to borrow a hearing assistance device.

☆ WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE THREE ☆

OPENING HYMN "These are the Holy Ten Commandments" vs. 1-4

LSB 912

(please stand)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sins.
- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⊕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P SERVICE OF THE WORD P

INTROIT

Psalm 136:23-26; antiphon: v. 1

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: It is he who remembered us in our low estate, C: for his steadfast love endures forever:

P: and rescued us from our foes,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: he who gives food to all flesh,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven,C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,* **C: for his steadfast love endures forever.**







P: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*. **C: Thanks be to God**.



And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \oplus everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Wide the Love of Christ" vs. 1,3,5 LSB 535

LSB 321

TEN COMMANDMENTS PIECE

1st, 2nd & 3rd Commandments and Explanations

SERMON HORIZONTAL CONNECTIONS: created for community: Building the Foundation

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
(please rise and sing)."Father, I Adore You"LUYH p. 31

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you \oplus and give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide in Me"

LSB 725

SILENT PRAYER

HORIZONTAL CONNECTIONS: created for community: Building the Foundation – is the theme of our worship this weekend. When we look honestly at the world around us, the problems we see are not separate from us, they apply to all people, both those inside and outside the church. The interconnected problems of division, tribalism, loneliness, and isolation are real for us all. We will take a look at how we have been a party to this – both in word and deed.

- Loneliness and being alone are related, but not the same. We can feel lonely, even in the midst of a crowd. We can feel connected, even when we are alone.
- First things first, in our relationships with each other, it is important to keep in mind what Jesus said first, love God, then loving others becomes easier.

- Who in your life are you feeling disconnected from? How can we pray for God to change that?
- One goal I have for this series is to be drawn into more healthy relationships with those in my sphere of influence, family, friends, neighbors, etc.

CONNECTED TO CHRIST: OVERCOMING ISOLATION THROUGH COMMUNITY

This book, written by LCMS Pastor Brian Davies, is a good tool for us a we go through this series of Horizontal Connections together. Copies of this book have been purchased for you and are available in the narthex. Please feel free to take one per household. If you would like to contribute in support of the purchase of the book, the cost is \$8. You may put money into the box next to the books on the table.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- O Lord, our God, we offer You our heartfelt thanks and praise for all You have done and are doing in the lives of those who love You. You draw us closer to you through prayer, Your Word, the sacraments, and the power of Your Holy Spirit at work in each of us. Help us now to fulfill that second great commandment, to love our neighbors. Fill us to overflowing with Your love for others so that, they might be reached by You, through us.
- Health concerns: Keith & Emily Williams Family, Tom Denney, Candy Lott, Millie, Patricia Ulvund, Eliza Long, Sharon Beyer, Dale Schluckbier, Steve Petty, Gina Galligar, Bonnie & Robert, Dee Breight, Susan Schmidt, Geneva Davis, Debbie Vasel, Bonnie Berg, Edward Monty, Jerry Marquette, Dean Moore, Debbie Zilm, Kim Malave, Barbara Schenk, George Scalzi, Bill Engelbrecht, Nita Hass, Phyllis Jodis, Aaron Cote, Todd Moothart, Don Jones, Gia Schultz, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Connie Weiss, Margie Budd, Doug Deuchler, Patrick Daley, Andy Borchardt, Katie Arias.
- ✤ Dale Schluckbier & Family in the passing of his sister, Karen Friend.

Dear Jesus, our Shepherd, Savior and Lord, keep us daily within the shelter of Your arms as we boldly declare Your love, grace, and mercy to all those You place in our path. Guide especially Your Church on earth, and all connected to Faith here in Lecanto. Use us always to be beacons of Your love, expanding Your kingdom.

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

Prayer Request? Is there something on your heart - whether a joy, a concern, or a request for strength or healing? We invite you to share it with us. You can submit a prayer request in any of these ways:

- Fill out a yellow prayer card (located in the pews)
- Visit our website: www.faithlecanto.org/prayer
- Email our Prayer Chain: prayer@faithlecanto.org

You may indicate if you'd like your request to remain private or be shared with the congregation.

Interested in joining our Prayer Chain? As mentioned in last week's bulletin, this ministry connects you to real-time requests from our church family and community. To join or reaffirm your commitment, visit the church office or use the form at the Welcome Table. Let's continue to support one another through the gift of prayer.

NEED A VISIT OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES? If you or a loved one is hospitalized, homebound, or simply in need of a pastoral visit, we want to be there for you. Reach out to Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820, or contact your assigned elder. Not sure who your elder is? Just check the board in the narthex, or call the church office at (352) 527-3325. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM. We are here to walk with you in times of need.

NOTES FROM PASTOR GALLIGAR

Did you know that – Most people who do not currently attend a church say that they would go if someone invited them? In a recent survey of the unchurched, or de-churched, almost 80% said that if someone invited them to their church for worship, they would go. Who can you invite to join you next week?

- Did you know that your elder is here to pray for you and with you? Each weekend after worship, you can ask your elder, or any of our elders to pray for you in the sanctuary and they will be happy to do so.
- Did you know that pastor will pray with you before surgery at the hospital before you check in? Whether it is 5:30am, or later in the day, if his schedule permits, he will be there for you. Please let Pastor know when things come up for you at the hospital, and he will be there.



Summer Sermon Series: Horizontal Connections — Created for Community

July 13 – August 10 This weekend, we begin our summer sermon series: Horizontal Connections — Created for Community. In a world filled with division, loneliness, and isolation, God's Word invites us into something greater—life-giving community rooted in Christ.

Throughout this five-week series, we'll explore how God's design for relationships, reflected in Scripture and the Ten Commandments, draws us into meaningful connection with Him and one another. Guided in part by *Connected to Christ: Overcoming Isolation through Community*, each message will build on this theme:

- Week 1: Building the Foundation
- Week 2: Sharing the Love
- Week 3: Bringing My Best
- Week 4: Singing with the Choir
- Week 5: Spreading the Gospel

We invite you to journey with us as we grow together in faith, fellowship, and the joy of Christian community.

HORIZONTAL CONNECTIONS: It is helpful to develop a benchmark as we begin another part of our walk with Jesus, in relationship with others. Take a moment and reflect on your response to the following topics as we begin this series:

- o All my relationships are healthy
- None of my relationships are healthy
- Most of the people I know get along with me well
- o It is a challenge for me at times not to get angry with others
- o I often feel judged by others and choose to judge them as well
- o It is easy for me to make new friends
- o No one seems to care
- o It is hard for me to trust people
- o So many people have hurt me that I find it hard to trust
- o Love comes from God, but if I can't feel His love, what else is there
- o Gathering with others for worship, bible study, and fellowship fills me up
- o Being with other people always has me on guard
- My self-esteem is so low, that it is a challenge to love others as I love myself
- o In the midst of a room full of people, I usually feel alone
- When I am by myself, I experience peace...
- Other people make me uncomfortable
- The best times for me are with people
- Loving others as God loves me is easy
- o Feeling loved by others is not common for me
- o Most times I feel like I am the outsider
- o No one knows the troubles I've seen
- There are very few people who understand what I've been through
- o I put on my happy face and smile and wave

- o God's love for others flows through me always
- There is a smile in my heart for all those around me
- o I always expect the best from others
- o Others always seem to expect the worst from me
- o Being judged is almost as common as breathing
- o Judging others is the only way I can survive
- o Christ is at the center of my relationships with others
- o Jesus calls me His friend, and that's the only friend I need
- When I am feeling bad, there are several people I can speak to who help me feel better
- o God is for me, who can be against me
- o I have a best friend I can always talk to about life
- o There is a person in my life who knows ALL my secrets
- The crew that will accept me for who I am without judgement, is a crew I am still looking for
- My marriage is healthy and happy most of the time
- My spouse is distant and seems worried
- o I am very comfortable with my relationships with others
- o Many folks would say I am their friend
- o It would be good for me to learn how to be a better friend
- I wish my friends were more open about their struggles, but they all seem to have it all together

These responses are just for you. We will present this list again at the end of the series to see how God has been at work in your heart, your relationships and your faith through these five weeks. Hold on to this list and your comments so that His good works done, in, with, and through you will be more easily seen.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

<u>What does this mean</u>? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

<u>What does this mean</u>? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment: *Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

<u>What does this mean</u>? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment: *Honor your father and your mother.*

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<u>What does this mean</u>? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

<u>What does this mean</u>? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maid-servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments? He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20: 5–6)

<u>What does this mean</u>? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.



WEEKLY BUDGETED GIVING

Week	Budget giving	Over/under
24	4260	-1790
25	4103	-1947
26	2319	-3731
27	9157	3107

Budget is 6050/week

Happy Birthday Sirthday Single Content Single Cont

Kayden Patterson (7/17), George Cooper (7/17), and Ann Williams (7/20)

Anniversaries

Steven & Lois Schick (7/12), and Nick & Beth Medina (7/13)

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ALL WEEK	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School – Fellowship Hall
MONDAY	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Monday – Papa J's Diner
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	Worship – Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
SUNDAY	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM 2:30 pm	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow) Bible Study: Book of Romans – Fellowship Hall Chapel @ Diamond Ridge Health & Rehab Chapel @ Life Care Center

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHAPEL VISITS Be a blessing and be blessed! You're invited to join us on Sunday afternoons as we bring worship, encouragement, and fellowship to local nursing homes. It's a meaningful way to share Christ's love with those who may feel forgotten. All are welcome—no special skills needed, just a willing heart!

DISCOVER GOD'S GRACE WITH US! Join us Sundays at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible study on the Book of Romans, led by Pastor Galligar. Together, we'll dive into themes of grace, faith, and life in Christ. It's a wonderful chance to grow in God's Word and build community with others. Everyone is welcome—no experience needed and Bibles are provided. Come as you are!

SEW MUCH FUN THIS SUMMER! Keep your creativity buzzing all summer long with our Stitch N' Tie gatherings! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of June, July, and August as we sew, craft, and enjoy each other's company. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, all are

welcome to come and share in the fun. Bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn - we'll provide the rest!

<u>VBS IS THIS WEEK – Keep Us in Prayer</u>! This week, our church will be filled with laughter, energy, and the joy of sharing Jesus with children in our community during Vacation Bible School! Please keep our volunteers, leaders, and especially the children in your prayers—that hearts would be open, faith would grow, and God's love would shine brightly.

Each day, the children will focus on a key truth from God's Word. We invite you to follow along and talk about these take-home points with your own family:

VBS Daily Take-Home Points:

Day 1: Jesus Calls Us - I have called you by name, you are Mine. Isaiah 43:1

Day 2: Jesus Leads Us - The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Day 3: Jesus Teaches Us - We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Day 4: Jesus Saves Us - Jesus said ... "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25

Day 5: Jesus Sends Us - You will be My witness ... to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Thank you for your prayers and support as we share the Good News of Jesus in a fun and faith-filled way!

HAPPENING SOON AT FAITH LUTHERAN! Ladies of Faith are hosting a Plant/Craft/Bake Sale on October 18th. Now is the time to sign up for a booth if you have items for sale. Now also is the time to split your plants so that Muriel Hanny will have plenty of plants for her portion of the sale. More info needed: Talk to Muriel or Vicki Muelller.

PLANNING AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY AT FAITH? Help us keep our church calendar accurate and coordinated! If you're planning any event, meeting, or activity at Faith, please notify the church office so we can keep everything up to date. If you need help organizing or setting up, contact Vicki Mueller, Event Coordinator, or reach out to Malinda in the office. We're here to support you!

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE IN KIDS CORNER

ACROSS – 4. Soul, 5. Mind, 6. Heart, 7. Second, 8. Love, 9. Strength DOWN – 1. Lord, 2. Neighbor, 3. Command, 4. Greater, 5. Alive

Kid's Corner — Where Faith is Fun!

WELCOME, KIDS!

We're so glad you're here at Faith today! Whether you came with family or someone who loves you, you're part of our church family—and we're happy you're here!

Meed something? Ask your grown-up or one of us—we're here to help!

- 🕙 Wiggles and whispers? Totally okay—Jesus loves joyful noise!
- Sit up front to see what's happening—most of the action is near the altar.
- Grab an activity bag from the kids' room at the back with the window!
- Sing along—Jesus loves to hear your voice!
- A When we pray, folding hands and bowing heads helps us focus.
- ☆ Join in the Lord's Prayer—hold a hand and pray with us.
- "Let the little children come to Me ... " Luke 18:16

You are a gift to this church—and we are so thankful for you!



ACROSS

4. Like your spirit
5. What you think with
7. Part of your body that pumps blood
9. Comes after first
10. What a bride and groom feel for each other
11. muscle power

<u>DOWN</u>

A title for Jesus
 a person living close to you
 a law
 opposite of lesser
 Jesus is _ _ _