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Church office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Good Morning!** We're glad to have you with us today. As you wait for the service to begin, ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart for worship; during the service, humble yourself to receive His Word; after the service, go forth to share His Word with others with great joy!

## September 23, 2018 Resurrection Sunday

10:15 AM

The Lord's Supper is scheduled to be served on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening of the month. Please pick up a copy of "Invitation to the Lord's Supper" on the white table in the narthex so that you may know who may participate in this special meal of faith.

Prelude

Christ Who Maketh Us Glad Andante Marcel Dupre John Stanley

## Welcome & Church Family Focus

Hearing assistance devices are available, see ushers.

Trinity encourages families to worship together even from the youngest of ages. We make available a glassed in "cry room" if parents would like to use it for infants and as they train young children in worship. Nursery and Jr. Church are options for those who desire to use them.

A Nursery is available for infants through 3 years in Room 101 & Room 103. Parents, please pick up your children immediately after the worship service.

## God's Word Directs Our Life & Worship

Psalm 119:129-136

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

## **Praising God**

God Calls His People to Worship

Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22 Led by Pastor Bob Eickelberg

\*God's People Respond with Praise Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven No. 76

\*God's People Ask for God's Blessing (Invocation)

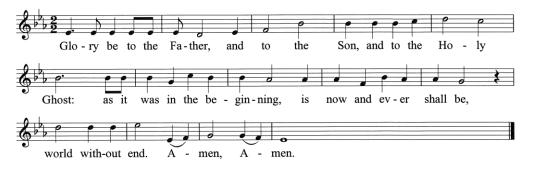
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and 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 into 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.

#### \*Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex



Shorter Catechism Q & A #43 & 44 see Bulletin Pg. 15-18 for Daily Study Guide

### New City Catechism\* Q & A #7, 11 & 12

7. Q. What does the law of God require?

A: Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

11. Q. What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A: Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

## 12. Q. What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

\*Published by The Gospel Coalition and Crossway. Free copies are available on the table near the office door in the narthex. We will be using this catechism as a part of our worship until the end of December, 2018.

## Facing Up to Our Sin Before God

## God Instructs His People in His Standards

1 Corinthians 6:15, 9-11a

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you.

## God's People Respond by Confession of Sin O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry

No. 485

## God Assures His People of His Grace in Christ

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## Offering Our Prayers and Ourselves to God

Anthem

The Lord Will Be My Shepherd
Adult Choir

Nancy Price, Don Besig

The Lord will be my shepherd,
He knows my ev'ry need.
He renews my faith each morning
with the promise of His peace.
As I rest in a quiet meadow,
or beside a clear blue stream,
the Lord will be my shepherd,
I will follow where he leads.

Though the shadows of darkness surround me, I will never be afraid, for I know the Lord will protect me from the dangers I must face.

When there's anger or trouble around me, and I want to run and hide,
I will find Him near, to calm my fear, always at my side.

The Lord will be my shepherd wherever I may go.
He will fill me with His kindness, He will strengthen me with hope.
When my day at last is over,
He will come and take me home.
The Lord will be my shepherd,
I will never be alone.

## God's People Respond with Thanksgiving & Petitions

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9B-13 (KJV) (ALT.)

"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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## God's People Respond by the Giving of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Fred Bock

Please fill out the attendance slip located on the back page of your bulletin & place it in the offering plate at this time.

\*Doxology

Genevan Psalter



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise



Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

A - men.

## Listening to God's Word

## \*God's People Prepare for Hearing God's Word

Joy to the World!

No. 195

(Junior Church begins at this time for children age 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Room 105)

God Speaks to His People through His Word

\*Scripture Reading:

Genesis 38:1-7, 24-30

Church Bible Pg. No. 40

God's Word Proclaimed:

**Bob Eickelberg** 

"God's Mercy and Grace to sInful People Through Jesus Christ Our Lord"

## Being Sent to Serve God

- \*God Blesses His People (Benediction)
- \*God's People Respond with Praise

## Oh for a Closer Walk with God (Refrain)

W. Cowper (1731-1800)

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Oh Fire of God, come burn with - in; re - new a ho - ly pass
ion, till Christ my deep-est long-ing be, my nev - er fail-ing foun
tain, my nev - er fail-ing foun - tain.

\*Postlude Trumpet Tune David German

\*Congregation Standing As You Are Able

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## PRAY FOR THE WORLD, OUR AREA, AND OUR CHURCH

**Our Featured Missionaries of the Week**: Anees & Fareda Zaka, Church Without Walls. Please see the announcement under the "Missions" heading for two upcoming events.

A Country of Origin for Trinity PCA Family, Members, Friends and ESL Students: Ecuador

Our Sister Congregation: Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg, PA

**Our Neighbors**: Give thanks for the opportunities we have to welcome new people who come to Trinity.

**Our Local Church Missionary Servants/Ministers**: Please pray for those who lead and serve in our ESL Ministry.

Our Church Government (those in authority over us): Elder John McCurdy

**Our Local Government (those in authority over us)**: PA State Representative Susan Helm & Police Officer Melinda Gustin as she enforces the laws in our township.

Long-Term Health Needs: Pray this week for Peter Moore.

## September 23, 2018

## **Evening Worship Service**

6:00 PM

The Lord's Supper is scheduled to be served on the  $3^{rd}$  Sunday evening of the month. Please pick up a copy of "Invitation to the Lord's Supper" on the table in the narthex to see how Trinity invites participation.

Prelude

God calls His people to worship God's people ask for God's blessing God's people respond with praise Psalm 63:1-4 David Creason Congregational Choice

God speaks to His people through His Word

Scripture Reading God's Word Preached 1 Peter 3:18-22

Church Bible Pg. 1296

David Cross

"Preaching to the Spirits in Prison – Part 1"

Hymn of Response

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

No. 254

Benediction

Postlude

#### **GREETERS**

Jerry & Betsy Lyter

#### **USHERS**

Jason Heffleger, Joseph Wolcott, Dave Rupert & Moe Bittle

## NURSERY/JR, CHURCH WORKERS

Sunday School Sunday School Rob & Beth Miller

#### 10:15 AM

Alisha, Emma & Ian Booth

#### Jr. Church

Amanda Creason & Eric Montefour

#### 6:00 PM

John & Erica Colt

#### SOUND 10:15 AM

Jonathan Logan

#### 6:00 PM

Jason Wagner

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today September 23	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:15 AM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM	Harrisburg Prayer Meeting Combined Sunday School Hershey Worship Service Harrisburg Worship Service High School Youth Group Junior Choir Evening Worship Service Primary Choir Adult Choir
Monday	7:00 PM	Volleyball
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting ESL Women's Bible Study Women's Ministry Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	ESL Class Women's Ministry Bible Study Kids Club Middle School Youth Group
Thursday		Handbell Choir College & Career – Bible Study & Dessert

Friday

Saturday 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Sunday 8:30 AM Harrisburg Prayer Meeting September 9:00 AM Sunday School

30 10:00 AM Hershey Worship Service 10:15 AM Harrisburg Worship Service

2:00 PM Homeland Service

5:30 PM High School Youth Group

5:30 PM Junior Choir

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

6:15 PM Primary Choir 7:15 PM Adult Choir

\*SGC = Shepherd Group Community (the small group ministry @ Trinity)

Additional SGC meet in the Hershey area

Biblias! 聖經! Bibles! - Biblias en español están disponibles en la parte posterior del santuario. 中文聖經可在禮堂後面。Bibles en français no sont disponibles à l'arrière du sanctuaire. (Spanish, Chinese & French Bibles are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.) Additional languages are available, but not on the table. Ask a pastor for more information.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Adult Sunday School classes:**

The Lord's Prayer – When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, little did they know that they would be given a model for prayer that would be used for generations. Prayer is central to our fellowship with God, and our prayer life is directly affected by what we believe about God. In this video series, Dr. Albert Mohler Jr. shows that the pattern of prayer Jesus provides is few in words, yet massive in meaning. His prayer reflects true theology and proper orthodoxy – a perfect guide for our own lives. This class is being led by Matt Ebling in Room B14.

Navigating the News – This discussion-based class will tackle how to think biblically when we think about all the things we read, hear, or are told about in the news. We are going to look in God's Word to see how we need to react, think and feel when faced with negative story after negative story. How do we find hope in this world? We will tackle many different topics, share how they impact us as Christians and how we can use them to point people to our only hope, Jesus Christ. Mike Wolcott is leading this class in Room 207-208.

**Women's Ministry Sunday School:** The Women's Ministry's Sunday School class will be continuing their study of the book, "God's Cranky Prophets: Jonah & Habakkuk - A Bible Study on Responding in Faith When You Don't Like What God Is Doing" by Marci Ogrosky. Michelle Coleman is leading this study in Room 135.



**Ready, Set, Grow!** Trinity's Annual Produce Patch is back—Garden growers, if you find yourself buried in berries or have tons of tomatoes consider sharing your excess with our church's produce table. All are invited to receive the "fruits" of Trinity's produce patch.

**Craft Supplies Needed** – We will be collecting supplies to replenish our craft closet, and also to give away during our upcoming Community Car Wash on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donations of crayons (18-24 packs), glue sticks, and Fiskars brand kids scissors would be appreciated. Please place in the box in the narthex. Thank you!



**Volleyball**—Men and women (16 and over) are invited to come play volleyball each Monday from 7:00 – 9:00pm at Trinity. Contact Mike Wolcott with any questions.

\*Please hand in your clearance results to the church office that you receive at your home address. We don't automatically receive a copy, and need to keep one on file. Thank you!

**ESL** Holly Lankford

**English Classes**—If you know of anyone with questions or interest in attending the English classes, please contact the church office by calling 717-545-4271 or email **ESL@trinityhbg.com**. Brochures are on the table in the narthex. There are also posters available, please take them to put up on strategic community bulletin boards, where those interested may see them.

<u>Missions</u> Cheryl Goss

**2019 Germany Mission Trip** – A reminder that all applications are due on September  $30^{th}$ . If you couldn't make the information meeting or have any questions, please contact Mike Wolcott

An Invitation from Anees Zaka – Meetings for Better Understanding (MBU) will be held on the dates below. Please join us or pray for us. Please invite Christian friends to join us. If you plan to come, and especially if you come with others, please let us know ahead of time so we can plan accordingly. Contact Anees at <a href="www.cbiis@juno.com">www.cbiis@juno.com</a>, or Dan McBride, MBU Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:danindar@swissmail.org">danindar@swissmail.org</a>.

**Saturday, October 27**th at 4:00pm at the Islamic Cultural Center of Willow Grove, 502 Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090. The topic: The Kornaic and Biblical Teaching on Family.

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 2:00 at the Lansdale Presbyterian Church, 450 Oak Park Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446. The topic: We live in a wicked, ignorant, and un-just society. In light of this, what message do Muslims and Christians have for humanity regarding justice?

## 50+ Fellowship



Join the 50+ group on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> for a trip to Juniata County. The van will be leaving Trinity at 10am, and we will meet at the Lyter farm at 11:00am. We will have lunch at County Line Restaurant, then visit an Amish farm where apples, gourds, pumpkins and mums will be available for purchase. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board. Any questions, contact Jerry & Betsy Lyter at (717) 589-3280 or <a href="mailto:lyter@embarqmail.com">lyter@embarqmail.com</a>.

## Men's Fellowship Bob Eickelberg/Mike Wolcott

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast—This group is always open to new people. Meetings are held every other Saturday. Our next meeting will be this Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 9 AM at Gordon's Family Restaurant at 1009 N. Mountain Rd, Harrisburg, 17112. The purchase of a breakfast is NOT necessary. One can just come and have a seat at the table without ordering food or drink.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**Dinner at Red Robin** – Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm – bring \$5

## **Women's Ministry**

Marge Samsel

**Bible Study** – Join us as we continue our fall study of the book, "*The Other Side of Christmas*" by Dennis Bennett, Vickie Poole, and Morgan Jones. We are meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Contact Marge Samsel with any questions or to confirm your interest, Marge.samsel@pa.net.



**Ladies of All Ages** – Join us for a fun fall celebration on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Trinity beginning at 10:00am. We will have breakfast treats, make a fall craft, and hear from Serina Brown, the Director of Children's Ministry at Bethesda Mission. She will be sharing a short message about her work and how we can

support them. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's Ministry bulletin board, or you can call the office. Please RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup> so we can be sure to have enough food and craft supplies. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Sip & Share** - Join the women of Trinity for a time of informal fellowship and refreshment at 10:00am on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Panera Bread, 5125 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, a sweet treat, and get to know your Christian sisters.



## **Children's Ministry**

Elizabeth van Bastelaar

**Kids Club** – This Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

## **Youth Ministry**

Mike Wolcott

**High School Youth Group**  $(9^{th}-12^{th})$  – Tonight from 5:30-7:30pm, and from 7:30-8:30 for fellowship. Also, starting at 4:30 the gym will be open for anyone who would like to play soccer before youth group - all are welcome!

Middle School Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) – This Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**See You At the Pole** – Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> before school at your school flagpole.

**Teen Leader Meeting** – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 5:30pm at Trinity.

**Hoedown** – October  $13^{th}$  – 5:00 – 9:00pm at the Shadels.

**Pumpkin Service Project** – October 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Youth Fall Retreat** – November 9 - 11 – Early-bird registration deadline is October  $14^{th}$ . See Mike Wolcott with any questions.

The college and career ministry is meeting on the following days for food, Bible study and Fellowship. Join us!

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> -** 7:30pm for Bible study and dessert – at Jon & Meg Menkis' home. **October 18<sup>th</sup> -** 6:00pm for pizza, Bible study and games – at Trinity.

## TRINITY PCA "FINANCIAL BOX" INFORMATION

#### GENERAL FUND

Timeframe	Budgeted Need	Actual Rec'd	Budget vs. Rec'd	Actual Expense	Income vs
					Expense
Aug 2018	\$95,823	\$70,906	-\$24,917	\$84,388	-\$13,482
Year-to- date	\$766,584	\$639,850	-\$126,731	\$714,645	-\$74,795

### **Prayer & Information Emails**

Share prayer requests with Bob Eickelberg by phone: 717-657-0123 (home), 717-379-8826 (cell), 717-545-4271 (church). After the phone call, please send the written text of your request to beickelberg@trinityhbg.com. In addition, any staff member can send a prayer email. If the request is for someone else, you need that person's permission to share the request. Pastor Eickelberg desires that all Trinity worshippers join the prayer & information email group. If you do not have email, ask the office to print prayer & information emails and place them in your mailbox, or copies of the emails can be found in the binder kept on the side of the mailboxes in the narthex.

## 2018-2019

# Shepherd Group Communities

#### vanBastelaar SGC:

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Time: 6:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00pm) Leader: Jeff vanBastelaar

Location: Colts

#### **Casey SGC:**

Meets: every other Thursday

Time: 7:00pm Leader: John Casey Location: Caseys (on the West Shore)

### **Eickelberg SGC:**

Meets: every other Friday

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Leader:** Bob Eickelberg **Location:** Eickelbergs

## Eickelberg/Cross SGC:

Meets: 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Time: 1:00pm

Leaders: Bob Eickelberg & David Cross

Location: Trinity

#### Lankford SGC:

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

**Time:** 6:30pm

Leader: Ed Lankford Location: Lankfords

### McCurdy SGC:

Meets: every other Monday

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Leader:** John McCurdy **Location:** McCurdys

## Scheidler/Haynes SGC:

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

**Time**: 6:30pm

Leaders: Tim Scheidler & Chris Haynes

Location: Scheidlers

## **Seymour SGC:**

Meets: 1st & 3rd Friday

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Leader:** Tom Seymour **Location:** Seymours

## See today's bulletin tear-off to sign up!

For more information, contact Pastor Cisco Victa at (717) 769-9627

## Welcome to Trinity's Newest Pastor Francisco (Cisco) Victa

Trinity Presbyterian Church
One Church in two locations with the goal of being two churches in two locations

Our Session is pleased to announce the hiring of Teaching Elder Francisco (Cisco) Victa as an Assistant Pastor serving at Trinity PCA and Hershey PCA for one year. In the PCA the Session calls a man to be an Assistant Pastor while the congregation calls men to be Pastors and / or Associate Pastors.

The committee of Presbytery that oversees the approval of the call by our Session to Cisco has recommended to the Presbytery the approval of the call. Presbytery meets this Tuesday in Hanover. We anticipate that the call will be approved by the Presbytery as a whole and we are anticipating that Cisco will be officially installed as one of our pastors next Sunday.

Cisco just completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> units of Chaplaincy training at Hershey Medical Center during the past year as a Chaplain Resident. Cisco served as a Pastoral Intern for Trinity (serving mostly in Hershey) from August 2016 to August 2017.

This position fulfills a stated purpose of our Fund the Gap campaign funds to hire additional pastoral help at both Trinity and Hershey to compensate for the increased workload necessitated by two worship sites. The funds to pay for Cisco's salary and benefits will come from the Fund the Gap account. Your continued support of that fund in keeping with your previous commitments is vital for this ministry.

As Pastor Eickelberg indicated last Sunday morning during the announcements, he is so excited to have Cisco come and help him with just the right amount of time that will help to reestablish the "Margin" that had increasingly been erased in his life over the course of the last several years. This will also provide for some pastoral care ministry that Bob has not been able to provide during the last several years.

The plan is for Cisco to be at Trinity ¼ of his time and at Hershey ¾ of his time. We anticipate that Cisco will be here for worship once a month and that he will preach here one time every other month. Cisco has already started working in the area of overseeing Shepherd Group Communities and working directly to support and encourage the SGC leaders. Cisco is also scheduled to be here on Wednesday nights.

This past Thursday Cisco and Bob spent the day together meeting some of our members who are homebound and / or in a nursing facility. He will continue to meet others in the church and be a primary pastoral visitor for Trinity Harrisburg. It looks at this time that Cisco will be working at Harrisburg on Thursdays. Please pray for Cisco as he enters into the ministry here in Harrisburg and also at Hershey.

## FAMILY WORSHIP HELPS WEEK 43

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

QUESTION 43: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

**Answer:** The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, "I am the Lord thy God which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

QUESTION 44: What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us? Answer: The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

#### ♦ MONDAY

Praise: Sing Psalm 136A

Scripture: Read Exodus 20:1-2; Deuteronomy 5:1-6 Key Thought: The Ten Commandments have an introduction.

Questions:

What is a covenant?

Who initiates covenants between God and men? Why is this so?

What do we learn about God from the fact that He enters into covenant with sinful men?

### Prayer

Notes: Throughout the Scriptures, the moral law as summarized in the Ten Commandments is referred to as a covenant. A covenant is an agreement between two or more parties, in which promises are made in exchange for specific blessings, and penalties result if those promises are broken. In addition to the promises and penalties, there are certain other features common to most covenants, by which they can be identified. One of the features common to most covenants is a preface. This is an opening statement that identifies the one whose authority validates the covenant and names the parties involved. When God enters into a covenant with man, He is always the One who must initiate the agreement. Sinful man is in no position to bargain with the Holy God. In the preface to the Ten Commandments we can see the authority of God, who initiates the covenant. We can also see His wonderful condescension, as the Almighty God of all creation stoops down to enter into an agreement with sinful men.

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Praise: Sing Psalm 136A

Scripture: Read Exodus 3:1-14

Key Thought: God introduces Himself as "the LORD."

Questions:

6 By what name did God make Himself known to Moses?

What does He mean when He calls Himself "I AM"?

What does this name, used in the preface to the ten commandments, tell us about the law of God?

What does it tell us about our responsibility?

Prayer

**Notes:** The preface to the ten commandments begins with these words: "I am the LORD." God identifies Himself here by His most holy covenant name-the same name by which He made Himself known to Moses at the burning bush when He said, "I AM WHO I AM." This name, when it appears in the Bible, is sometimes translated "Jehovah" or "Yahweh," both of which are transliterations, or attempts to sound out the Hebrew word for "I AM." Most often, this name appears as it does in the preface to the ten commandments—as the word LORD (with all four letters capitalized). By revealing Himself in this way, God emphasizes His absolute sovereignty and self-sufficiency. As God, He does not depend upon anything outside of Himself. Nor was He created or brought into being—He simply is. This name shows us the awesome nature of God. The name "Yahweh" was considered so holy and awesome to the Jews that they wouldn't even dare to speak it out loud. Instead, when they came to a place in the Law where the name "Yahweh" was used, they substituted the word "Adonai," which means "Lord." By using His most holy covenant name in the preface to the ten commandments, God alerts us to the fact that what follows is the word of the Supreme Lawgiver and He has every right to demand our obedience and to punish our disobedience.

#### WEDNESDAY

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Praise: Sing Psalm 136A

Scripture: Read Exodus 6:1-7

Key Thought: God introduces Himself as the LORD "thy God."

- What do we learn from the words "thy God" in the preface to the ten commandments?
- 6 How does the Lord become your God?
- What do the words "thy God" tell us about our duty?
- 6 How can we know that God is our God?

Prayer

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**Notes:** In the preface to the ten commandments, God not only reveals Himself by the awesome words, "I am the LORD" but also adds this wonderful modifier: "your God." Thomas Watson writes, "Had He called Himself Jehovah only, it might have terrified us, and made us flee from Him; but when He says, 'thy God,' it allures and draws us to Him" (commentary on the Catechism). These two little words contain all the glorious beauty of the gospel itself, for the holy God of heaven only becomes "the LORD your God" to any man through the redeeming work of Christ. In this part of the preface to the ten commandments we are reminded that God reveals His law to us because He loves us with a personal love and has delighted to call Himself "our God" and count us to be "His people." It is a truth most glorious and full of encouragement for the child of God that He has willingly drawn near and made Himself and all His -benefits ours. These words also remind us that our duty is to receive the com mandments that follow this preface as the ordinances of the One who has claimed us for His own. By walking in His commandments we demonstrate to men and angels that He is our God and we are His people.

## \* THURSDAY \*

Praise: Sing Psalm 136A

Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 5:1-6; I Corinthians 6:19-20

**Key Thought**: God makes Himself known through deliverance.

Questions:

- By what prior act does God identify Himself in the preface to the ten commandments?
- **6** By saying, "out of the land of Egypt," what were they to remember?
- **6** By saying, "out of the house of bondage," what were they to recall?
- Why did God remind them of their freedom before giving them His law? Prayer

**Notes:** God makes Himself known in the preface to the ten commandments, not only by His wonderful names, but also by His remarkable deliverances. By reminding the people of His awesome acts of redemption, He put them in mind of their debt to Him who had accomplished such great things for them. In the words, "which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt," the people were to remember the powerful demonstrations they had seen as the true and living God triumphed over the false gods of Pharaoh and his people. The words "out of the land of Egypt" refer to the power that had oppressed and enslaved them. In crushing that power, God had demonstrated that the gods of the Egyptians were nothing and that no power on earth or in heaven or under the earth could separate His people from their deliverer. In the words, "out of the house of bondage," they were reminded of the condition from which they were deliv-

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ered—having been bound in the shackles of slavery. Their freedom was purchased by the Lord, and they became His by right of redemption who had been His by right of creation. Before giving them the law, then, God reminds them of their former bondage, knowing the tendency of sinners to view God's covenant boundaries as slavish regulations and heavy burdens. Twice James refers to the moral law as the "Law of Liberty"—indicating that by it God sets us free from bondage to sin and death. Likewise, we are reminded through the gospel, "you are not your own...you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Cor. 6:19-20)

\* FRIDAY

Praise: Sing Psalm 136A

Scripture: Read Luke 1:68-75

**Key Thought**: God's greatness and goodness promote obedience.

Questions:

What three things does God show us in the this preface?

6 How do each of these things show us God's greatness?

**6** How do these things inspire us to obey Him?

Prayer

Notes: Question 44 of the Shorter Catechism summarizes the content of the preface to the Ten Commandments—that in it God reveals Himself as (I) the LORD, (2) our God, and (3) our Redeemer. The application drawn from these things is that we are "therefore bound to keep all His commandments." We are bound to keep His commandments because of His awesome nature as the LORD, who has every right to demand obedience from His creatures. We are bound to keep His commandments because He is our God, who had first loved us and drawn near to us in mercy and love, binding Himself to us for our good. We are bound to keep His commandments because He is our Redeemer, who has demonstrated His power over the kingdom of Satan and brought us out of the bondage of sin and death through His Son Jesus Christ. All of these things—the holiness of God, the goodness of God, and the redeeming grace of God—are powerful incentives to walk in His commandments as an expression of love for the One who first loved us.



Note: Only five lessons per week are included. You are encouraged to lead your family in worship seven days a week. On weekends, you may want to review or build upon the lessons from the previous week, discuss the sermon from Sunday morning, or work on questions from the Catechism or memory verses. These lesson suggestions are intended to provide a simple framework for parents to build upon. You are not limited to this content. The habit of morning and evening family worship is the biblical ideal. We hope you can use these lessons as a starting point for the development of a blessed practice of family worship in your home.

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Shepherd Groups		Home Church
Men's Ministry		Email Address
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