



**Walking in His Ways**  
The Fifth Commandment

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# MESSIAH

## **Walking in His Ways—The Ten Commandments**

God has rescued us from sin and given us new life in Jesus Christ! Because God has forgiven us and made us his children, we want to live as his children, walking in his ways. The Ten Commandments are a summary of God's will for the lives of his children. In this series, we will dive deeper into the Ten Commandments. Remember, it is Jesus who has forgiven you for each sin against each commandment. Remember, it is Jesus who empowers you to walk in his ways.

## **The Fifth Commandment: A Time of Grace**

God places an extremely high value on human life. He created mankind in his image and desires that it be protected and respected. Human life is so important because it doesn't last forever, and we don't know when it will end. It is a time of grace; the time God graciously gives each human being to come to faith in him and have eternal life. God cares deeply for body and soul and so do we. The essence of this command is to recognize the value of life and show love for the lives and needs of others.

## **Welcome to Messiah**

**Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

**Kids' Church.** Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Kids' Church which takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. You can drop them off starting at 10:20 a.m. at Family Ministry Center. They'll join you in church for the last portion of the service.

**Quiet room.** Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

**Ushers** are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.



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# WE WORSHIP THE LORD

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## Call to Worship

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

*CW 705*

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by your Word,  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep,  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in your commands—  
'tis a delightful road—  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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*Explanation from  
Luther's Small  
Catechism.*

## **Confession**

God commands:

**You shall not murder.**

What does this mean?

**We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.**

As we worship our Lord today, we must confess that we have not perfectly kept this commandment. He alone is our Savior, so we confess our sins to him and ask for his forgiveness.

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned by not always showing love and concern for our neighbors. Forgive us for thoughtless words and actions that have hurt others and taken for granted the gift of life. Cleanse us from this sin and every sin, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

*A moment for silent prayer and reflection.*

## **Forgiveness**

God, our merciful Father has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ to keep God's commands as our Savior and substitute. Jesus died on the cross for this and every sin. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace walking in his ways.

**Amen**

## **Prayer**

# The Word

## Reading

## Genesis 4:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” <sup>2</sup>Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup>If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup>Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

<sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

<sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

<sup>15</sup>But the LORD said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. <sup>16</sup>So Cain went out from the LORD’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

## Gospel

## Matthew 5:21–24

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

*Cane's sin of murder began in his heart as he became jealous of his brother Abel.*

*Jesus teaches that the 5th Commandment is about the attitude of our hearts.*

## Amazing Grace

CW 576

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

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## Message

**1 John 3:11–20**

### *My Brother's Keeper*

<sup>11</sup>For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. <sup>12</sup>Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. <sup>13</sup>Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. <sup>15</sup>Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

<sup>16</sup>This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be that person? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup>If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

## They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love (10:30 a.m.)

1 We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored.

### *Refrain*

*And they'll know  
we are Christians  
By our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know  
we are Christians  
By our love.*

2 We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand,  
And together  
we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land. **(Refrain)**

3 We will work with each other  
We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side,  
We'll respect people's dignity  
And in love abide. **(Refrain)**

4 All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come;  
And all praise to  
Christ Jesus, His only Son;  
And all praise to the  
Spirit who makes us one. **(Refrain)**



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*If you are interested in giving an offering online, you can scan the code above.*

## Offering

We give thanks to the Lord with our offerings. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. Members of Messiah give generously and freely out of thanksgiving to the Lord and in support of Messiah's mission to preach the good news of Jesus Christ in Nampa and to the ends of the earth.

## Prayer and 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.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**



## Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke (8:30 a.m.)

CW 702

- 1 “Come, follow me,” the Savior spoke,  
“all in my way abiding;  
deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
obey my call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,  
take my example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,  
a godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day,  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
how you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “I teach you how to shun and flee  
what harms your soul’s salvation,  
your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
from sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
and lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 4 Then let us follow Christ our Lord  
and take the cross appointed  
and, firmly clinging to his Word,  
in suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain  
the crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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## Jesus Sat With His Disciples (10:30 a.m.)

- 1 Jesus sat with his disciples  
On a mountainside one day;  
As the crowds of people gathered  
He began to teach and say:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
Heaven's kingdom they will share,  
Blessed are the sad and mourning,  
Joy and comfort will be theirs.
  
- 2 "Blessed are the meek and humble,  
All the earth to them is willed.  
Those who hunger to be holy,  
They are bless'd and will be filled.  
Yes, the merciful are blessed,  
Mercy will to them be shown.  
And the pure in heart are blessed,  
They have eyes for God alone.
  
- 3 "Blessed are God's sons and daughters,  
Making peace where there is strife;  
Blessed are the persecuted,  
Who for righteousness lose life;  
Their reward is great in heaven,  
In the kingdom up above  
So be glad to share my suffering,  
And rejoice to know my love."

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## LOOKING AHEAD

June 23	Open Forum.....	9:30 a.m.
	Voters' Meeting.....	11:45 a.m.
June 25 - 28	WELS Youth Rally- <i>Pastor attending</i>	
July 2	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
July 3	Afternoon Bible Study.....	1:30 p.m.
	Highschool Hangout.....	8:00 p.m.
	God & Country Festival-Ford Idaho Center.....	5:30 p.m.
July 9	Admin/Ministry Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.
July 10	Afternoon Bible Study.....	1:30 p.m.
July 16	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
July 17	Afternoon Bible Study.....	1:30 p.m.
	High School/Middle School Hangout.....	8:00 p.m.
July 24	Afternoon Bible Study.....	1:30 p.m.
July 31	Afternoon Bible Study.....	1:30 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mike Westendorf Concert

Saturday, June 29, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Che Cross of Christ Boise Campus. A free family event.

### Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School will go through August. Our theme is Agents in Action, challenging kids to live courageously as God's Special Agents. All kids age 2-6th grade are welcome to attend in the Family Ministry Center.

### Camp Christos - August 4-9

Camp Christos is for youth ages 9-16. This year Camp Christos is relocating to the Three Meadows Group Camp, located three and half miles inside Dworshak State Park (located about an hour from Lewiston, ID). Please register by June 30. Visit [tinyurl.com/campchristos](http://tinyurl.com/campchristos) for more information and to register.



# MESSIAH

## Our Mission

*Knowing Jesus, Sharing his Love.*

## Our Core Values

**Servant Heart.** *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).*

**A Caring Community.** *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).*

**Anchored in the Word.** *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).*

**Adaptable.** *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).*

**Outreach Focused.** *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).*

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### Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Kids' Church