

**Didache Divine Service**  
**Session 1**  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

**The Ten Commandments: The First Table of the Law**  
The First, Second, and Third Commandments

- I. **Invocation and Prayer**
- II. **Hymn: 579 "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"**
- III. **Bible Reading: Preaching Repentance—Mark 1:1-15**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,<sup>[b]</sup>

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare<sup>[c]</sup> the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,"'

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son;<sup>[d]</sup> with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;<sup>[e]</sup> repent and believe in the gospel."

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is the meaning of the Word "Gospel"? – What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. How did John the Baptist prepare for Jesus' ministry?
3. What is repentance?
4. What is "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins"?
5. What is the significance of John saying that he was unworthy to loosen Jesus' sandal strap?
6. Which persons of the Trinity were present at Jesus' baptism?
7. Why did the Holy Spirit drive Jesus out into the wilderness?
8. What is the meaning of the phrase, "the kingdom of God is at hand"?
9. What is the meaning of the phrase, "repent and believe the Gospel"?

**IV. The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance:**

They show us our sin and how much we need a Savior.

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,  
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

**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**

**First Commandment:** You shall have no other gods.

(*"Trust Me, I created and save you!"*)

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.*

**Second Commandment:** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

(*"Pray to Me, I love you!"*)

*What does this mean?*

*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.*

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

Or, *"You shall sanctify the day of rest."*

(*"Hear Me, My Word gives you life!"*)

*What does this mean?*

*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.*

**V. Hymn: 580 "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"**

**VI. Liturgy for Holy Communion** (Peach handout)

**VII. Hymn to Depart: 557 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"**

Note: Please take the study sheet home with you. Please return the spoken liturgy for use next week.