

## Didache Divine Service

### Session 2

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:30 p.m.

## The Ten Commandments: The Second Table of the Law—Love for the Neighbor

The Fourth through the Eighth Commandments

### Invocation and Prayer

I. **Hymn: 581 “These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (Stanzas 5-9)

II. **Bible Reading: Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath—Mark 2:23–3:6**

Now it happened that [Jesus] went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

<sup>25</sup> But He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: <sup>26</sup> how he went into the house of God *in the days* of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?”

<sup>27</sup> And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup> So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might <sup>[a]</sup>accuse Him. <sup>3</sup> And He said to the man who had the withered hand, <sup>[b]</sup>“Step forward.” <sup>4</sup> Then He said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they kept silent. <sup>5</sup> And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched *it* out, and his hand was restored <sup>[c]</sup>as whole as the other. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why did the Pharisees accuse Jesus’ disciples of breaking the Sabbath?
2. What is the meaning of the word “Sabbath”?
3. What did Jesus teach the Pharisees about the Sabbath when He reminded them of what David did when he and his men were in need?
4. What does “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath” teach us about God’s Law?
5. Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?
6. What does Jesus do on the Sabbath? What does this teach us about God’s Law?
7. What motivated the Pharisees to attempt to keep the Law?
8. What motivated Jesus in keeping the Law and how did He do it?

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

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

The Law also teaches us what it is to love God and love the neighbor.

**You shall have no other gods.** (Trust Me!)

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.** (Pray to Me!)

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.** (Hear Me!)

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

(God protects His gift of family)

*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.*

**Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.**

(God protects His gift of life)

*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.*

**Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.**

(God protects His gift of marriage and the state of being male or female)

*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.*

**Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.**

(God protects His gift of property)

*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.*

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

(God protects His gift of a good name and reputation)

*What does this mean?*

*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.*

**IV. Hymn: 581 "These Are the Holy Ten Commands" (Stanzas 11-12)**

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

**VI. Hymn to Depart: 568 "If Your Beloved Son, O God"**

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