

## The Lord's Day, November 8, 2009

**Welcome to Covenant Church!** Join us in exalting God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, with the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of the church. Greet someone you do not know.

*(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)*

### WE APPROACH GOD

**Call to Worship**

**\*Sing to God**

**\*Prayer for God's Presence**

**Reading of God's Law (responsive)**

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."

**"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. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**Private Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon (Rom 8:1-2)**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

**Special Music:** "Come Lift Up Your Sorrows"

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

**\*Hymn of Preparation 300**..... "Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" (with strings)

*(children ages 4-8 are invited to attend children's worship downstairs)*

**Scripture:** Mark 1:21-39 (pg 836)

**Sermon:** The Importance of Preaching Ross Ritter

**\*Hymn of Response 92**..... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

**Pastoral Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*Benediction**

*\*Please stand if able*