



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God by Knowing,
Living and Proclaiming
our Hope in Christ

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*What Does This Have To Do
With The Fifth Commandment?*

Deuteronomy 16:18 - 17:20

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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Order of Worship



Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Announcements

Heidelberg Catechism: Q & A 104

Who You Say I Am

Good, Good Father

Great is Thy Faithfulness

This is My Father's World

Scripture Reading

Refiner's Fire

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Prayer

Scripture Reading, Winnie Konn: Deuteronomy 16:18 - 17:20

Sermon: What Does This Have To Do With The 5th Commandment?

Revelation Song

Benediction

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99:1-5

Days of Elijah

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad you have joined us today!
May God bless you as you worship with us.

God is Moving Mountains

Uganda: Convert Burned; Impunity Must End

Emboldened by impunity, Uganda's radicalized Muslims are becoming increasingly assertive. Hajara Namwase (32), from Kenkebu village, Budaka, Eastern Uganda, is a recent Christian convert. On 17 October, when her Muslim husband Musa Kalele (42) discovered her conversion, he doused her in gasoline and set her alight. One of the couple's three young children witnessed the crime and called to neighbors who rescued the young mother and raced her to Mbale hospital. Suffering third degree burns to much of her body, Hajara has since been transferred for specialized treatment in Kampala. Her husband has fled to South Sudan, and her children are with their paternal grandmother. If Hajara is to live and be reunited with her children, then she will need 'God's gracious favor' in answer to 'the prayers of many.'

Please pray for Hajara to heal quickly from her injuries; mentally, physically, and spiritually, and be reunited with her Children (RLPB 719).

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts
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Today's Offering

The suggested donation for the offering this morning
is the Outreach Fund.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH
THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT?

- I. Longing for a just society
 - A. The longing of people to live in a just society is an ancient longing.
 - B. Where did these ideas originate?

- II. Just judges and just officers
 - A. Two classes of officials: Judges and Officers (Num 11:16, Dt 16:18)
 - B. What are “righteous judgments?” (Dt 16:18, 17:18-20)
 - 1. Positively this means ruling in accord with God’s ways and desires.
 - 2. Negatively this means that rulers must not pervert justice, show partiality, or take bribes (Dt 16:19-20)

- III. A non-idolatrous community is needed for justice to reign (Dt 16:21- 17:7)
 - A. Judicial proceedings are to begin if the community becomes aware of idolatry.
 - B. When many witnesses align in testimony, then the chance for injustice is reduced.
 - C. The witnesses must be prepared to bear the consequence of false testimony (Dt 17:7)
 - D. For justice to reign, there needs to be a healthy reverence and awe, and respect for the Lord Almighty.

Deuteronomy 16:18 - 17:20

E. Why have I titled this sermon "The 5th Commandment?"

1. The home is the place where covenant children are raised to know, love, honor, revere, and even fear the LORD.
2. The fifth commandment is the tie between one generation and the next to experience freedom, justice, and a life of social righteousness.

IV. Difficult cases (17:8-20)

- A. The ultimate law of the land is a meeting of the religious and civil leaders in the presence of God who render a decision that will be binding.
- B. Right worship must intersect with civil government for a truly just world to exist.

V. The fifth commandment (HC114, WLC 124)

VI. The Gospel

- A. But what does any of this have to do with the Gospel?
- B. We all live in a fallen world.
- C. Does this mean our longing will never be fulfilled?
- D. But we live in a world experiencing redemption.
- E. Jesus is the judge, the priest, and the king. (Dt 17:12, 18-20)

Announcements

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE: Please join us for worship on Thanksgiving Day (Thurs., Nov. 23 @ 9:30 a.m.) as we sing, pray, hear from God's Word and celebrate Communion around tables. The deacons special offering that day will be for World Renew.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation from the 22nd through the 28th.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS: The collection for the Thanksgiving Day service and the following Sunday (the 26th) will be for World Renew. The deacons will use the collection to buy gifts from the World Renew catalog.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Ruth's group will not be meeting in December. Bible study will resume in January with Lesson 10.

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' COMING: The Lynden Choral Society will present its annual performances of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. The performances will be held at the American Reformed Church, 8868 Northwood Road, Lynden. Admission is by donation. For more information, contact anmhook@frontier.com.

THRIFT STORE IS OPEN, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Summit Thrift Store is now open and is needing volunteer help. The store is located at 404 Front St., Lynden, and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please consider volunteering and joining in this ministry. No experience is necessary. Sign up on the website summitthriftstore.org. The store is raising funds to support the Summit Houses run by Envision Mission.

Servants for Sunday, November 26th

Greeters: Darryl & Gloria

E-Street Taxi: Alice

Foyer Monitor: M. Button

Prayer Room: Ida

Cookies: Hildred, Ruth, Barb

Scripture Reader: Don R.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.: Closed

Tues., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday: noon - 3 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break: Office will be closed Nov. 22 - 28



BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin items are due on Thursdays at noon.



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