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for Trinity 6

July 12, 2026

THE INTROIT *(after general Absolution)*

Psalm 28:8 paraphrase, 9; Ps. 28:1

P *(Antiphon)* THE LORD is the strength of His | people *

He is the saving Refuge of His | anointed.

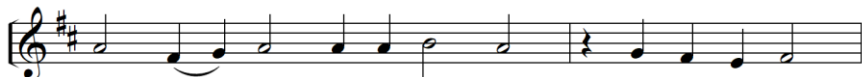
Save Your people, and bless Your inher- | itance; *

Shepherd them also, and bear them up | forever.

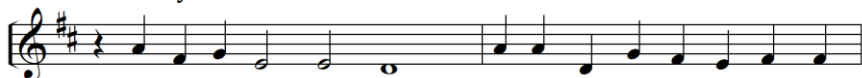


C To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock; do not be silent | to me, *

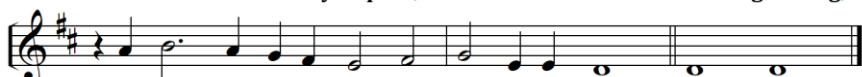
Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go
down | to the pit.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spirit; as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

P *(Antiphon)*

THE GRADUAL & VERSE *(after the Epistle)*

Ps 90:13, 1; Ps. 31:1, 2a

P Return, O Lord! | How long? *

And have compassion on | Your servants.

C Lord, You have been our dwell- | ing place *

In all gen- | erations.

P Alle- | luia! *

Al- | leluia!

C In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be | ashamed; *

Deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to
me; deliver me speedily. Al- | leluia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

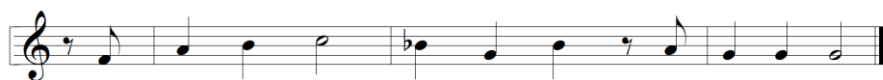
These Are the Holy Ten Commands



1 These are the ho - ly Ten Com-mands God gave to us by
 2 "I am a - lone your God, the Lord; No oth - er gods shall
 3 "Do not My ho - ly name dis - grace, Do not My Word of
 4 "You shall ob-serve the wor - ship day That peace may fill your



Mo - ses' hands When high on Si - nai's mount he stood,
 be a - dored. But you shall ful - ly trust in Me
 truth de - base. Praise on - ly that as good and true
 home. And pray, And put a - side the work you do,



Re - ceiv - ing them for our good. Have mer - cy, Lord!
 And love Me whole - heart - ed - ly." Have mer - cy, Lord!
 Which I My - self say and do." Have mer - cy, Lord!
 So that I may work in you." Have mer - cy, Lord!

5 "You are to honor and obey
 Your father, mother, ev'ry day,
 Serve them each way that comes to hand;
 You'll then live long in the land."
 Have mercy, Lord!

9 "Bear no false witness nor defame
 Your neighbor nor destroy his name,
 But view him in the kindest way;
 Speak truth in all that you say."
 Have mercy, Lord!

6 "You shall not murder,
 hurt, nor hate;
 Your anger dare not dominate.
 Be kind and patient; help, defend,
 And treat your foe as your friend."
 Have mercy, Lord!

10 "You shall not crave your
 neighbor's house
 Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.
 Pray God He would your neighbor bless
 As you yourself wish success."
 Have mercy, Lord!

7 "Be faithful to your marriage vow;
 No lust or impure thoughts allow.
 Keep all your conduct free from sin
 By self-controlled discipline."
 Have mercy, Lord!

11 You have this Law to see therein
 That you have not been free from sin
 But also that you may perceive
 How righteously man should live.
 Have mercy, Lord!

8 "You shall not steal or take away
 What others worked for night and day,
 But open wide a gen'rous hand
 And help the poor in the land."
 Have mercy, Lord!

12 Our works cannot salvation gain;
 They merit only endless pain.
 Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
 Who pleads for us endlessly.
 Have mercy, Lord!

from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Art. V

The adversaries are right in thinking that love is the fulfilling of the Law and that obedience to the Law is certainly righteousness. But they make a mistake in this matter. They think that we are justified by the Law. Since we are not justified by the Law, we receive forgiveness of sins and reconciliation through faith for Christ's sake. This is not because of love or the fulfilling of the Law; it follows necessarily that we are justified through faith in Christ.

In the second place, this fulfilling of the Law, or obedience toward the Law, is indeed righteousness, when it is complete. But it is small and impure in us. So our righteousness is not pleasing for its own sake and is not accepted for its own sake. From what has been said above, it is clear that *justification* means not the beginning of the renewal, but the reconciliation by which we are accepted afterward. It can now be seen much more clearly that starting to fulfill the Law does not justify, because such fulfillment is only accepted on account of faith. Nor must we trust that we are accounted righteous before God by our own perfection and fulfilling of the Law, but rather for Christ's sake.

«In the third place,» Christ does not stop being our Mediator after we have been renewed. They err who imagine that He has merited only a first grace, and that, afterward, we please God and merit eternal life by our fulfilling of the Law. Christ remains Mediator, and we should always be confident that for His sake we have a reconciled God, even though we are unworthy. Paul clearly teaches this when he says, "I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted" (1 Corinthians 4:4). Paul knows that through faith he is counted righteous for Christ's sake, according to the passage "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven" (Psalm 32:1; see also Romans 4:7). But this forgiveness is always received through faith. Likewise, the credit for the righteousness of the Gospel comes from the promise. Therefore, it is always received through faith. It must always be regarded as certain that we are counted righteous through faith for Christ's sake. In this way Christ alone remains the High Priest and Mediator. And now, whatever good we do, or whatever parts of the Law we keep, it pleases God, not for its own sake, but because we cling to Christ and know that we have a merciful God, not for the Law's sake, but for Christ's sake.

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN	<i>These Are the Holy Ten Commands (st. 1-6)</i>
HYMN <i>(after the Creed)</i>	<i>These Are the Holy Ten Commands (st. 7-12)</i>
HYMN <i>(after General Prayer)</i>	<i>TLH #371 - Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness</i>
DISTRIBUTION HYMN	<i>TLH #387 - Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice</i>

Epistle: *Romans 6:3-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 5:20-26*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

July 15 Claire Z. (and Paul B.)

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., July 15 - Vespers, 6:30 PM
- Sun., July 19 - Bible class, 9 AM
- Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Trinity 7)