

## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact an Elder.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Mourning** + Family of Beverly Saathoff + Family of Linda Mewes + Family of Tessa Sadd **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + June Rose + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Kay Krueger + Rick Ressel + Patty Whitten + Jenny Brogan + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Judy Meier + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. John K. Schmidt

Organist: Mr. Joel Jank Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Altar Guild: Jul. Brenda Christensen Aug. Diane Gundlach, Dianne Stutheit

Ushers: Jul. Wes Christensen Aug. Walt Irmner

Elders: 7/28 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472 8/04 Don N. 402-460-6430

Bus Drivers: 7/28 Wes C. 402-984-4650 8/04 Mike N. 402-469-4838

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	110
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,461.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 6/30/2019</i> \$ 106,016.87

*For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.*

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.*

*Contact our Treasurer, Jerry Blazer jblazer@lmme.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, July 28th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class
Monday, July 29th	10:30am	Funeral: Beverly Saathoff
	11:30am	Luncheon
		Interment: Naponee Cemetary, Naponee, NE
Tuesday, July 30th	9:30am	Bible Study
Thursday, August 1st	7:00pm	Board-Trustees
Saturday, August 3rd	9:00am	Vacation Bible School 9am-5pm
	5:45pm	VBS Program-Congregation Invited
	6:15pm	Meal-Bring one dish to share
Sunday, Aug. 4th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class

*Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays/errands. Secretary Mrs. Jeri Dush, ph. 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com*

## Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness

*"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea *"out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"* (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, *"consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus"* (Rom. 6:11).



**DIVINE SERVICE**

*Setting Four*

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #829

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Service of the Word

Introit *insert*

Kyrie & Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and Collect

Old Testament Reading

Gradual

Epistle Reading

Alleluia & Verse

Holy Gospel

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day #562

Sermon Matthew 5:20

"The Righteous One"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament p.208

Preface & Sanctus

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

#631 #563 #590 #596

Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Hymn #655

Postlude

# News and Notes of Interest

*Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!*

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 7/28 Ashley Mars, Jo Metzger, David Harrifeld 7/29 Peyton Blakley 7/30 Dianne Stutheit 7/31 Zach Zimmerman 8/01 Rhett Augustin 8/02 Tom Wolfe 8/03 Aaron Latta

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 7/30 Kathy Stutesman 7/31 Craig Weseman

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 7/28 Bill & Sue Fintel 7/31 Mike & Sandy Johnson, Jim & Judy Jacobs 8/01 Dale & Karen Bauman

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS of PRAYER** available in the Narthex, copies run July 21-August 31, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**VBS Orientation for volunteers** will be offered Sunday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Joan Primrose

**LOTS OF COOKIES** needed for VBS on Saturday, August 3rd. If you have questions about this, please speak to Sandy Nissen or Joan Primrose.

**Congregation is Invited to Attend: VBS Celebration Closing Program on Saturday, August 3, 2019,** at 5:45 p.m. and attend the potluck supper immediately following at 6:15 p.m. Please bring one dish to share. Meat will be provided. (Sandy Nissen is in the kitchen!) The closing program will give you a taste and sense of what we covered in music, lessons, skits, and crafts.

**Items Needed for VBS:** Colorful rugs and blankets, pillows. These will probably get walked on and sat on so make sure you don't care about that. You may drop off in the large Sunday School classroom on the lower level. Thank you!

**TRUSTEES:** Help us by helping yourself -Walk over to the Parsonage garage and take home some FREE PAINT. It is not the current paint used to paint the house, so feel free to take it for your home projects. Glen Krueger

**LIFEQUOTE** "May we always think of God's created children—however they arrive in this world and wherever we find them in the age of this life—as full of value and purpose as God declares us to be. For 'Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.'" *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

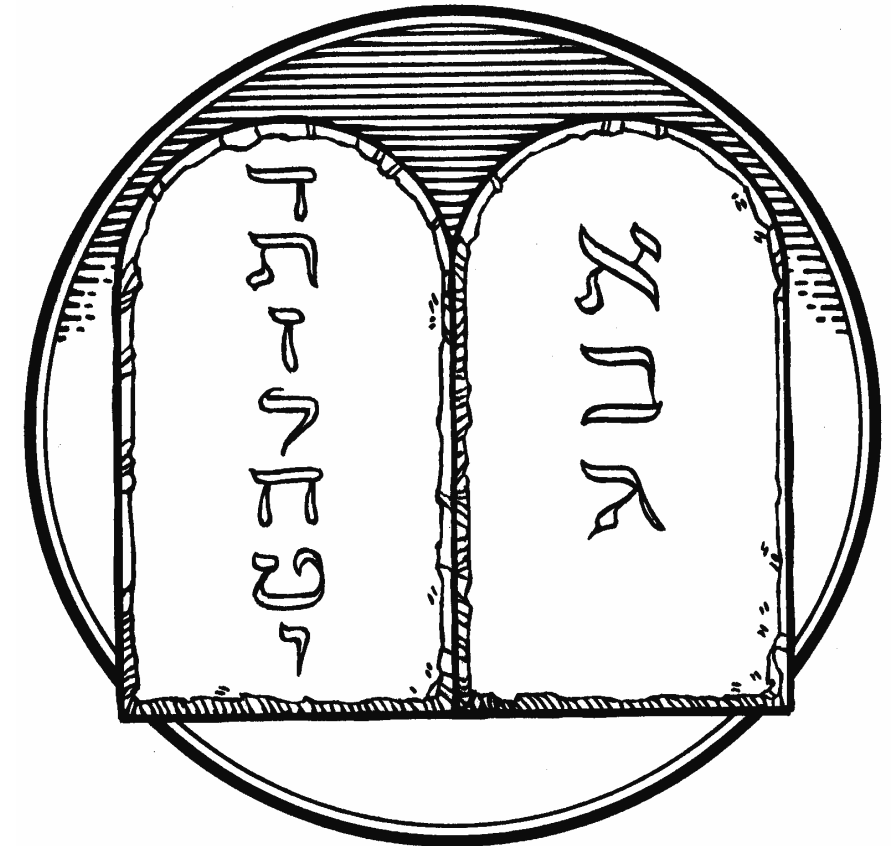
**SANCTIFYING YOUR COMMUTE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Movie, "The Lion King," Creation & Evolution, The Augsburg Confession, The Agnus Dei, The Care of Souls, Jesus Calms a Storm and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LCMS Trinity 6**

**Matthew 5:23** - "So if you are offering your gift at the altar ..." Jesus connects our generosity toward God's Kingdom to our love and forgiveness toward our brethren in the Kingdom. Both grow out of God's love toward us. We forgive as we have been forgiven, and we give as we have been given to. All our growth in sanctification is growing into our Heavenly Father's own actions through thankful imitation.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

July 28th  
9:00am



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Vacation Bible School  
Peace Lutheran Church

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

August 3, 2019 one-day

9:00am-5:00pm

For Ages 3 years - entering 6th Grade

Please return completed forms to the Church Office:

Peace Lutheran Church (402) 462-9023

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Child's Name	Age / Date of Birth	Grade in Fall 2019

Allergies or Medical Conditions

Church Affiliation and/or Membership

Friend or Relative of: *(if non-member at Peace)*

Parents' Names *(or those authorized to pick up children)*

Address

City, State Zip

Home Phone / Cell Phone

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #



**Peace Lutheran Church**

I would like to volunteer. Please mark where:

- Where needed most     Crafts
- Recess & games     Bible/storytelling
- Home Room Leader     Kitchen/snacks
- Bible Challenge activity station

# Sixth Sunday after Trinity

28 July 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (Ps. 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8-9)



*The LORD is the strength of his | people;\**

*he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.*

*Save your people and bless your | heritage!\**

*Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.*

*To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\**

*lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the  
pit.*

*Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\**

*when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.*

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am  
helped;\**

*my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.*

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

*The LORD is the strength of his | people;\**

*he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.*

*Save your people and bless your | heritage!\**

*Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into  
our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us  
with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

GRADUAL (Ps. 90:13, 1, 2b)

*Return, O LORD! | How long?\**

*Have pity on your | servants!*

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all gener- | ations.\**

*From everlasting to everlasting | you are God.*

**Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>"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. <sup>5</sup>"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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>"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. <sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>"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."

**Epistle: Romans 6:(1-2) 3-11**

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ

was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:(17-19) 20-26**

<sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

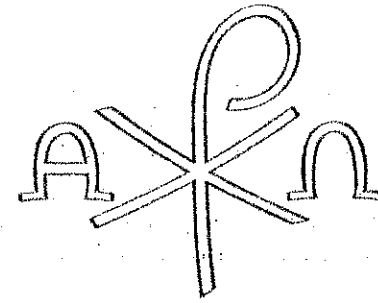
- “He means, ‘God will not take pleasure in any good work when it is done in anger, hatred, and spite.’ And here Christ mentions the offering because making an offering was a work of the heart, and a great act of worship commanded by God in the Old Testament. So whatever was said about the offering of the Jews He also wished to relate to prayer and other good works. In short, no worship is pleasing to God unless you have been reconciled and come to terms with those who have been injured by you.” (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 264)

<sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

- “He means, ‘If you have been injured by someone, and you are asked for forgiveness, you are obligated to forgive,’ as Christ did when He said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do’ [Luke 23:34]. But even if you are not asked, be ready to forgive, and quickly, while the anger is still fresh and young, lest it result in long-lasting hatred. Do not let the sun go down on your anger [Eph. 4:26]. Since we are not sure how long we will live, we should not put off reconciliation from day to day, from year to year, but be reconciled and come to terms immediately while living here. However, if you are not reconciled, your own conscience will accuse and testify against you on the Last Day, so that you will be handed over to the judge, and then to the executioner, and not come out of prison until you have paid the last farthing, that is to say, never for eternity. For in hell there is no deliverance [Job 7:9]. Therefore let every man make sure that he is found in Christian righteousness, that is, in true faith and in brotherly love, is not angry, does not curse, has no ill will, does not injure anyone’s wife, child, servant, livestock, property, honor, or reputation, but keeps the peace with everyone, and settles, is reconciled, and comes to terms with all his enemies and accusers, that his prayer and worship may be acceptable to God, and of use for obtaining God’s grace here and eternal life hereafter.” (Ibid., 265)



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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Derrick C. Brown

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#### Collect of the Day:

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Introit:

Psalm 28:1-2, 7 (antiphon: Psalm 28:8-9) – *The LORD is my strength and my shield*

#### Psalm:

Psalm 19 (antiphon: v. 8) – *The Law of the LORD is perfect*

#### Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17 – *The Ten Commandments*

#### Gradual:

Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b – *LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations*

#### Epistle:

Romans 6:3-11 – *Dead to sin, alive to God*

#### Verse:

Psalm 21:1 – *Alleluia. In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Alleluia.*

## Matthew 5:20–26 ESV

### Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the Apostle and Evangelist around AD 50. This is a portion of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount.

<sup>20</sup> "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

- The scribes and Pharisees spent their lives striving for righteousness. They dressed in a religious fashion. They studied the Scriptures daily. They conducted the affairs of the temple and synagogue. Often set apart at birth, their lives were ones lived in outward observance of their religion.
- The righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees was an external righteousness. As Christ elsewhere says: "Well did Isaiah prophesy of [them], when he said: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'" (Matthew 15:7–9) The scribes and Pharisees honored man's traditions over God's Commandments. They were not concerned with faith or the Divine Promise. Instead, they were concerned with human praise and worldly glory. They wanted to be known as religious, in order that men would honor and respect them. Such a religion is useless. (James 1:26) For honor and respect are first due to God, as the holy Law of God commands. (Matthew 22:37b; see also Deuteronomy 6:5)
- The righteousness that exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees is the righteousness of the perfect heart. It is the righteousness of the right motive, the pure desire, the perfect love, and the generous spirit. It is the righteousness that seeks not its own benefit, but always and only the benefit of the neighbor. It is a righteousness that covers up what would shame or bring the neighbor into disgrace. It is a righteousness that rejoices in helping the neighbor out of the trouble he is in. This is the righteousness that is needed! Jesus says that if one does not have such a righteousness, one cannot enter into God's kingdom.
- Such a righteousness, a righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, is nowhere to be found within the self. As the hymnist put it: "It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven. The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light That lurks within our nature." (LSB 555)
- If such a righteousness cannot be found within oneself, then it follows that righteousness before God must be found outside oneself. And if this

righteousness is to be valid before God; if it is to open heaven, then it must have testimony from God. God be praised, He has provided it! The Way is Christ, who has become our righteousness before God. (1 Corinthians 1:30; Jeremiah 23:6d) This is why St. Paul can speak the wonderful words: "To the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness." (Romans 4:5)

- Thus, our Confessions assert: "Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4 [3:21–26; 4:5]." (*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, Augsburg Confession, Article IV, 33)

<sup>21</sup> You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'

- "In the fifth commandment they considered that the word 'kill' meant merely to murder some one with the hand. Thus they made a hand out of the word 'thou;' and in the same manner they made out of the word 'kill,' that which produced a carcass." (Martin Luther, *Explanatory Notes on the Gospels*, 16)
- "The world does not regard it a sin or injustice for any one to be angry, when he is unjustly injured, and it is true, that such a one has rights against the person who has injured him; he can also justly appeal to the judge, and call for help. But he does too much, when he adds his wrath and avenges himself, and out of small justice a much greater injustice will be done." (Ibid.)

<sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

- Jesus unpacks "the fullness of God's intention in giving the commandment against unjustly taking the life of another. You can murder someone in your heart or with your words. Bitter insults partake the same poisonous root as murder itself, and there is no essential difference in the sight of God; murder, anger, and bitter insults all can lead down the road to eternal damnation." (Jeffrey Gibbs, *Matthew 1:1–11:1*, 283)