

*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*

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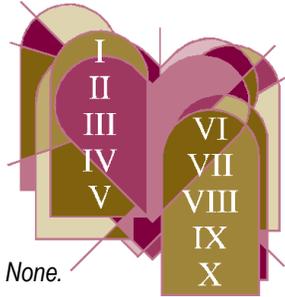
**Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost**

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

*Psalms 1*

*I Thessalonians 2:1-8*

*Matthew 22:34-46*



**Loving God, Loving Each Other.** Objects: None.

Rules are very important, aren't they? Whether you are at school, at work, or play there are rules that you are expected to follow.

The people in Jesus' day had to follow rules too. One day a lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" How many commandments there are? There are ten, aren't there? Well, there were ten that Moses wrote on the tablets of stone and we call them the Ten Commandments, but the Jews actually had 613 laws. There were 248 dos and 365 don'ts. Wow! That is a lot of dos and don'ts isn't it? Can you imagine trying to remember all of them? Six hundred thirteen laws! Which one do you think Jesus said was the most important? Listen to what Jesus said to the lawyer.

Jesus answered him, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could keep these two commandments, we would not have any trouble keeping the others.

It isn't easy to keep the commandments, is it? We need God's help each and every day. Let's pray and ask him to help us to love as he has commanded us.

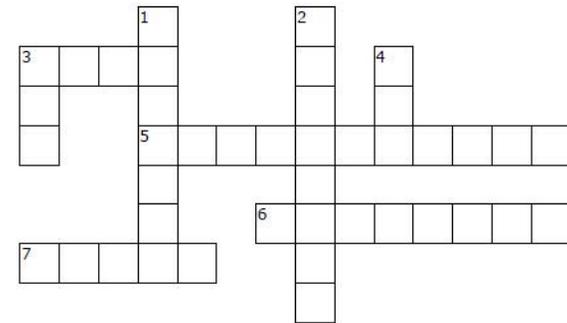
Dear Father, help us to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. Alleluia. (I John 4:11)

*Crossword Puzzle*



**ACROSS**

- 3. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
- 5. A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
- 6. A person who lives near or next to another
- 7. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings

**DOWN**

- 1. Someone who educates or trains others
- 2. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
- 3. A system of rules or principles
- 4. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

COMMANDMENT	HEART	LOVE	GREATEST
TEACHER	GOD	LAW	NEIGHBOR

**PUMPKIN BIBLE VERSE:** Let the child draw or cut out 10 pumpkins and glue onto another sheet of paper. Help the child to write today's Bible verse scripture on the first pumpkin and the rest of the verse in phrases on the other 9 pumpkins!

**COMMANDMENT TREE:** Help the child to draw a large tree trunk and branches. Draw or cut out and glue Fall colored leaves to the tree with some of God's rules. Make sure that today's Bible verse is on at least one of the leaves to LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD.



I CAN SHOW MY FRIENDS  
THAT JESUS LOVES THEM.

