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Today's Hymns: 915, *I Will Sing My Maker's Praises* (insert), 700, 793

Catechism

P The Fifth Commandment

C You shall not kill.

P What is this?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not physically hurt or harm our neighbour, but help and support him in every bodily need.

Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	??	John	??	Averil
Next week:	John	Sarah	Barbara	Dot

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina; Erin

Family of members

Helen (appendicitis); Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey (depression); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Rita (cancer); Steve (heart failure); Sheridan (health); Rossella (health), Marian (old age)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Steve (stroke, heart failure); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch

(Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Mel (terminal cancer); Bobbie (heart attack); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard (health); Albert (health); Tressey (mental health)

ELCE

Westfield House, Drs. Humann & Gunjević, Dr. Lumley, staff, students; Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; St. Peter & St. Paul CofE; Amir family

GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

The commandment has this goal, that no one would offend his neighbour because of any evil deed, even though he has fully deserved it. For where murder is forbidden, all cause from which murder may spring is also forbidden. For many people, although they do not kill, curse and utter a wish that would stop a person from running far if it were to strike him on the neck. Now, this urge dwells in everyone by nature. It is common practice that no one is willing to suffer at the hands of another person. Therefore, God wants to remove the root and source by which the heart is embittered against our neighbour. He wants to make us used to keeping this commandment ever in view, always to contemplate ourselves in it as in a mirror, to regard the will of God, and to turn over to Him the wrong that we suffer with hearty confidence and by calling on His name. In this way we shall let our enemies rage and be angry, doing what they can. We learn to calm our wrath and to have a patient, gentle heart, especially toward those who give us cause to be angry (i.e., our enemies).

Therefore, the entire sum of what it means not to murder is to be impressed most clearly upon the simple-minded. In the first place, we must harm no one, either with our hand or by deed. We must not use our tongue to instigate or counsel harm. We must neither use nor agree to use any means or methods by which another person may be injured. Finally, the heart must not be ill disposed toward anyone or wish another person ill in anger and hatred. Then body and soul may be innocent toward everyone, but especially toward those who wish you evil or inflict such things upon you. For to do evil to someone who wishes you good and does you good is not human, but devilish.

Second, a person who does evil to his neighbour is not the only one guilty under this commandment. It also applies to anyone who can do his neighbour good, prevent or resist evil, defend, and save his neighbour so that no bodily harm or hurt happen to him—yet does not do this. If, therefore, you send away someone who is naked when you could clothe him, you have caused him to freeze to death. If you see someone suffer hunger and do not give him food, you have caused him to starve. So also, if you see anyone innocently sentenced to death or in similar distress, and do not save him, although you know ways and means to do so, you have killed him. It will not work for you to make the excuse that you did not provide any help, counsel, or aid to harm him. For you have withheld your love from him and deprived him of the benefit by which his life would have been saved.

God also rightly calls all people murderers who do not provide counsel and help in distress and danger of body and life. He will pass a most terrible sentence

upon them in the Last Day, as Christ Himself has announced that He will say, “I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me”. This means: You would have allowed Me and Mine to die of hunger, thirst, and cold. You would have allowed the wild beasts to tear us to pieces, or left us to rot in prison or perish in distress. What else is that but to rebuke them as murderers and bloodhounds? For although you have not actually done all this to someone, you have still, so far as you were concerned, let him wither and perish in misfortune.

Therefore, it is God’s ultimate purpose that we let harm come to no one, but show him all good and love. As we have said, this commandment is especially directed toward those who are our enemies. For to do good to our friends is an ordinary heathen virtue, as Christ says in Matthew 5:46.

Here again we have God’s Word, by which He would encourage and teach us to do true, noble, and grand works such as gentleness, patience, and, in short, love and kindness to our enemies. He would ever remind us to reflect upon the First Commandment—He is our God, which means He will help, assist, and protect us in order that He may quench the desire of revenge in us.

We ought to practice and teach this; then we would have our hands full by doing good works. ... But know now that the works of this commandment are the true, holy, and godly works. God rejoices in them with all the angels. In comparison with these works all human holiness is just stench and filth.

Large Catechism, Part I: The Ten Commandments, paragraphs 186-96, 198

From Paul McCain, ed., Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	6 pm	Youth Club
Mon	8 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Thu	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

Further Ahead

17 Jul	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
18 Jul	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
18-21 Jul		International Lutheran Rally (Bleckmar, Germany)
21 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12.30 pm	Voters' Assembly
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Oxford Mission
22 Jul		<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>
22-26 Jul		Corpus Christi conference for Lutheran young adults (Gothenburg)
23 Jul-7 Aug		Pastor on annual leave
25 Jul		<i>St. James the Apostle</i>
28 Jul	10.30 am	Divine Service (Pr. Graham Jenks)

Daily Readings:

Sun: Judges 2:6-23 Acts 13:13-41 *Augsburg Confession XXVII:44-62*

Mon: Judg 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52 *AC XXVIII:1-18*

Tue: Judg 4:1-24 Acts 14:1-18 *AC XXVIII:19-29*

Wed: Judg 6:1-24 Acts 14:19-15:5 *AC XXVIII:30-42*

Thu: Judg 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21 *AC XXVIII:43-60*

Fri: Judg 7:1-23 *Judg 7:24-12:15* Gal 1:1-24 *AC XXVIII:61-78*

Sat: Judg 13:1-25 *Ruth 1:1-4:22* Gal 2:1-21 *AC Conclusion*

Sun: Judg 14:1-20 Gal 3:1-22 *Apology of the Augsburg Confession Greeting:1-19*

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