

**Sermon for  
A Year with the Catechism  
The Fifth Commandment**



**Old Testament:** Ezekiel 34:11-24

**Epistle Reading:** James 2:14-26

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Sermon Text:** Exodus 20:13

**Sermon Title:** The Fifth Commandment

**Introit:** Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a; Antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13

**Hymns:**

LSB 851 – Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us

LSB 581 – These are the Holy Ten Commands

(v. 1,6, 11-12)

W&P 83 - Lamb of God

W&P 122 – Seek Ye First

LSB 706 – Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

**Songs:**

Forgive - This Hope

By Our Love

Good God Almighty - Crowder

Brothers Sisters Let Us Gladly - Koine

Lift Your Head Weary Sinner -

Crowder

**Liturgy:**

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Creative Worship

## **As we Gather**

The specter of Cain and Able is murder. Today's commandment is, "do not kill." That sounds like an easy one to obey, but as we dig deeper into what this commandment teaches us, we will see that it really is dealing with far more than just ending someone's life unjustly. It really has to do with protecting our neighbor in all his physical needs and even protecting his reputation from those who would seek to harm it. This commandment is about care for our fellow man.

### **Collect Prayer:**

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundations of the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Prayers of the Church**

P: Almighty, and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation  
In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant me a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live a true and godly life in Your service; *through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Prayers for Worship #4)

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; *through Jesus Christ our Lord* (410)

**C: Lord have mercy.**