

Redeemer Lutheran Church

5th Commandment

I. Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II. Before You Begin

- ❖ What questions do you have about the Fifth Commandment, “you shall not murder”?
- ❖ In the margin of your Catechism list all your questions pertaining to this topic.

III. Into Luther’s Small Catechism

- ❖ Read pages 85-92 of the Catechism.

IV. Engage in Activity

- ❖ *Create*- Trace your hands on a piece of paper. Write on each finger ways to bless your neighbor by supporting their physical needs. (Reminder: those you live with are your closest neighbor.)
- ❖ *Active*- Plan or join a service project to help support the physical needs of your neighbor.
- ❖ *Reflect*-Harboring anger in your heart breaks this commandment. Identify where your anger has affected relationships.

V. Application

- ❖ *Know*- Human life is God’s gift. How we treat our neighbors should reflect how we would treat Jesus.
- ❖ *Do*- Show kindness and compassion in your words and action to others as you go about your day.

VI. Prayer

- ❖ Lord, give me eyes to see the needs of my neighbor and use my hands to meet them. Amen.

VII. Digging Deeper (Other helpful resources on this topic)

All links listed below can be found at redeemerjackson.org/grow/affirmation-of-faith

❖ Videos

- [Luther's Small Catechism Study Videos-Fifth Commandment](#)
- [Sing the Faith-Fifth Commandment Song](#)

❖ Podcasts

- [Thou Shall Not Murder-Thinking Fellows \(1517\)](#)
- [The Fifth Commandment-Outlaw God \(1517\)](#)

❖ Reading

- Luther's Large Catechism portions on the Fifth Commandment
- ["The Myth of Righteous Anger" by Dr. Jeff Gibbs](#)