

THIRD COMMANDMENT

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for our chance to come together as a family and open Your Word. Help us to learn from the truth in Your Word, specifically Your truth in the Third Commandment. Be with us in our conversations now.

In Your Name, Amen.

2. **Teaching:** Watch Lesson 7: Third Commandment. Video link: <https://vimeo.com/184886681>

3. **Scripture Search:** Read through the following section of Scripture:

3.1. [Exodus 20:11](#), [Mark 2:26-28](#), and [Luke 10:38-42](#).

3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

3.2.1. The Third Commandment (page 74).

3.2.2. [Questions 48 -53](#) (pgs. 74-80);

3.2.3. [The Central Thought](#) (page 74);

4. **Question Time:**

4.1. Martin Luther wrote that God did not give the Ten Commandments for Christians to observe (See Luther's Large Catechism). They were specifically given to the people of Israel through Moses. Does this surprise you? Is it something you've thought about or heard before?

4.2. If the Commandments weren't given for Christians to observe, and so they do not affect our standing before God (our righteousness), why do you think Christians learn and obey them? In other words, what are they good for?

4.3. What do you think when you hear the word, "holy?" After watching the video, discuss any differences between your previous understanding of the word, "holy," and the video's depiction of the word, "holy."

4.4. Based on your reading of [Luke 10:38-42](#), how does this text help inform your understanding of the Third Commandment?

4.5. Vocabulary: [Sabbath](#), [Holiness](#), [Despise](#)

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Thank You for helping us learn the Ten Commandments. Help us to keep the Sabbath Day and continually remember who You are and what You've done for each of us.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.