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A Message from the Rector: The Sixth Commandment

The sixth commandment is *thou shalt not kill* (**Exodus 20:13**; **Deuteronomy 5:17**, KJV). This command prohibits murder. If it applied to warfare, Christians could never serve as soldiers bearing arms. Clearly, Israel would never have fought any wars with any of the nations surrounding it if this commandment prohibited warfare. We must perceive the situations of which this commandment warns us. Not only are we warned against premeditated murder, in which someone deliberately plans to kill someone else, but also against manslaughter that could result from violent expressions of anger.

An example of how this command applies not only to the deed of murder but also to the attitude of mind and heart that can give rise to it is found

in this passage from **Leviticus 19**:

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against

must also not seek revenge on one's neighbor. These verses say both that one should rebuke one's neighbor when he sins against one and that one should love one's neighbor as one loves oneself. The setting of this command is ancient Israel, and the assumption is that all Israelites are subject to God and His laws. Nowadays in the

United States of America, in which many people of different religions and some with no religion live together in society, rebuking one's neighbor might help to give legitimate

expression to one's own anger, but doing so could stir up an ungodly neighbor's anger. An example of this was a recent massacre of family members in Texas by an intoxicated neighbor who was annoyed that they were asking him not to do shooting practice in his yard

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the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:17-18, KJV

What these verses tell us to do is not even to hate anyone in our heart or bear resentment towards our neighbor. One

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because he was disturbing their sleeping child. The murderer had no respect either for their request or for the value of their lives as human beings. We need to be aware of the godless, lawless world in which we live and realize that there are times when a rebuke of one's neighbor, even when one has good cause, is not prudent.

However, we all need to guard against resentment and anger smoldering in our hearts against anyone. For good reason, St. Paul urges his readers in **Ephesians 4**:

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:26-27, KJV

Before any day ends, then, we must banish any anger from our minds that we have against anyone. This holds true for married couples and families as well as for everyone else. In **Genesis 4**, God warns Cain not to be angry and not to be ruled by sin:

But unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? And why

is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Genesis 4:5-7, KJV

Cain's sin of anger against his brother Abel led him to murder Abel, and God called Cain to account by saying, "What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground" (**Genesis 4:10**, KJV). It is the case that every murder victim's blood cries to God from the ground. A life has been cut short by the hand of another, and the evidence of the blood continues to speak as it uniquely identifies the individual who has died.

Abortion, except in medical circumstances where the mother's life might be in danger through the birth or a deformed child might be born with no chance of a normal, happy life, also is a transgression of the sixth commandment. The blood of so many infants who have been denied life on earth cries out to God for those who never had voices to plead for themselves.

In the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord Jesus Christ warns not only

against murder but against the anger that can lead to it (**St. Matthew 5:21-26**) and urges reconciliation before it is too late. St. John writes that whoever hates his brother is a murderer and reminds us that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him (**1 St. John 3:15**).

What we must realize, too, is that discrimination, slander, and condemnation of others (even in our hearts), are all transgressions of this commandment. We must take care that we do not devalue another's life by our words, thoughts, or actions. In the context of warning Christians not to discriminate against believers who are poor by giving them inferior treatment, St. James writes:

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For He that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery,

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yet if thou kill,
thou art become a
transgressor of
the law.

St. James 2:8-11,
KJV

Why did St. James
use the example of the
commandment not to
kill? Was it because he
thought his readers were
murderers? Surely not!
But if they were dishon-
oring the poor, they
counted as murderers be-
cause they were showing
judgment without mercy.

Human beings have
been created in God's
image (*Genesis 1:26*),
and each life is sacred.
None of us has the right
to prematurely end the
life of another, nor may
we cause a person to feel
so miserable that he
wants to end his own life.

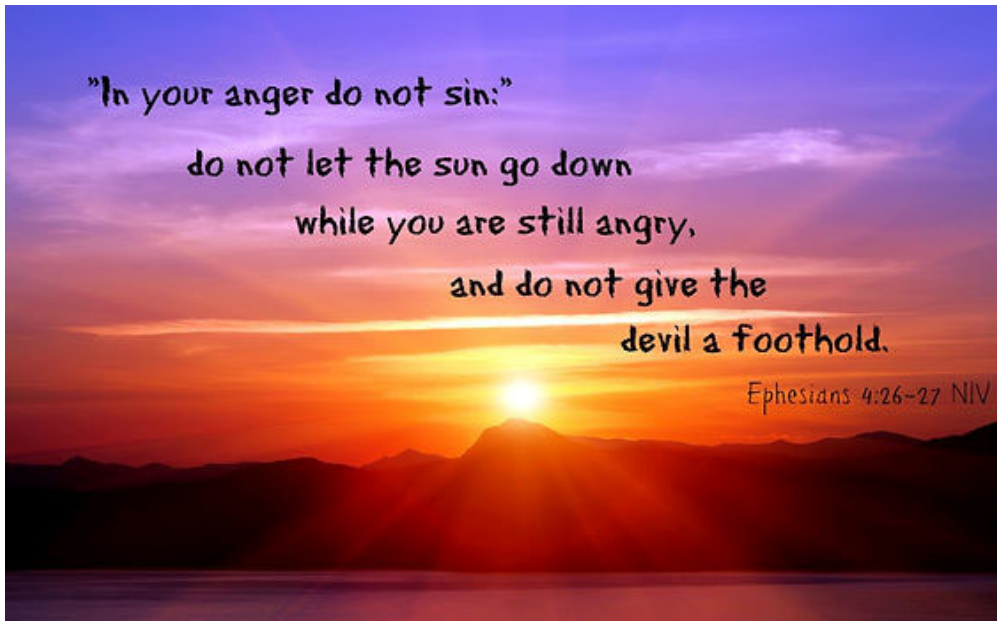
As we meditate on all
the sins related to this
commandment and possi-
bly leading to murder,
whether it be a physical
murder or a murder in the
world of our thoughts and
words, I leave you with
two lines from the Cate-

chism pertaining to keep-
ing this commandment
(page 580, *The Book of
Common Prayer*, 1928):

1. Hurt nobody
by word or
deed; and
2. bear no mal-
ice nor hatred
in my heart.

Let us all ask God
how we can bring bless-
ing and happiness to the
lives of those with whom
we have contact.

– *The Reverend
Christopher Parrish*



Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Foley Beach;
Bishop Richard Lipka;
Canon Michael Penfield;
Father Chris Parrish;
Deacon Peter Vogel; and
Deacon Linda Bracken;
also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President Joe Biden; and
Governor
Gavin Newsom;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coasties, guardians, police officers,

firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;
our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;
all refugees;
all the leaders and people of Ukraine;
Jim and Edna Davis;
Joya de Rossett;
Debbie;
Scott;
Brittany;
Tanya Theiler;
Mark Quinn;
Lisa;
Ben;
Marian;
Flo;
Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;
the Stanko family;
Yoshihiko Ikegami;
Mary Frances Reeves;
Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;
Frank Capone;
Rose Handwerker;
Ann and Frank MacVoy;
Bishop Ilgenfritz;
Moe Martinez;
Victoria Grace;
Christina;
John and Heidi Donnelly;
Father Mike Keppler;
Carl;
Patsy Zahrt;
Judith Boreham;
Gary Winiger;
Marie and Wade;
Heather;
Susan; and
Bishop Lipka;

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

***This prayer list
was current
as of April 30th,
and the people
of St. Luke's
will pray
for each need
until
we are notified
that it has been met.
Please contact
Father Parrish
to add
or remove names.
Thank you!***



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the MDAS Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously upon Thy Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop Coadjutor for the Missionary Diocese of All Saints that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for Thy people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chapel Updates

Thanks to Clark Patteson for sharing these photographs with us!

Left: Our sign has lights now!

Right: T-Mobile's interest in remodeling the steeple is going up after an eight-month decline.



Parish Postings

Monday, May 15th, through Wednesday, May 17th, are Rogation (Asking) Days. They are days of solemn supplication, meaning they are days of fasting and prayer as we remember that our lives and our seasons are in God's hands. The focus of these days is on asking Almighty God to bless and safeguard the lands and waters where our food is grown and harvested along with those who work in agriculture and fishing so that we may all enjoy the fruits of their labors.



The Vestry will meet following the worship service on Sunday, May 21st. Any interested parishioner is invited to observe.



The Vestry has chosen to collect funds to be donated to the Carter Center as the second quarter Community Outreach Mission project. If you wish to make a donation to the mission project, please write *Carter Center* on your check memo line or

offertory envelope. Thank you!

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Kindly verify with Kim Vogel that she has your correct contact information so that she can create a new Parish Directory for 2023. Please do this by the end of May. Thank you!



***Your submissions
of photos, articles, and news items
are always welcome!
Please see Kim Vogel
if you have questions.***

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 7th

The Fourth Sunday after Easter Day

Holy Communion with Holy Unction

10:00 AM

Friday, May 12th

Telephone Prayer Meeting

10:00 AM

Sunday, May 14th

The Fifth Sunday after Easter Day

Rogation Sunday

Office of Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Monday, May 15th

Rogation Day

Day of Solemn Supplication

Tuesday, May 16th

Rogation Day

Day of Solemn Supplication

Wednesday, May 17th

Rogation Day

Day of Solemn Supplication

Thursday, May 18th

Ascension Day

Friday, May 19th

Telephone Prayer Meeting

10:00 AM

Sunday, May 21st

The Sunday after Ascension Day

Holy Communion with Holy Baptism

10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting

following the worship service

Friday, May 26th

Telephone Prayer Meeting

10:00 AM

Sunday, May 28th

Pentecost,

commonly called Whitsunday

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Friday, June 2nd

Telephone Prayer Meeting

10:00 AM

Sunday, June 4th

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion with Holy Unction

10:00 AM

My command is this:
Love
each other as
I have loved you.
John 15:12

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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition ***Book of Common Prayer***. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship soon!

*“A place
where the Bible is taught.”*



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.