

Family Worship Guide  
New Life Presbyterian Church  
The Lord's Day: May 3, 2020

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 30:1-4

(all read together)

**“I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.”** (ESV)

*Opening Hymn*

“How Great Thou Art”

(sing or read together)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

*[Refrain]*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*[Refrain]*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

*[Refrain]*

*Prayer of Invocation*

(head of household prays)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

(all recite together)

Q67: Which is the sixth commandment?

**A: The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not murder.**

Q68: What is required in the sixth commandment?

**A: The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.**

Q69: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

**A: The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.**

Scripture References for Shorter Catechism Questions:

**Q67:** Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17

**Q68:** Eph. 5:28-29

**Q69:** Gen. 9:6; Matt. 5:22; 1 John 3:15

*The Lord's Prayer*

(all pray together)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Open Prayer Time*

adapted from a Puritan Prayer

(head of household reads)

At this time I invite your prayer requests and thanksgivings.

(allow some time for praying out loud, then read this or pray in your own words to close the time of prayer)

Almighty God, Visit each of Your children and family, O Lord, with Your mercy. Animate us to walk in Your truth and bless our neighbors. Fill and expand our hearts more and more with true generosity. May we act toward strangers, and especially fellow believers, in a way that is worthy of You, whenever they need our assistance. And especially let our love abound to those who have a desire to spread the gospel.

Send forth, O Lord, the gentle influences of Your Spirit. Melt those hearts which will not be broken by the weightiest of stroke of Your justice, and deliver us from temptations. In the Name of our Redeemer, Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Confession of Sin*

Psalm 6:1-4

(all read together)

**“O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.”** (ESV)

*Meditation*

(Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.)

*Assurance of Pardon*

Psalm 6:8-10

(head of household reads)

“Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer. All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.” (ESV)

*Hymn of Grace*

“And Can It Be”

(sing or read together)

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Refrain:   Amazing love! how can it be  
          That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.     *[Refrain]*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:  
I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.     *[Refrain]*

No condemnation now I dread:  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, thru Christ, my own.     *[Refrain]*

*Scripture Reading*

Exodus 20:13

“You shall not murder.” (ESV)

*Additional Reading*

Exodus 21:12-29

<sup>12</sup> “Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup> But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place to which he may flee. <sup>14</sup> But if a man willfully attacks another to kill him by cunning, you shall take him from my altar, that he may die.

<sup>15</sup> “Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

<sup>17</sup> “Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

<sup>18</sup> “When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist and the man does not die but takes to his bed, <sup>19</sup> then if the man rises again and walks outdoors with his staff, he who struck him shall be clear; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall have him thoroughly healed.

<sup>20</sup> “When a man strikes his slave, male or female, with a rod and the

slave dies under his hand, he shall be avenged. <sup>21</sup> But if the slave survives a day or two, he is not to be avenged, for the slave is his money.

<sup>22</sup> “When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. <sup>23</sup> But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, <sup>24</sup> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, <sup>25</sup> burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

<sup>26</sup> “When a man strikes the eye of his slave, male or female, and destroys it, he shall let the slave go free because of his eye. <sup>27</sup> If he knocks out the tooth of his slave, male or female, he shall let the slave go free because of his tooth.

<sup>28</sup> “When an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten, but the owner of the ox shall not be liable. <sup>29</sup> But if the ox has been accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has been warned but has not kept it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death.” (ESV)

### *New Testament Reading*

Matthew 5:21-26

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and

offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”  
(ESV)

*Sermon* “The Sixth Commandment: The Lord of Life”  
(Note: now play the CD/DVD of Pastor Jared’s sermon or follow the link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIHXL9a70hprumUJOMnSmXw>

Homepage: [www.newlifehopewell.com](http://www.newlifehopewell.com)

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*Closing Hymn* “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
(sing or read together)

O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns Thine only crown:  
How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn,  
How does that visage languish, Which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, Assist me with thy grace.

What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever, And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love to Thee.

*(Be near when I am dying, O show thy cross to me;  
And for my succor flying, Come, Lord, to set me free:  
These eyes, new faith receiving, From Jesus shall not move;  
For he who dies believing, Dies safely, through thy love.)*



(head of household reads)

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (ESV)

## Table Talk

(These are questions to talk about over the dinner table, or for your own devotions, based on the text and sermon this week)

- 1) Why is it wrong to murder? What did Genesis 9:6 give as the basis for this command?
- 2) Read the Larger Catechism on the 6th Commandment below. Are there aspects you hadn't considered before? In what ways do we violate this commandment by thoughts, words or deeds?
- 3) What does this commandment tell us about God? About His Creation?
- 4) How does Jesus fulfill this commandment?
- 5) Further discussion: How do we think about the 6th Commandment in light of the death penalty, war, abortion, or end-of-life medical decisions?

## **Dive Deeper: Larger Catechism**

### **Q135: What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?**

A135: The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves <sup>[1]</sup> and others <sup>[2]</sup> by resisting all thoughts and purposes,<sup>[3]</sup> subduing all passions,<sup>[4]</sup> and avoiding all occasions,<sup>[5]</sup> temptations,<sup>[6]</sup> and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any;<sup>[7]</sup> by just defense thereof against violence,<sup>[8]</sup> patient bearing of the hand of God,<sup>[9]</sup> quietness of mind,<sup>[10]</sup> cheerfulness of spirit;<sup>[11]</sup> a sober use of meat,<sup>[12]</sup> drink,<sup>[13]</sup> physic,<sup>[14]</sup> sleep,<sup>[15]</sup> labor,<sup>[16]</sup> and recreations;<sup>[17]</sup> by charitable thoughts,<sup>[18]</sup> love,<sup>[19]</sup> compassion,<sup>[20]</sup> meekness, gentleness, kindness;<sup>[21]</sup> peaceable,<sup>[22]</sup> mild and courteous speeches and behavior;<sup>[23]</sup> forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil;<sup>[24]</sup> comforting and succoring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.<sup>[25]</sup>

<sup>1</sup>. [Eph. 5:28-29](#) <sup>2</sup>. [I Kings 18:4](#) <sup>3</sup>. [Jer. 26:15-16](#); [Acts 23:12, 16-17, 21, 27](#) <sup>4</sup>. [Eph. 4:26-27](#) <sup>5</sup>. [II Sam. 2:22](#); [Deut. 22:8](#) <sup>6</sup>. [Matt. 4:6-7](#); [Prov. 1:10-11, 15-16](#) <sup>7</sup>. [I Sam. 24:2](#); [26:9-11](#); [Gen. 37:21-22](#) <sup>8</sup>. [Psa. 82:4](#); [Prov. 24:11-12](#); [I Sam. 14:45](#) <sup>9</sup>. [James 5:7-11](#); [Heb. 12:9](#) <sup>10</sup>. [I Thess. 4:11](#); [I Peter 3:3-4](#); [Psa. 37:8-11](#) <sup>11</sup>. [Prov. 17:22](#) <sup>12</sup>. [Prov. 25:16, 27](#) <sup>13</sup>. [I Tim. 5:23](#) <sup>14</sup>. [Isa. 38:21](#) <sup>15</sup>. [Psa. 127:2](#) <sup>16</sup>. [Eccl. 5:12](#); [II Thess. 3:10, 12](#); [Prov. 16:26](#) <sup>17</sup>. [Eccl. 3:4, 11](#) <sup>18</sup>. [I Sam. 19:4-5](#); [22:13-14](#) <sup>19</sup>. [Rom. 13:10](#) <sup>20</sup>. [Luke 10:33-34](#) <sup>21</sup>. [Col. 3:12-13](#) <sup>22</sup>. [James 3:17](#) <sup>23</sup>. [I Peter 3:8-11](#); [Prov. 15:1](#); [Judg. 8:1-3](#) <sup>24</sup>. [Matt. 5:24](#); [Eph. 4:2, 32](#); [Rom. 12:17, 20-21](#) <sup>25</sup>. [I Thess. 5:14](#); [Job 31:19-20](#); [Matt. 25:35-36](#); [Prov. 31:8-9](#)

### **Q136: What are the sins are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment?**

A136: The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves,<sup>[1]</sup> or of others,<sup>[2]</sup> except in case of public justice,<sup>[3]</sup> lawful war,<sup>[4]</sup> or necessary defense;<sup>[5]</sup> the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life;<sup>[6]</sup> sinful anger,<sup>[7]</sup> hatred,<sup>[8]</sup> envy,<sup>[9]</sup> desire of revenge;<sup>[10]</sup> all excessive passions,<sup>[11]</sup> distracting cares,<sup>[12]</sup> immoderate use of meat, drink,<sup>[13]</sup> labor,<sup>[14]</sup> and recreations,<sup>[15]</sup> provoking words,<sup>[16]</sup> oppression,<sup>[17]</sup> quarreling,<sup>[18]</sup> striking, wounding,<sup>[19]</sup> and: Whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.<sup>[20]</sup>

<sup>1</sup>. [Acts 16:28](#) <sup>2</sup>. [Gen. 9:6](#) <sup>3</sup>. [Num. 35:31, 33](#); [Rom. 13:4](#) <sup>4</sup>. See [Deut. 20](#) compared with [Heb. 11:32-34](#) <sup>5</sup>. [Ex. 22:2](#) <sup>6</sup>. [Matt. 25:42-43](#); [James 2:15-16](#) <sup>7</sup>. [Matt. 5:22](#) <sup>8</sup>. [1 John 3:15](#); [Lev. 19:17](#) <sup>9</sup>. [Prov. 14:30](#) <sup>10</sup>. [Rom. 12:19](#) <sup>11</sup>. [Eph 4:31](#) <sup>12</sup>. [Matt. 6:31, 34](#) <sup>13</sup>. [Luke 21:34](#); [Rom. 13:13](#) <sup>14</sup>. [Eccl. 12:12](#); [Eccl. 2:22-23](#) <sup>15</sup>. [Isa. 5:12](#) <sup>16</sup>. [Prov. 15:1](#); [Prov. 12:18](#) <sup>17</sup>. [Ex. 1:14](#); See [Isa. 3:15](#) <sup>18</sup>. [Gal. 5:15](#); [Prov. 23:29](#) <sup>19</sup>. [Num 35:16-17](#); See verses 18-21 <sup>20</sup>. [Ex. 21:29](#); See verses 18-36