

Catechism Week 4: Third Commandment
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

1) What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Answering the Question in the Bulletin: The Sabbath means rest, so the Sabbath is a day of rest and worship.

Read Ex. 35:2 and Leviticus 23:3 both scriptures speak to six days of work, but the Sabbath is meant for rest and sacred assembly.

Does God require us to observe the Sabbath and other holy days of the Old Testament?

- Matt: 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Matt. 12:8 “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.
- Col. 2:16-17
- Heb. 4-9-10

2) Why Sunday?

The church worships together especially on Sunday because Christ rose from the dead on Sunday.

- Luke 24:1-2 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took spices....
- Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread...
- John 20:19-31 Jesus appeared to His disciples.

3) When do we sin against the Third Commandment?

We sin against the Third Commandment when we despise preaching and the Word of God.

4) How is this done? (ouch)

- When we do not attend public worship;
- When we do not use the Word of God and the Sacraments.
- When we use the Word of God and the Sacraments negligently or carelessly.
 - John 8:47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.
 - Luke 10:16 He who listens to you listens to Me; He who rejects you rejects Me; but he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.

ANSWERING THE OTHER QUESTION IN THE BULLETIN:

4) What does God require of us in the Third Commandment?

- We should hold preaching and the Word of God Sacred.
 - Is. 66:2 and 1 Thess. 2:13
- We should gladly hear it, learn it, and meditate on it.
 - Joshua 1:8/Ps. 26:8/Luke 11:28/Acts 2:42/Col. 3:16
- We should honor and support the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
 - Galatians 6:6-7
- We should diligently spread the Word of God
 - Mark 16:15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

Prayer: Holy God of space and time, we thank you for the gift of work and the opportunity to serve you. We also give thanks for the special day you have set aside for rest and worship. Refresh us regularly with your Word, that we may not neglect our mission to preach and teach others about your love. Amen.