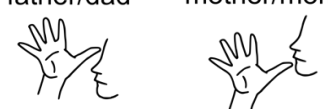
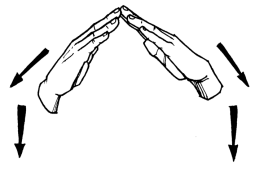


## 10 Commandments, Luther's Explanation, Remembering With Our Hands

1	<b>You shall have no other gods.</b>	We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.	<b>I AM the LORD your God...</b> <i>(Hold up one finger, like a big #1 and a giant Capital "I")</i>  <b>You shall have no other gods before Me.</b> <i>(Now shake your finger, as if saying "No, No, No!")</i>
2	<b>You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.</b>	We should fear and love God, and so we should not use his name to curse, swear, practice magic, lie or deceive, but in every time of need call upon him, pray to him, praise him and give him thanks.	<i>(Hold two fingers up to your lips and say, "SHHH." – Watch what you say – especially when you are speaking God's HOLY and wonderful Name!)</i>
3	<b>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.</b>	We should fear and love God, and so we should not despise his Word and the preaching of the same but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it.	<i>(Hold up two fingers on one hand and one on the other, joined together like a steeple. – On God's special day, where do we LOVE to go to listen for His voice?)</i>
4	<b>Honor your father and your mother.</b>	We should fear and love God, and so we should not despise our parents and superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love and esteem them.	father/dad      mother/mom 
5	<b>You shall not kill.</b>	We should fear and love God, and so we should not endanger our neighbor's life, nor cause him any harm, but help and befriend him in every necessity of life.	<i>(Hold up three fingers on one hand. Point thumb and first finger -like a gun- at the other hand.)</i>
6	<b>You shall not commit adultery.</b>	We should fear and love God, and so we should lead a chaste and pure life in word and deed, each one loving and honoring his wife or her husband.	<i>(Hold up six fingers – 2 + 4 – and say, "It's a family!" – Here are the parents...and over here, their kids. God wants the parents to always love each other with thoughts and actions and to not love others in that way.)</i>
7	<b>You shall not steal.</b>	We should love and fear God, and so we should not rob our neighbor of his money or property, nor bring them into our possession by dishonest trade or by dealing in shoddy wares but help him to improve and protect his income and property.	<i>(These hand motions are a little tricky. Hold up seven fingers: 5 on the left, 2 on the right, then quickly 'bump' your hands together and switch to 4 and 3 fingers. "Did you see that? That hand just 'stole' a finger from the other hand!")</i>
8	<b>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.</b>	We should love and fear God, and so we should not tell lies about our neighbor, nor betray, slander or defame him, but should apologize for him, speak well for him, and interpret charitably all that he does.	<i>(Hold up eight fingers. Then, say with a 'sarcastic' tone, "Eight is close enough to nine, don't you think? Let's just call it nine. What difference would it make? What's wrong with just a 'little lie?'" – NO! God wants us to always tell the truth!)</i>
9	<b>You shall not covet your neighbor's house.</b>	We should love and fear God, and so we should not seek by craftiness to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor to obtain them under pretext of legal right, but be of service and help to him so that he may keep what is his.	<i>With your hands flat, draw the roof and then the walls of a house:</i> 
10	<b>You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.</b>	We should love and fear God, and so we should not abduct, estrange or entice away our neighbor's wife, servants or cattle, but encourage them to remain and discharge their duty to him.	<i>(Hold up ten fingers and pretend to "grab" in front on you as if saying, "Gimmie-Gimmie! I want it!")</i>

Hand signs are adapted from the book, "HAND COMMANDS – The Ten Commandments for Little One." The fourth commandment contains the American Sign Language (ASL) signs for father and mother, respectively. The ninth commandment is the ASL sign for house.