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Memory Treasures

Grades 5-8

*Core Passages in St. Peter's Lutheran School Religion Curriculum

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***Genesis 1:1 (EHV)** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:31 (EHV)³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 3:15 (EHV)¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

Genesis 8:21 (EHV) ...the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth.

Genesis 9:5 (EHV)⁵ In fact, I will hold each animal and each person responsible for your lifeblood. I will hold each man responsible for the life of his brother.

Genesis 9:6 (EHV)⁶ Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for God made man in his own image.

Genesis 32:10 (EHV)¹⁰ I am not worthy of even a bit of all the mercy and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant.

Genesis 39:9 (EHV) How then could I do such a great evil and sin against God?"

Exodus 20:7 (EHV) ... the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

Exodus 20:11 (EHV) For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.

Leviticus 19:2 (EHV) You shall be holy, because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

Leviticus 19:12 (EHV)¹² You shall not swear falsely by my name so that you do not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:31 (EHV) ³¹ You must not turn to mediums or to spiritists and so become unclean through them. I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 18:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

Deuteronomy 32:39 (EHV) ³⁹ Now see that I, only I, am he, and there is not a god comparable to me. I put to death and I make alive.

Deuteronomy 33:27 (EHV) ²⁷ The everlasting God is a dwelling place, and his eternal arms are under you.

Job 19:25-27 (EHV) ²⁵As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust. ²⁶Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God. ²⁷I myself will see him. My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger. My emotions are in turmoil within me.

Psalms 14:1 (EHV) The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

Psalms 16:11 (EHV) ¹¹You have made known to me the path of life, fullness of joy in your presence, pleasures at your right hand forever.

Psalms 23:6 (EHV) Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life,

Psalms 24:1 (EHV) ¹The earth is the LORD's and everything that fills it, the world and all who live in it,

Psalms 31:15 (EHV) ¹⁵My times are in your hand. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who pursue me.

Psalms 32:5 (EHV) ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover up my guilt. I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 33:4 (EHV) ⁴Yes, the word of the LORD is right, and everything he does is trustworthy.

Psalms 37:5 (EHV) ⁵Commit your way to the LORD. Trust in him, and he will act.

Psalms 37:40 (EHV) ⁴⁰The LORD helps them and delivers them. He delivers them from the wicked. He saves them, because they have taken refuge in him.

Psalms 38:4 (EHV) ⁴because my guilt has gone over my head. Like a heavy burden, it is too heavy for me.

***Psalms 50:15 (EHV)** ¹⁵Call on me in the day of distress. I will deliver you, and you will honor me.

Psalms 51:5 (EHV) ⁵Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

Psalms 51:9 (EHV) ⁹Hide your face from my sins. Erase all my guilty deeds.

Psalms 51:10 (EHV) ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me.

Psalms 56:11 (EHV) ¹¹In God I trust. I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Psalms 62:10 (EHV) If your wealth grows, do not set your heart on it.

Psalms 91:9-10 (EHV) If you make the Most High your shelter, ¹⁰evil will not overtake you. Disaster will not come near your tent.

Psalms 91:11 (EHV) ¹¹Because he will give a command to his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.

Psalms 100:2 (EHV) ²Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before him with joyful songs.

Psalms 103:1 (EHV) ^{1a}Bless the LORD, O my soul. All that is within me, bless his holy name.

(^aGod blesses us by giving us gifts. We bless God by praising him.)

Psalm 103:2 (EHV) ^{2b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. And do not forget all his benefits.

(^bGod blesses us by giving us gifts. We bless God by praising him.)

Psalm 103:13 (EHV) ¹³As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

***Psalm 118:1 (EHV)** ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:8 (EHV) ⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people.

Psalm 119:47 (EHV) ⁴⁷For I delight in your commandments, which I love.

Psalm 119:73 (EHV) ⁷³Your hands made me and established me.

Psalm 119:80 ⁸⁰Let my heart be blameless regarding your statutes, so that I may not be put to shame.

***Psalm 119:105 (EHV)** ¹⁰⁵Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 122:1 (EHV) ¹I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

***Psalm 124:8 (EHV)** ⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

***Psalm 139:14** ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and my soul knows that very well.

Psalm 145:9 (EHV) ⁹The LORD is good to all. His compassion extends over all he has made.

Psalm 145:13 (EHV) The LORD is faithful to all his words and merciful toward all he has made.

Psalm 145:15 (EHV) ¹⁵The eyes of all look eagerly to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Psalm 145:16 (EHV) ¹⁶He opens his hand, and he satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:17 (EHV) ¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways and merciful toward all that he has made.

Psalm 146:2 (EHV) ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will make music to my God as long as I exist.

***Proverbs 3:5 (EHV)** ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding.

Proverbs 11:13 (EHV) ¹³A gossip goes around betraying secrets, but a trustworthy spirit keeps a matter confidential.

Proverbs 13:24 (EHV) ²⁴A person who withholds his rod hates his son, but one who loves him administers discipline promptly.

Proverbs 16:28 (EHV) ²⁸A perverse man spreads conflict, and a gossip separates intimate friends.

Proverbs 19:5 (EHV) ⁵A false witness will not go unpunished. He breathes lies and will not escape.

Proverbs 22:6 (EHV) ⁶Dedicate^a a child to the way he should go, and even when he becomes old, he will not turn away from it.

(⁶ Or *consecrate*. The Hebrew word used here is not one of the usual words for teaching or training, but is the same word used for dedicating a temple. It adds the connotation of entrusting the child to the LORD as Hannah did.)

Proverbs 23:26 (EHV) ²⁶My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes be pleased with my ways,

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (EHV) Remember your Creator in the days of your youth,

Isaiah 6:3 (EHV) Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!

***Isaiah 41:10 (EHV)** ¹⁰Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be overwhelmed,^a for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
(^a10 Or *dismayed*)

Isaiah 42:8 (EHV) ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name. I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to idols.

Isaiah 43:1 (EHV) Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.

Isaiah 43:11 (EHV) ¹¹I, yes I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.

Isaiah 53:5 (EHV) it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6 (EHV) ⁶We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.

Isaiah 55:11 (EHV) ... in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 59:2 (EHV) It is your guilt that has separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden God's face from you, so that he does not hear.

Isaiah 64:6 (EHV) ⁶All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth.

Jeremiah 23:31 (EHV) I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who use their own tongues to say, "This is what the LORD declares!"

Jeremiah 29:11 (EHV) ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to give you peace, not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ezekiel 18:4 (EHV) The soul who sins is the one who will die.

Ezekiel 18:20 (EHV) The soul who sins is the one who will die.

Matthew 1:21 (EHV) ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:22 (EHV) ²² All this happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

Matthew 1:23 (EHV) ²³ "Look, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son. And they will name him Immanuel," which means, "God with us."

***Matthew 4:10 (EHV)** Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.

Matthew 5:8 (EHV) ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God.

Matthew 5:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:27 (EHV) ²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery,'

Matthew 5:28 (EHV) ²⁸ but I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:44 (EHV) ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 5:48 (EHV) ⁴⁸ So then, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

***Matthew 6:33 (EHV)** ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

***Matthew 7:7 (EHV)** “Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened for you.

Matthew 7:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Matthew 9:6 (EHV) ... the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...

Matthew 10:28 (EHV) ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

***Matthew 11:28 (EHV)** ²⁸ “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:29 (EHV) ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 15:7 (EHV) ⁷ Hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

Matthew 15:8 (EHV) These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Matthew 15:19 (EHV) Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimonies, and blasphemies.

Matthew 18:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother.

Matthew 18:18 (EHV) Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

***Matthew 18:20 (EHV)** ²⁰ In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

Matthew 19:6 (EHV) What God has joined together, man must not separate.”

Matthew 19:9 (EHV) ⁹ I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except on the grounds of her sexual immorality, and marries another woman is committing adultery.”

***Matthew 22:37 (EHV)** Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

***Matthew 22:39 (EHV)** Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 26:28 (EHV) This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

***Matthew 26:41 (EHV)** ⁴¹ Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 28:18 (EHV) Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

***Matthew 28:19 (EHV)** ¹⁹ Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

***Matthew 28:20 (EHV)** ²⁰ and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

Mark 1:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ “The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 9:24 (EHV) “I do believe. Help me with my unbelief!”

Mark 10:6–8 (EHV) ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. ⁷ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh.

***Mark 10:45 (EHV)** ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

***Mark 16:15 (EHV)** Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

***Mark 16:16 (EHV)** ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Luke 1:37 (EHV) For nothing will be impossible for God.

Luke 2:6–7 (EHV) ⁶ And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:10 (EHV) ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people:

Luke 2:11 (EHV) ¹¹ Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:52 (EHV) ⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Luke 10:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

***Luke 11:28 (EHV)** “Even more blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”

***Luke 18:13 (EHV)** God, be merciful to me, a sinner!

Luke 18:17 (EHV) ¹⁷ Amen I tell you: Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Luke 22:19–20 (EHV) “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ... “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.”

John 1:17 (EHV) For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

***John 1:29 (EHV)** Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John 3:5 (EHV) Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God!

***John 3:16 (EHV)** ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 5:22–23 (EHV) In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

John 5:39 (EHV) ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them. They testify about me!

John 6:68 (EHV) ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 8:31 (EHV) ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples.

John 8:32 (EHV) ³² You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

***John 8:47 (EHV)** ⁴⁷ Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says. The reason you do not listen is that you do not belong to God.”

John 10:27–28 (EHV) ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:35 (EHV) The Scripture cannot be broken,

***John 11:25–26 (EHV)** ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

John 12:48 (EHV) The word which I spoke is what will judge him on the Last Day.

John 14:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ “If you love me, hold on to my commands.

***John 14:19 (EHV)** Because I live, you also will live.

John 17:3 (EHV) ³ This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

John 17:17 (EHV) ¹⁷ “Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth.

John 20:23 (EHV) ²³ Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

John 20:31 (EHV) ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Acts 2:38 (EHV) Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:18 (EHV) But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer.

Acts 4:12 (EHV) ¹² “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:20 (EHV) ²⁰ For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

***Acts 5:29 (EHV)** We must obey God rather than men.

Acts 14:22 (EHV) “We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God.”

Acts 16:31 (EHV) “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Acts 20:21 (EHV) ²¹ I have solemnly testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 22:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ Now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

Romans 1:4 (EHV) ⁴ who in the spirit of holiness was declared to be God’s powerful Son by his resurrection from the dead—Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Romans 1:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...

Romans 3:20 (EHV) ...Through the law we become aware of sin.

Romans 3:22 (EHV) ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

***Romans 3:23–24 (EHV)** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:28 (EHV) ²⁸ For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

Romans 5:12 (EHV) ¹² So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned.

Romans 5:18 (EHV) ¹⁸ So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people.

Romans 5:19 (EHV)

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

Romans 6:3 (EHV) ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

***Romans 6:23 (EHV)** ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:7 (EHV) I would not have recognized sin except through the law. For example, I would not have known about coveting if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Romans 7:18 (EHV) I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out.

Romans 8:1 (EHV) There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

***Romans 8:28 (EHV)** ²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose...

***Romans 10:17 (EHV)** ¹⁷ So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

Romans 12:14 (EHV) ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

Romans 13:1 (EHV) ¹ Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:2 (EHV) ² Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:4 (EHV) ⁴ because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer.

Romans 13:10 (EHV) ... love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 14:9 (EHV) ⁹ For this reason he died, rose, and lived, to be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 16:17 (EHV) ¹⁷ But I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the teaching that you learned, and keep away from them.

1 Corinthians 2:12–13 (EHV) ¹² What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. ¹³ We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit lives in you?

1 Corinthians 6:18–20 (EHV) ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (EHV) ... God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17 (EHV) ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

***1 Corinthians 10:31 (EHV)** ³¹ So whether you eat or drink, or do anything else, do everything to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 11:25–29 (EHV) ²⁵ In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. ²⁸ Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy way because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 12:3 (EHV) ³ Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God’s Spirit says, “A curse be upon Jesus,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:33–34 (EHV) As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴ the women are to keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak. Instead they are to be subordinate, as also the Law says.

1 Corinthians 14:37 (EHV) ³⁷ If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual person, let him recognize that the things I write to you are the Lord’s commands.

1 Corinthians 15:17 (EHV) ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:54 (EHV) ⁵⁴ But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (EHV) ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

2 Corinthians 2:7 (EHV) ⁷ so that instead you should rather forgive and comfort him, or else such a person could be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (EHV) ¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died.

2 Corinthians 5:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:19 (EHV) ¹⁹ That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (EHV) ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (EHV) ⁷ Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (EHV) ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians 2:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

Galatians 3:26–27 (EHV) ²⁶ In fact, you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

***Galatians 4:4–5 (EHV)** ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons.

***Galatians 5:13 (EHV)** ... Serve one another through love.

Galatians 5:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires.

Galatians 5:22–23 (EHV) ²² But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 (EHV) ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 6:10 (EHV) ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the household of faith.

Ephesians 1:7 (EHV) ⁷ In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace,

***Ephesians 2:8–9 (EHV)** ⁸ Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:10 (EHV) ¹⁰ For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 3:20 (EHV) ²⁰ Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,

Ephesians 4:18 (EHV) ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, due to the hardness of their hearts.

Ephesians 4:22–25 (EHV) ²² As far as your former way of life is concerned, you were taught to take off the old self, which is corrupted by its deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed continually in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, which has been created to be like God in righteousness and true holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, after you put away lying, let each of you speak truthfully with your neighbor, because we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:28–29 (EHV) ²⁸ Let the one who has been stealing steal no longer. Instead, let him work hard doing what is good with his own hands, so that he has something to share with a person who is in need. ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:31 (EHV) ³¹ Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice.

***Ephesians 4:32 (EHV)** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one other, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

Ephesians 5:22 (EHV) ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:24 (EHV) ²⁴ Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:25 (EHV) ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Ephesians 5:33 (EHV) ³³ In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

***Ephesians 6:1 (EHV)** ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:4 (EHV) ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Philippians 2:8 (EHV) ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Philippians 3:20–21 (EHV) ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

Colossians 1:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 2:6–7 (EHV) ⁶ Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:9 (EHV) ⁹ For all the fullness of God’s being dwells bodily in Christ.

Colossians 2:12 (EHV) ¹² when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

Colossians 2:13–14 (EHV) ¹³ Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴ God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:16–17 (EHV) ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in regard to food or drink, or in regard to a festival or a New Moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were coming, but the body belongs to Christ.

Colossians 3:10 (EHV) ¹⁰ and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator.

Colossians 3:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:20 (EHV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (EHV) ¹³ There is also another reason we give thanks to God unceasingly, namely, when you received God’s word, which you heard from us, you did not receive it as the word of men but as the word of God (as it really is), which is now at work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 5:12–15 (EHV) ¹² Brothers, we ask you to take note of those who work hard among you, who exercise leadership over you in the Lord, and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love, on account of their work. Live at peace with each other. ¹⁴ We also encourage you, brothers, to admonish those who are idle. Encourage those who are discouraged, help those who are weak, and be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See to it that no one repays evil with evil, but instead, always strive to do good to each other and to everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (EHV) ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.

1 Timothy 1:9–10 (EHV) ⁹ keeping in mind that the law is not laid down for a righteous person, but for lawless and rebellious people, for godless people and sinners, for unholy and worldly people, for those who kill their fathers and those who kill their mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ for sexually immoral people, for homosexuals, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and for whatever else is opposed to sound teaching—

1 Timothy 1:15 (EHV) “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” of whom I am the worst.

***1 Timothy 2:3–4 (EHV)** ... God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:5 (EHV) ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,

1 Timothy 2:11–13 (EHV) ¹¹ A woman should learn in a quiet manner with full submission. ¹² And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man. Instead, she is to continue in a quiet manner. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 Timothy 5:8 (EHV) ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own family, and especially for his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 6:7 (EHV) ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out.

1 Timothy 6:8 (EHV) ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

1 Timothy 6:10 (EHV) ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

2 Timothy 2:19 (EHV) ¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's foundation stands firm, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord keep away from wickedness."

2 Timothy 2:22 (EHV) ²² Flee from the lusts young people have and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, together with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

***2 Timothy 3:15–16 (EHV)** ¹⁵ and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 4:18 (EHV) ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Titus 2:14 (EHV) ¹⁴ He gave himself for us, to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people who are his own chosen people, eager to do good works.

Titus 3:5 (EHV) ⁵ he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:7 (EHV) ... so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 1:1 (EHV) ¹ In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways.

Hebrews 1:14 (EHV) ¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent out to serve for the benefit of those who are going to inherit salvation?

Hebrews 2:14 (EHV) ¹⁴ Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil)

Hebrews 5:13 (EHV) ¹³ For everyone who lives on milk is not acquainted with the word of righteousness, because he is still an infant.

Hebrews 6:1 (EHV) ¹ Therefore, leaving the beginning discussion of Christ, let us press on toward matters that require greater maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith in God,

Hebrews 7:26–27 (EHV) ²⁶ This is certainly the kind of high priest we needed: one who is holy, innocent, pure, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices on a daily basis, first for his own sins and

then for the sins of the people. In fact, he sacrificed for sins once and for all when he offered himself.

Hebrews 10:24–25 (EHV) ²⁴ Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵ Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 11:1 (EHV) ¹ Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see.

Hebrews 11:3 (EHV) ³ By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

Hebrews 13:5 (EHV) ⁵ Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said: I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you.

Hebrews 13:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

James 1:14–15 (EHV) ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is dragged away and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin. And sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:17 (EHV) ¹⁷ Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights.

James 1:22 (EHV) ²² Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves.

James 3:2 (EHV) ² To be sure, we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a fully mature man, able to bridle his whole body as well.

James 3:6 (EHV) ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. It is set among the parts of our body as a world of unrighteousness that stains the whole body, sets the whole course of life on fire, and is set on fire by hell.

1 Peter 1:5 (EHV) ⁵ Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

1 Peter 1:23 (EHV) ²³ For you have been born again, not from perishable seed but from imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 2:9 (EHV) ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:24 (EHV) ²⁴ He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed.

1 Peter 3:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.

1 Peter 3:19 (EHV) ¹⁹ in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison.

***1 Peter 5:7 (EHV)** Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

***1 Peter 5:8 (EHV)** ⁸ Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

2 Peter 1:21 (EHV) ²¹ In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 2:4 (EHV) ⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned but handed them over to chains of darkness by casting them into hell, to be kept under guard for judgment;

2 Peter 3:2 (EHV) ² for you to remember the words spoken earlier by the holy prophets and the command of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.

2 Peter 3:16 (EHV) ¹⁶ He spoke about these things the same way in all of his letters. There are some matters that are hard to understand in his letters, which the ignorant and unstable distort, as they also do with the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

***1 John 1:7 (EHV)** The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:9 (EHV) ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:1 (EHV) ¹ My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

1 John 2:2 (EHV) ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

1 John 2:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 3:8 (EHV) ⁸ The one who continues to sin is of the Devil, because the Devil has been sinning from the beginning. This is why the Son of God appeared: to destroy the works of the Devil.

1 John 3:15 (EHV) ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

1 John 3:17 (EHV) ¹⁷ Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can God's love remain in him?

1 John 4:8 (EHV) ⁸ The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

1 John 4:10 (EHV) ¹⁰ This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

***1 John 4:19 (EHV)** ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

1 John 5:3 (EHV) ³ In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

***Revelation 2:10 (EHV)** Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 7:17 (EHV) And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Luther's Small Catechism

The Ten Commandments

As the head of the family should teach them in the simplest way to those in his household.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

THE CONCLUSION

What does God say about all these commandments? He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in him, and gladly obey what he commands.

The Apostle's Creed

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THE FIRST ARTICLE (Creation)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE (Redemption)

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into

hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE (Sanctification)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

The Lord's Prayer

As the head of the family should teach them in the simplest way to those in his household.

THE ADDRESS

Our Father in heaven

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

THE FIRST PETITION

Hallowed be your name

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven!

THE SECOND PETITION

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

THE THIRD PETITION

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

What does this mean?

God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What, then, is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

THE SIXTH PETITION

Lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

THE DOXOLOGY

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

What does this mean?

We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so."

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

As the head of the family should teach them in the simplest way to those in his household.

THE INSTITUTION OF BAPTISM

First: What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.

Which is that Word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!"

THE BLESSINGS OF BAPTISM

Second: What does Baptism do for us?

Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. What are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

THE POWER OF BAPTISM

Third: How can water do such great things?

It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God's Word which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this Word used with the water. For without God's Word the water is just plain water and not baptism. But with this Word it is baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

Where is this written?

St. Paul says in Titus, chapter 3, "God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." This is a trustworthy saying.

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

Fourth: What does baptizing with water mean?

Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

The Ministry of the Keys and Confession

As the head of the family should teach them in the simplest way to those in his household.

THE KEYS

First: What is the use of the Keys?

The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

THE PUBLIC USE OF THE KEYS

Second: How does a Christian congregation use the Keys?

A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

Where is this written?

Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

CONFESSION

First: What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor* as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven. *The German term is best translated as "confessor," that is, the person who hears the confession.

Second: What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Third: How can we recognize these sins?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?

Fourth: How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness?

He will say, "By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

First: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Apostle Paul tell us: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

THE BLESSINGS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

THE POWER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Daily Prayers

How the head of the family should teach those in his household to pray morning and evening, to ask a blessing and to say grace at meals.

MORNING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

TO ASK A BLESSING

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us through these gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TO SAY GRACE

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for all your gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Table of Duties

PASTORS

A pastor [overseer NIV] must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to much wine, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. He must not be a recent convert. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (See 1 Timothy 3:2,3,4,6; Titus 1:9.)

WHAT WE OWE TO OUR PASTORS AND TEACHERS

Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor. (See Galatians 6:6.) In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (See 1 Corinthians 9:14.) The elders who direct

the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, [...] "The worker deserves his wages." (See 1 Timothy 5:17,18.) Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (See Hebrews 13:17.)

GOVERNMENT

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves [...] For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (See Romans 13:1,2,4.)

HUSBANDS

Husbands, [in the same way] be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. [...] Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. (See 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19.)

WIVES

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. (See Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:6.)

PARENTS

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. (See Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21.)

CHILDREN

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother--which is the first commandment with a promise---that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (See Ephesians 6:1-3.)

EMPLOYEES

[Slaves] Obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does. (See Ephesians 6:5-8.)

EMPLOYERS

[And masters,] Treat your [slaves] employees in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him. (See Ephesians 6:9.)

YOUNG PEOPLE

Young men, be submissive to those who are older. Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (See 1 Peter 5:5,6.)

WIDOWS

The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. (See 1 Timothy 5:5,6.)

A WORD FOR ALL

Love your neighbor as yourself. This is the sum of all the commandments. [This is a paraphrase] (See Romans 13:8-10: Galatians 5:14.) And continue praying for everyone. [This is a paraphrase.] (See 1 Timothy 2:1.)

Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well shall fare.