

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL MEMORY BOOK



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1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
Gen. 1:1
2. Lord, you know everything. John 21:17

3. Worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.
Matt. 4:10
4. Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17
5. The righteous shall live by his faith. Hab. 2:4
6. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:16
7. Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31
8. Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven. Matt. 9:2
9. God is love. 1 John 4:8
10. Through love serve one another. Gal. 5:13
11. Love your enemies. Matt. 5:44
12. Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Luke 11:28
13. I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. Gen. 17:1
14. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Col. 3:20
15. The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 6:23
16. He who breathes out lies will not escape. Prov. 19:5
17. The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7
18. The Son of Man came to save the lost. Matt. 18:11
19. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts. Is. 6:3
20. For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37
21. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Matt. 28:18
22. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matt. 28:20
23. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. Ps. 50:15
24. Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7
25. Whoever comes to me I will never cast out. John 6:37
26. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Ps. 103:1
27. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Ps. 118:1
28. Scripture cannot be broken. John 10:35
29. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps. 119:105
30. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32

31. The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. Matt. 9:6
32. Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29
33. Your faith has saved you; go in peace. Luke 7:50
34. He who endures to the end will be saved. Matt. 24:13
35. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
36. Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Prov. 3:5
37. We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29
38. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. John 14:23
39. Be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. Lev. 19:2
40. You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matt. 5:48
41. Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. James 4:11
42. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Matt. 26:52
43. If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 2 Thess. 3:10
44. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7
45. The end of all things is at hand. 1 Peter 4:7
46. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matt. 28:19
47. Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Mal. 2:10
48. Every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Heb. 3:4
49. Man and beast you save, O LORD. Ps. 36:6
50. He upholds the universe by the word of his power. Heb. 1:3
51. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20
52. This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. Matt. 17:5
53. He is the one appointed by God appointed to be judge of the living and the dead. Acts 10:42
54. Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matt. 7:7
55. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Ps. 37:5
56. All Scripture is breathed out by God. 2 Tim. 3:16
57. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

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58. Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God. John 8:47
59. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Col. 3:16
60. If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31, 32
61. Through the law comes knowledge of sin. Rom. 3:20
62. God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:4
63. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6
64. Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins. Acts 22:16
65. If you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matt. 6:15
66. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. Ps. 145:9
67. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. Ps. 103:13
68. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. Matt. 5:42
69. Love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
70. My times are in your hand. Ps. 31:15
71. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. Ps. 118:9
72. We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Rom. 8:28
73. He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. Ps. 91:11, 12
74. There is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins. Eccl. 7:20
75. The partner of a thief hates his own life. Prov. 29:24
76. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Eph. 4:25
77. Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. James 4:17
78. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Cor. 15:3
79. He died for all. 2 Cor. 5:15
80. The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Prov. 8:13
81. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. Prov. 1:10

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82. Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Mark 16:15
83. The LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. Jer. 10:10
84. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deut. 6:4
85. You are the same, and your years have no end. Ps. 102:27
86. The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. Gen. 2:7
87. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Col. 1:16
88. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Ps. 139:14
89. He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. Matt. 5:45
90. All may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. John 5:23
91. The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath. Matt. 12:8
92. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Heb. 13:8
93. When you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Matt. 6:7
94. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. Is. 65:24
95. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. John 16:23
96. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. Ps. 33:4
97. In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. Matt. 15:9
98. Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matt. 28:20
99. One is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Rom. 3:28
100. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11

101. So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Rom. 10:17
102. No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:3
103. Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5, 6
104. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. Rev. 2:10
105. [You], who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:5
106. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17
107. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned. Luke 6:37
108. If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him some- thing to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Rom. 12:20
109. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Matt. 7:21
110. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. Phil. 1:23
111. In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Ps. 16:11
112. He has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed. Acts 17:31
113. It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment. Heb. 9:27
114. I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. Rom. 7:18
115. You were dead in the trespasses and sins. Eph. 2:1
116. Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Ps. 19:12
117. Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Luke 15:21
118. Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. Lev. 24:15
119. You shall not swear by my name falsely. Lev. 19:12
120. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 1 John 3:15
121. A false witness will not go unpunished. Prov. 19:5

122. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, and heals all your diseases. Ps. 103:2, 3
123. Confess your sins to one another. James 5:16
124. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 1 Cor. 15:17
125. I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11:25, 26
126. This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Acts 1:11
127. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! Ps. 33:8
128. It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. Deut. 6:13
129. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Is. 42:8
130. For in [Christ] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily. Col. 2:9
131. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21
132. You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me. John 5:39
133. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deut. 6:6, 7
134. The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me. Luke 10:16
135. Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Heb. 10:25
136. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

137. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph. 2:8, 9
138. In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. Gal. 3:26
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139. [It has] now been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:10
140. There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12
141. The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There!" for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst you. Luke 17:20, 21
142. Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail the test! 2 Cor. 13:5
143. Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. Acts 14:22
144. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 1 Peter 5:8, 9
145. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. Gen. 3:15
146. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. 1 John 3:1
147. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Cor. 13:7
148. Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Matt. 7:12
149. You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. Lev. 19:32

- 150. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called sons of God. Matt. 5:5, 7, 9
- 151. Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed. Prov. 19:17
- 152. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Heb. 13:16

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- 153. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. John 5:28, 29
- 154. Concerning that day or hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 13:32
- 155. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Cor. 11:28
- 156. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28
- 157. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Is. 64:6
- 158. It is a new command that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 1 John 2:8
- 159. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Ex. 20:7
- 160. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil. Matt. 5:37
- 161. Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered. Prov. 11:13
- 162. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. Gen. 9:6
- 163. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. Eph. 5:12
- 164. If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. Matt. 18:15

- 165. Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Heb. 1:14
- 166. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21
- 167. Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Prov. 28:13
- 168. I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness. Ps. 17:15

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- 169. Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation. Luke 2:29, 30
- 170. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld. John 20:23
- 171. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matt. 18:18
- 172. Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Matt. 7:13
- 173. So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31
- 174. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4
- 175. Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land. Eph. 6:2, 3
- 176. Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Rom. 13:1
- 177. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 1 Tim. 6:8
- 178. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matt. 28:19-20
- 179. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Matt. 9:38

180. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Ps. 19:1

181. Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. Ps. 115:3, 4

182. These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 1 Cor. 2:10

183. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matt. 10:28

184. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Matt. 10:37 -9-

185. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. Ps. 36:6

186. No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. Ps. 91:10

187. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Matt. 10:29, 30

188. And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 1 Thess. 2:13

189. Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who use their tongues and declare, "declares the LORD." Jer. 23:31

190. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. Matt. 7:15

191. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

192. Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Matt. 7:7, 8

193. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

194. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matt. 5:44

195. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. 1 Tim. 5:4

196. The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures. Prov. 30:17

197. And which has not been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:10

198. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor. 8:9

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199. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

200. As I live, declares the LORD GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Ezek. 33:11

201. But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." 2 Tim. 2:19

202. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor. 6:11

203. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Ps. 73:25, 26

204. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. Rom. 8:9

205. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Ps. 37:4

206. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10

207. Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Prov. 31:8, 9

- 208. The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen. Deut. 18:15
- 209. The Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives. Heb. 12:6
- 210. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12:9
- 211. He will deliver you from six troubles; in seven no evil shall touch you. Job 5:19
- 212. When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.” Gen. 8:21

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- 213. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. Matt. 15:19
- 214. This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Matt. 15:8
- 215. So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let man not separate. Matt. 19:6
- 216. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Eph. 4:29
- 217. Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Rom. 8:33
- 218. For an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. John 5:28, 29
- 219. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 1 Cor. 10:21
- 220. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 1 Cor. 11:27
- 221. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. Rev. 3:11
- 222. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. 2 Tim. 4:18

- 223. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27, 28
- 224. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. Rom. 8:18
- 225. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Rev. 14:13
- 226. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5
- 227. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matt. 5:16

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- 228. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10
- 229. Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food or drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Col. 2:16, 17
- 230. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Matt. 18:6
- 231. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Cor. 10:13
- 232. And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh. Is. 66:24
- 233. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Ps. 90:1, 2
- 234. By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. Ps. 33:6

235. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16
236. Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it. Deut. 12:32
237. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Josh. 1:8
238. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Phil. 4:6
239. For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. Is. 63:16-13-
240. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. John 17:24
241. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:36
242. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9
243. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:19
244. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:38, 39
245. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Is. 9:6
246. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

247. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Prov. 3:5
248. Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. Mark 10:24, 25
249. You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. Gen. 50:20
250. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. Rom. 13:2
251. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 2 Cor. 5:10

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252. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 2 Peter 3:10
253. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Matt. 24:27
254. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Cor. 11:26-28
255. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. James 3:9, 10
256. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Rom. 12:19
257. I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery. Matt. 19:9

258. I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. Gen. 32:10
259. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1, 2
260. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by his wounds we are healed. Is. 53:4, 5
261. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9
262. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Ps. 51:17 -15-
263. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Heb. 10:14, 18
264. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2:5
265. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. 1 John 3:8
266. For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. Job 19:25-27
267. 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. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17
268. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. Phil. 3:19

269. And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Cor. 5:15, 17
270. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20
271. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Tim. 2:22
272. For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 1 Tim. 4:8
273. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matt. 6:33, 34
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274. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9
275. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. Jer. 23:28
276. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matt. 18:18
277. Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Gal. 6:6, 7
278. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18
279. O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on

my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. Ps. 139:1-4

280. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good. Ps. 14:1
281. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:9-11
282. And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:15-17
283. Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Eccl. 5:1

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284. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Is. 55:10, 11
285. O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8
286. I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. Rom. 16:17
287. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Ps. 19:14
288. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will

receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:6-8

289. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree." Gal. 3:13
290. Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. 2 Tim. 1:9
291. The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Rom. 3:22-24
292. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe –and shudder! James 2:19
293. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14
294. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Heb. 11:3
295. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Rom. 8:7
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296. A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. Is. 42:3
297. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Gal. 4:4,5
298. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17
299. You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." Rom. 2:23, 24
300. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 1 Cor. 10:16

301. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matt. 5:28
302. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 1 Cor. 6:18
303. Sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. Eph. 5:3, 4
304. The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. Ezek. 18:20
305. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 1 Tim. 6:8-10
306. Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land. Is. 5:8 -19-
307. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. Matt. 23:15
308. For whoever keeps the whole law but falls in one point has become accountable for all of it. James 2:10
309. If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. Ps. 130:3,4
310. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matt. 18:17, 18
311. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matt. 18:20

312. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11:25, 26
313. Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Prov. 28:13
314. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil. 2:5-8
315. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matt. 16:24
316. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Eph. 6:12

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TO BISHOPS, PASTORS, and PREACHERS

An overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive. 1 Tim. 3:2-4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. Titus 1:9

WHAT THE HEARERS OWE THEIR PASTORS

The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Gal. 6:6, 7

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and "The laborer deserves his wages." 1 Tim. 5:17, 18

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thess. 5:12, 13

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13: 17

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OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Rom. 13:1-4

OF CITIZENS

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Matt. 22:21

Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Rom. 13:5-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work. Titus 3:1

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors, as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 1 Peter 2:13, 14

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TO HUSBANDS

Husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Col. 3:19

TO WIVES

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22

For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if

you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 1 Peter 3:5, 6

TO PARENTS

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

TO 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 live long in the land." Eph. 6:1-3

TO WORKERS OF ALL KINDS

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. Eph. 6:5-8

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TO EMPLOYERS AND SUPERVISORS

Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. Eph. 6:9

TO YOUTH

You who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you. 1 Peter 5:5, 6

TO WIDOWS

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. 1 Tim. 5:5, 6

TO EVERYONE

The commandments . . . are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9

I urge . . . that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Tim. 2:1

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?
Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
 2. How do you know this?
From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
 3. Are you sorry for your sins?
Yes, I am sorry I have sinned against God.
 4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Rom. 6:21, 22
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5. Do you hope to be saved?
Yes, that is my hope.
 6. In whom then do you trust?
In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
 7. Who is Christ?
The Son of God, true God and man.
 8. How many Gods are there?
Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
 10. Did the Father also die for you?
He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
 11. How do you know this?

From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. What are the words of institution?
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
Yes, I believe it.
14. What convinces you to believe this?
The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.
15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sin. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved. -25-
17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.
18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sins, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.
19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?
First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.
20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7.

Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods before me.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

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The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

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.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and 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 so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

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The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

What does God say about all these Commandments?

He says: "I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

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THE CREED

The First Article:

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

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

The Second Article:

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, 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,

that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

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The Third Article:

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 reason or strength 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of 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

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Introduction:

Our Father who art 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 with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition:

Hallowed be thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

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How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition:

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even 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 hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come;

and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

The Fourth Petition:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

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What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition:

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we

pray, nor 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 sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition:

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition:

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion:

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing 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. Amen, amen, means "Yes, yes, it shall be so."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

Which is that Word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the

name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” [Matt. 28:19]

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which 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.” [Mark 16:16]

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus chapter three:

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy.” [Titus 3:5-8]

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What does baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” [Rom. 6:4]

CONFESSION

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

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.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

A SHORT FORM OF CONFESSION

The penitent says: Dear confessor, I ask you please to hear my confession and to pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God’s will.

I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. In particular I confess before you that as a servant, maid, etc., I, sad to say, serve my master unfaithfully, for in this and that I have not done what I was told to do. I have made him angry and caused him to curse. I have been

negligent and allowed damage to be done. I have also been offensive in words and deeds. I have quarreled with my peers. I have grumbled about the lady of the house and cursed her. I am sorry for all of this and I ask for grace. I want to do better.

A master or lady of the house may say: In particular I confess before you that I have not faithfully guided my children, servants, and wife to the glory of God. I have cursed. I have set a bad example by indecent words and deeds. I have hurt my neighbor and spoken evil of him. I have overcharged, sold inferior merchandise, and given less than was paid for.

[Let the penitent confess whatever else he has done against God’s commandments and his own position.]

If, however, someone does not find himself burdened with these or greater sins, he should not trouble himself or search for or invent other sins, and thereby make confession a torture. Instead, he should mention one or two that he knows: In particular I confess that I have cursed; I have used improper words; I have neglected this or that, etc. Let that be enough.

But if you know of none at all (which hardly seems possible), then mention none in particular, but receive the forgiveness upon the general confession which you make to God before the confessor.

Then the confessor shall say: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Amen.

Furthermore: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

Yes, dear confessor.

Then let him say: Let it be done for you as you believe. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in peace.

A confessor will know additional passages with which to comfort and to strengthen the faith of those who have great burdens of conscience or are sorrowful and distressed.

This is intended only as a general form of confession.

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

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Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter 20: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." [John 20:22-23]

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

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

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words, “for you” require all hearts to believe.

HOW THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH HIS HOUSEHOLD TO PRAY MORNING AND EVENING

Morning Prayer:

In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the ✓ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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Evening Prayer:

In the evening, when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the ✓ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend