



Our Savior Lutheran School

Learn by Heart Enchiridion 2021-2022

Catechism, Bible Verses, Bible Stories, and Hymns to Learn by Heart

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross." Colossians 1:15-20

"First teach them the words, then teach them what they mean." Martin Luther

TEACHING THE FAITH AT OUR SAVIOR

Our Savior Lutheran Church has established its parish school as a necessary result of our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We fully agree with Dr. Martin Luther who affirmed: "I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must be corrupt."



We believe that Jesus Christ is of crucial importance for every part of our lives. Since "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Proverbs 9:10) Any perception of reality which is not centered in Christ and His cross is fatally flawed. Any attempt at education which does not consistently reflect a Christian world view is inaccurate and inadequate. We seek the integration of faith and learning so that our students may come to recognize that all truth, in every subject, is God's truth. We renounce the false separation between secular and sacred truth. The facts of science and mathematics, the order of grammar and syntax, the beauty of literature, art and music, the great characters and events of history, all belong to and flow from the God who created and preserves the universe, and who directs the course of all things.

We acknowledge the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the verbally inspired and inerrant Word of God. We are firmly convinced that the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church, contained in the Book of Concord, and the historic doctrinal positions of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod offer faithful testimony to the truth of Scripture. All those who serve the Lord as pastors and teachers in this congregation and its school must be willing to personally confess these doctrines as their own and publicly pledge their unconditional allegiance to them.

Our school exists to assist and support the parents of our congregation and community in rearing their children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4) and to reach out in the name of Christ to the families of our community with the precious Gospel of salvation. The school exists as a mission arm of the church with the deliberate goal of bringing people into the family of believers and active participation in the life of the congregation. Thus the school program must remain an integral part of the overall program of the parish, coordinating its activities and involving its faculty and students in other church functions whenever possible.

We believe that each and every one of our students is a precious child of God, whom the Lord loves and for whom the Lord Jesus died on the cross. We are therefore resolved to encourage, challenge, and stimulate each of our students to make the best possible use of the physical, intellectual, aesthetic, social, and spiritual talents and abilities which God has given them. Nothing less than excellence is acceptable in our ministry of Christian education. Each student must be offered every opportunity to excel in spiritual growth, academic studies athletic competition, artistic performance, and social development in a manner appropriate to their age and ability level. This commitment to excellence requires the maintenance of high academic standards, expectations, and the consistent application of a firm, Biblically-based system of discipline.

Using the Catechism to Teach the Christian Faith and Life

The Bible is and always will be our “textbook.” It is our only reliable guide. No one’s opinion or tradition must be accepted without Biblical support. But if it can be demonstrated that a doctrine has a firm base in Scripture, then it must be accepted by all. The Small Catechism is our prayer book and handbook that teaches us how to pray and how to understand and interpret the Bible, the liturgy, and our relationship with God. It sets forth in plain, simple language what all Christians need to know for their faith and life. The Catechism has been used by Lutheran families and schools for centuries to learn the essence of the Christian faith as presented in the Bible. Our Savior uses and relies on this important text throughout its Religion curriculum and school liturgy.

“Learn by Heart” – The Importance of Memorization

The text of the Small Catechism must be learned by heart if it is to function as an effective prayer book and handbook for Christians. The memorization of texts is often treated with contempt by so-called education “experts.” These same experts have presided over an unprecedented decline and deterioration in education over the last several decades. Memorization is an essential element of good education. The basic facts and teachings of every subject, whether it be A-B-Cs or multiplication tables, should be memorized and learned by heart. Are we to forego the same care and concern when teaching the Christian faith? May it never be so! We want our students to become steeped in the texts of the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the sacraments. To know these basic Biblical texts is to know God. The Catechism gives us the most important texts or primary vocabulary of the Scriptures. Luther’s explanations to those texts were written for students so that Jesus and His gospel would be revealed through those texts and the students would develop a deeper faith and understanding of them.

“First teach them the words, then teach them what they mean,” were Luther’s instructions to parents and teachers concerning the Catechism. Children learn the language of their Lord in same way they learn their own language. They hear their father and mother speaking to them over and over and over again, until they begin to speak the language themselves. They begin to use the words that they have heard, even before they fully understand what the words mean. So it is with the Word of God. We hear the Word of God over and over and over again until it becomes embedded in our hearts. We begin to hear, learn, and use words before we fully understand what those words mean. Indeed, learning to believe and understand those words is a lifelong process. Moreover, we must be mindful of our Savior’s admonition that “unless you believe as one of these little ones, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Faith itself begins with hearing and receiving the Word in the heart. Only in this way does the Word of God become our own word in our confessions of the faith and in our prayers. How can we deny this to even the smallest child among us?

A Catechism for All Christians

The primary texts of Luther’s Small Catechism are not “Luther’s.” They are the texts of the church of God in all times and places taken from the Bible and its teachings. They answer the most basic questions about the Christian faith. These texts are not unique to Lutherans. They are Christian and Biblical. Luther’s explanations were written to help us understand and use them correctly.

A Brief Look at Each of the Parts of the Small Catechism

REPENTANCE, FAITH, AND THE HOLY LIFE:

The Ten Commandments, The Creed, and The Lord’s Prayer

The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance

The Ten Commandments are God's Law. God's Law smashes the self-righteousness of man and exposes his mistrust of God. At the same time, God's Law exalts the righteousness of Christ who fulfilled the whole will and Law of God for us. The Law must condemn the sinner and convict him of his need for Christ. This is the preaching of repentance.

The Creed Preaches the Faith That Saves Us from Our Sin

The Creed preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ that saves us from our sin. No one can be saved without faith in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the loving creator of us all, and the redeemer and sanctifier of sinners. The Creed preaches all that God does for us by His grace alone. This is the unifying theme of the three articles of the Creed and the Bible stories upon which they are based. The center of the Bible and the catechism is Christ, the Savior of sinners. He is the object and content of our faith. The Creed preaches Christ.

The Creed is the only part of the six chief parts of the catechism that is not a direct quotation of a specific portion of Scripture. This is because it is a faithful summary of the entire Scriptures, and every word and phrase of the Creed is from the Bible. Therefore, the Creed actually contains every other part of the catechism. Faithful catechesis on the Creed also includes catechesis on the Law, prayer, Baptism, absolution, the Lord's Supper, and the Christian's vocation in the world.

The Lord's Prayer Preaches the Holy Life

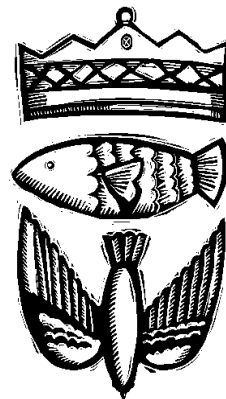
Christians pray because they believe the Gospel (the Creed). The Gospel makes our lives holy. The Holy Spirit calls us to faith in Christ by the Gospel and cleanses us of all sin. The Holy Spirit makes us holy through the Word and faith. Each petition of the Lord's Prayer is a promise of God. The promises of God are anchored in Christ and God's love for us. We have no strength in ourselves. The Lord's Prayer directs us sinners where to find our help. We cry out to Him because we believe in what He has promised us. This is the holy life of faith in Christ. Faith in Christ is busy and active to "call upon [God] in every trouble ... pray, praise, and give thanks" in every time, place, and circumstance of life.

THE SACRAMENTS CREATE, NURTURE, AND SUSTAIN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE OF FAITH AND LOVE:

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism regenerates sinners and makes us Christians. All that Christ has done for us is pledged to us by the Father in our Baptism. In Holy Baptism, God the Father unites us with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His Son, for the forgiveness of sins, and bestows upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Baptism, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, seals us in the Trinitarian faith of the Creed. It makes us the children of God. By this baptismal faith, we are bold to "ask Him as dear children ask their dear father" (The Lord's Prayer) to return to Him "in daily contrition and repentance" (The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession), and to eat and drink the body and blood of Christ for the "forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation" (The Sacrament of the Altar).



Confession

Confession and absolution return us to the promises of our Baptism daily. Absolution strengthens our faith in Christ and gives us comfort and help against sin and temptation. The preaching of the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake is the reason for the institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry – the Office of the Keys. Everything the minister of Christ does as preacher and catechist, he does for the sake of proclaiming the forgiveness of sins. Even when he preaches the Law, or judges doctrine, or admonishes the erring, or withholds forgiveness from an impenitent sinner, he does so to bring the sinner to repentance for the sake of preaching the forgiveness of sins. The preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments are the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit through which He enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith (The Third Article of the Creed). This section of the catechism speaks about the Office of the Ministry in general, and about private confession and absolution in particular. Lutherans retain private confession for the sake of proclaiming the absolution to sinners. The sinner's need for Christ and His forgiveness is the reason for the office and the motivation for all that the minister does.

The Sacrament of the Altar

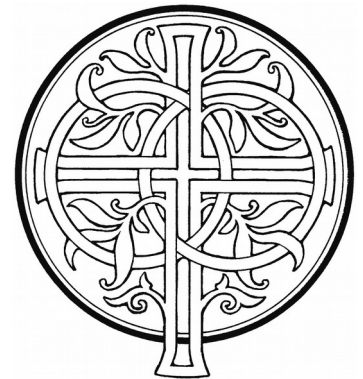
The Sacrament of the Altar gives us the body and blood of Christ for salvation. It is medicine against our sinful flesh, the sin and trouble of this world, and the temptations of the devil. Through the reception of His body and blood in the Sacrament we learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for our sin, and also learn from Him to love God and our neighbor. The Lord's Supper confesses the faith of the Creed and strengthens us to live the baptismal faith in love to our neighbor.

How to Use this Curriculum

This book contains general information about Our Savior's Learn-By-Heart program, the schedule for the current thirty-seven-week school year, and a special “Learn-By Heart” catechism for use by parents, teachers, and students when learning the Catechism. In addition to this book, it will be helpful to have a Bible (ESV), *Luther's Small Catechism*, and a copy of *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*.

There are four parts to each weekly lesson: (1) Catechism; (2) Bible Verse; (3) Catechism Hymn; (4) The Old Testament Reading, Epistle Reading, and Gospel Reading for the week. Also, for weeks in which a significant date on the church calendar occurs during the middle of the week, special readings are included.

These parts will be integral to Our Savior's religion curriculum and “school liturgy” in the coming academic year. Our “school liturgy” includes our opening school-wide devotions that occur every day at the start of school, our classroom closing devotions held just before school closing, our weekly chapel service, and our individual religion and music classes. Each element of the weekly lesson will be incorporated in the school liturgy. In addition, our Sunday service will also incorporate many of these aspects, bringing together what our students do in their classrooms and school during the week with what their worship service does on Sunday.



Catechism

There will be a Catechism selection for every week that is to be learned by heart. The week's selection will be introduced at the first devotion of the week on Monday morning. It will be repeated throughout the week at opening and closing devotions and school chapel.

Bible Verse

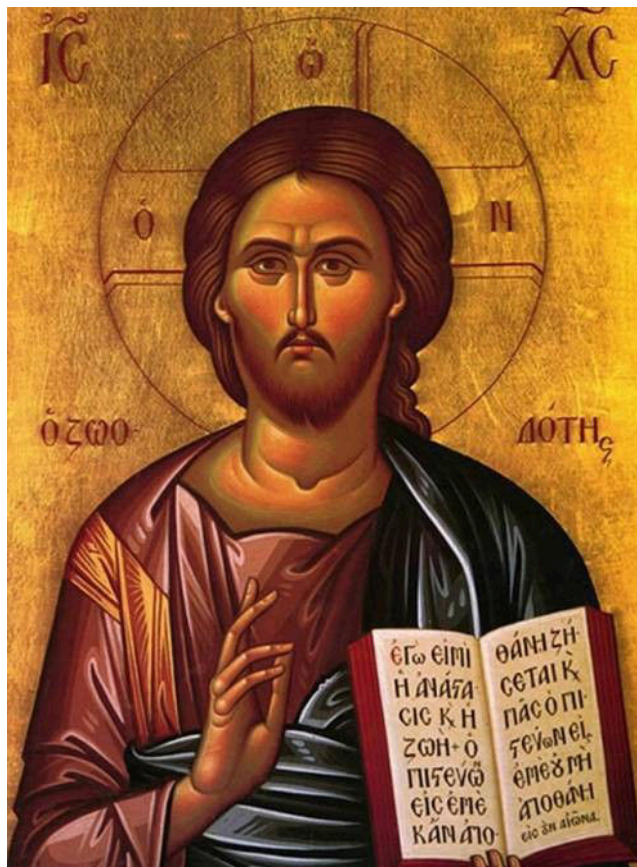
There will be a Bible verse to be learned by heart every week. This verse will often relate to and reinforce the scriptural foundation for the Catechism selection of the week. The week's selection will be introduced at the first devotion of the week on Monday morning. It will be repeated throughout the week at opening and closing devotions and school chapel.

Catechism Hymn

Luther wrote hymns that teach the Catechism. Each of the six chief parts of the Catechism has a corresponding hymn. One or more verses are to be learned by heart every week that relate to and reinforce the Catechism selection. The week's selection will be introduced at the first devotion of the week on Monday morning. It will be repeated throughout the week at opening and closing devotions and school chapel. In addition, it will be incorporated into the week's music class. These hymns can be found in *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*. They are also printed in this booklet following the Catechism section assigned for each week.

The Old Testament Reading, The Epistle Reading, and The Gospel Reading

These will be the established scripture readings for the church year. School devotions and chapel will incorporate them in the readings and homilies conducted in chapel and the classroom recalling their reading and teaching each Sunday in church. These readings will not be part of the mandatory Learn-by-Heart, but parents are encouraged to use and teach them also in their own devotions at home. Readings for Festivals that occur during the week are also included.



LUTHER'S PREFACE

[Luther included this preface to his Small Catechism which addressed particular issues of his day.]

Martin Luther, to all faithful and godly pastors and preachers: grace, mercy, and peace be yours in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The deplorable, miserable conditions which I recently observed when visiting the parishes have constrained and pressed me to put this catechism of Christian doctrine into this brief, plain, and simple form. How pitiable, so help me God, were the things I saw: the common man, especially in the villages, knows practically nothing of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are almost entirely incompetent and unable to teach. Yet all the people are supposed to be Christians, have been baptized, and receive the Holy Sacrament even though they do not know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments and live like poor animals of the barnyard and pigpen. What these people have mastered, however, is the fine art of tearing all Christian liberty to shreds.



Oh, you bishops! How will you ever answer to Christ for letting the people carry on so disgracefully and not attending to the duties of your office even for a moment? One can only hope judgment does not strike you! You command the Sacrament in one kind only, insist on the observance of your human ways, and yet are unconcerned whether the people know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or indeed any of God's Word. Woe, woe to you forever!

Therefore dear brothers, for God's sake I beg all of you who are pastors and preachers to devote yourselves sincerely to the duties of your office, that you feel compassion for the people entrusted to your care, and that you help us accordingly to inculcate this catechism in the people, especially the young. If you cannot do more, at least take the tables and charts for catechism instruction and drill the people in them word for word, in the following way:

First, the pastor should most carefully avoid teaching the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the sacraments, etc., according to various texts and differing forms. Let him adopt one version, stay with it, and from one year to the next keep using it unchanged. Young and inexperienced persons must be taught a single fixed form or they will easily become confused, and the result will be that all previous effort and labor will be lost. There should be no change, even though one may wish to improve the text.

The honored fathers understood this well, and therefore they all consistently used one form of the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We should do as they did by teaching these materials to the young and the common man without altering a single syllable and by never varying their wording when presenting or quoting them year after year.

So adopt whatever form you wish, and then stick with it at all times. If, however, you happen to be preaching to some sophisticated, learned audience, then you certainly may demonstrate your skill with words by turning phrases as colorfully and masterfully as you can. But with young persons keep to a single, fixed, and permanent form and wording, and teach them first of all the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., according to the text, word for word, so that they can repeat it after you and commit it to memory.

But those who refuse to learn are to be told that they are denying Christ and do not belong to Him. They are not to be admitted to the Sacrament, accepted as sponsors at Baptism, or allowed to exercise Christian liberty in any way. They should instead be simply directed back to the pope and his functionaries, yes, even to Satan himself. Moreover, their parents and superiors should refuse them food and drink, telling them that the prince is of a mind to expel such rude persons from his realm, and so on.

Of course, we cannot, and we should not try to, force the Christian faith on anyone. Yet we should steadily keep on urging people toward it and help them know what is considered right and wrong in the society in which they want to live and earn their living. A person who wants to live in a certain city and enjoy its privileges should know and observe its laws, no matter whether he believes in them or is at heart a rogue or scoundrel.

Second, after they have well memorized the text (of the catechism), then explain the meaning so that they understand what they are saying. Do so again with the help of these charts or some other brief uniform method of your choosing; adhere to it and do not change a single syllable, as said above concerning the text, taking your time with it. For it is not necessary to teach everything at once, but one thing after the other. After they understand well the meaning of the First Commandment, proceed to the Second, and so on, otherwise they will be too overwhelmed to the point of remembering nothing.

Third, after you have so taught them this short catechism, take up the Large Catechism and use it to give them a broader and richer understanding. Here enlarge on every individual commandment, petition, segment, explaining in each case the various words, uses, benefits, dangers, and hurts involved, as you will find them amply described in many a book dealing with these topics. Stress especially that commandment or any other specific part of the catechism doctrine which your people neglect most. For example, among craftsmen and merchants, farmers and employees, you must powerfully stress the Seventh Commandment, which forbids stealing, because among such people many kinds of dishonesty and thievery occur. Also, for young persons and the common man you must stress the Fourth Commandment, urging them to be orderly, faithful, obedient, and peaceable, always bringing in many Bible examples of how God punished or blessed such people.

You should particularly urge those in authority and parents to govern the young well and to send them to school. Show them why it is their duty to do this and explain what a damnable sin it is if they fail to do so. For by such neglect they ruin and destroy both the kingdom of God and that of this world and prove themselves to be the worst enemies of both God and man. Thoroughly underscore what terrible harm they do by not helping train children to become pastors, preachers, writers, and the like, and how God will punish them for it. There is a great need to preach about these things. For parents and those in authority are guilty beyond words in this regard, and the devil has horrible things in mind.

Finally, now that the pope's tyranny is over, people no longer want to go to the Sacrament but despise it. Here again urging is necessary, however, with the understanding that we are not to force anyone into the faith or to the Sacrament, nor set any law, time, or place for it. Our preaching should instead be such that of their own accord and without our command, people feel constrained themselves and press us pastors to serve the Sacrament. The way to go about this is to tell them that if anyone does not seek or desire the Lord's Supper at the very least four times a year, it is to be feared that he despises the Sacrament and is not Christian, just as no one is a Christian who does not believe or hear the Gospel. For Christ did not say, "Omit this" or "despise this," but "This

do, as often as you drink it,” etc. He most certainly wants it done and does not want it left undone and despised. “This do,” He says.

For a person not to prize highly the Sacrament is tantamount to saying that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell. That is to say, he believes in none of these although he is overwhelmed by them and is the devil’s possession twice over. On the other hand, he needs no grace, life, paradise, kingdom of heaven, Christ, God, or any good thing. Surely, if he recognized how much evil is in him and how much he needs all the good things he lacks, he would not neglect the Sacrament, which gives help against such evil and bestows so much goodness. He will not need to be forced by law to the Sacrament but will himself come running in a hurry to the Lord’s Table, constrained within himself and pressing you to give him the Sacrament.

Therefore, do not set up any law concerning it, as the pope does. Only emphasize clearly the benefit, need, usefulness, and blessing connected with the Sacrament, and also the harm and danger of neglecting it. The people will then come of themselves without your using compulsion. But if they still do not come, then let them go their way and tell them that all who are insensitive or unaware of their great need and God’s gracious help belong to the devil. But if you fail to urge these things or if you make it into law and bitterness, then the fault will be yours if they despise the Sacrament. Why should they not be lazy if you are asleep and silent?

So look to it, you pastors and preachers. Our ministry today is something else than it was under the pope. It has become a serious and saving responsibility. Consequently, it now involves much more trouble and labor, danger and trial, and in addition it brings you little of the world’s gratitude and rewards. But Christ Himself will be our reward if we labor faithfully. The Father of all grace help us to do just that. To Him be praise and thanks forever through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Altarpiece of the crucifixion from the St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Weimar, begun by Lucas Cranach the Elder, and finished by his son Lucas Cranach the Younger

MEAL PRAYERS

Asking a Blessing

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

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. *Psalm 145:15-16*

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

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

Returning Thanks

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
His love endures forever.
[He] gives good to every creature.
He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.
His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor His delight in the legs of a man;
the Lord delights in those who fear Him,
who put their hope in His unfailing love. *Psalm 136:1, 25; 147:9-11*

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father,
for all Your benefits,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever. Amen.

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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 in 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.

Week 1	August 18	Pentecost 12
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- Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. *St. Matthew 20:28*
- Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:1)
- 1. These are the holy Ten Commands
God gave to us by Moses' hands
When high on Sinai's mount he stood,
Receiving them for our good.
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: Colossians 1:15-20

Lectionary: Proverbs 9:1-10, Ephesians 5:6-21, St. John 6:51-69

Week 2	August 25	Pentecost 13
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The First Commandment	
Pre-K+	You shall have no other gods.
2+	What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

- 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. *St. Matthew 10:37*
 - Books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
 - Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:2)
2. “I am alone your God, the Lord;
No other gods shall be adored.
But you shall fully trust in Me
And love Me wholeheartedly.”
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. John 6:51-59

Lectionary: Isaiah 29:11-19, Ephesians 5:22-33, St. Mark 7:1-13



Week 3	September 1	Pentecost 14
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The Second Commandment	
Pre-K+	You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
2+	<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>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.</p>

- Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word...”
St. John 14:23a
 - Books of the Bible: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
 - Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:3)
3. “Do not My holy name disgrace,
Do not My Word of truth debase.
Praise only that as good and true
Which I Myself say and do.”
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 7:1-13

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Ephesians 6:10-20, St. Mark 7:14-23



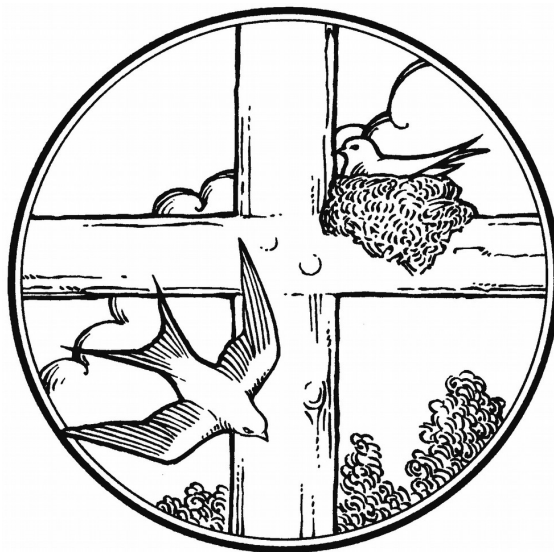
Week 4	September 8	Pentecost 15
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The Third Commandment	
Pre-K+	Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
2+	<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.</p>

- But [Jesus] said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" *St. Luke 11:28*
 - Books of the Bible: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
 - Catechism Hymn: **"These Are the Holy Ten Commands"** (*LSB* 581:4)
4. "You shall observe the worship day
That peace may fill your home, and pray,
And put aside the work you do,
So that God may work in you."
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 7:14-23

Lectionary: Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-10, 14-18, St. Mark 7:(24-30), 31-37



Week 5	September 15	Pentecost 16
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The Fourth Commandment	
Pre-K+	Honor your father and your mother.
2+	<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>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.</p>

- Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
Colossians 3:20
 - Books of the Bible: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah
 - Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:5)
5. “You are to honor and obey
Your father, mother, ev’ry day,
Serve them each way that comes to hand;
You’ll then live long in the land.”
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 7:31-37

Lectionary: Isaiah 50:4-10, James 3:1-12, St. Mark 9:14-29



Week 6	September 22	Pentecost 17
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The Fifth Commandment	
Pre-K+	You shall not murder.
2+	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.

- Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. *Jeremiah 1:5a*
 - Books of the Bible: Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
 - Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:6)
6. “You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate;
Your anger dare not dominate.
Be kind and patient; help, defend,
And treat your foe as your friend.”
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 9:14-29

Lectionary: Jeremiah 11:16-20, James 3:13-4:10, St. Mark 9:30-37



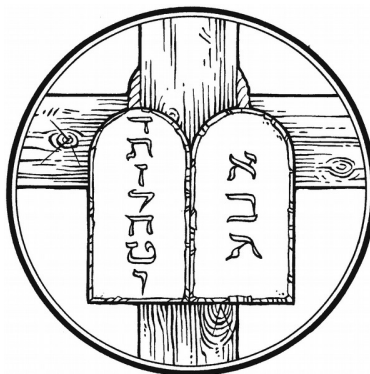
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The Sixth Commandment	
Pre-K+	You shall not commit adultery.
2+	<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.</p>

- For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age. *Titus 2:11-12*
 - Books of the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians
 - Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:7)
7. “Be faithful to your marriage vow;
No lust or impure thoughts allow.
Keep all your conduct free from sin
By self-controlled discipline.”
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 9:30-37

Lectionary: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 5:(1-12) 13-20, St. Mark 9:38-50



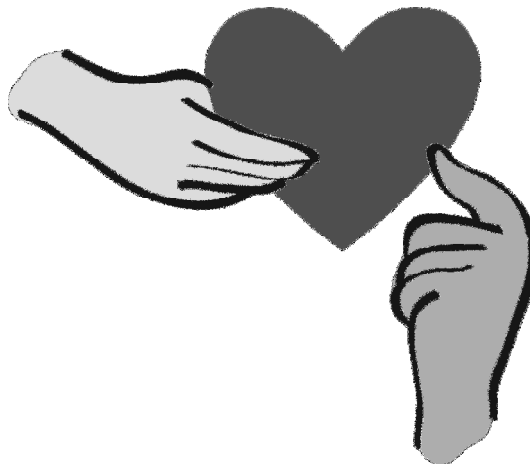
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The Seventh Commandment	
Pre-K+	You shall not steal.
2+	<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.</p>

- Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:16*
 - Books of the Bible: Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews
 - Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:8)
8. “You shall not steal or take away
What others worked for night and day,
But open wide a gen’rous hand
And help the poor in the land.”
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 9:38-50

Lectionary: Genesis 2:18-25, Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18), St. Mark 10:2-16



Week 9	October 13	Pentecost 20
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The Eighth Commandment	
Pre-K+	You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
2+	<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>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.</p>

- Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. *Ephesians 4:25*
 - Books of the Bible: James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, Jude, Revelation
 - Catechism Hymn: **“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”** (LSB 581:9)
9. “Bear no false witness nor defame
Your neighbor nor destroy his name,
But view him in the kindest way;
Speak truth in all that you say.”
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 10:2-16

Lectionary: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 3:12-19, St. Mark 10:17-22



Week 10	October 20	Pentecost 21
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The Ninth Commandment	
Pre-K+	You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
2+	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	
Pre-K+	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
2+	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.

- Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." *Hebrews 13:5*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"These Are the Holy Ten Commands"** (LSB 581:10)
10. "You shall not crave your neighbor's house
Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.
Pray God He would your neighbor bless
As you yourself wish success."
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. Mark 10:17-22

Lectionary: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20, Hebrews 4:1-13, (14-16), St. Mark 10:23-31



Week 11	October 27	Reformation
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The Close of the Commandments	
Pre-K+	<p>What does God say about all these commandments?</p> <p>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."</p>
2+	<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>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.</p>

- For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. *James 2:10*

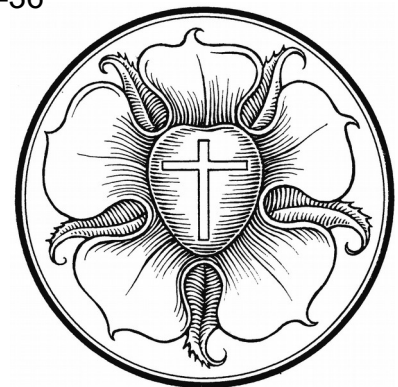
- Catechism Hymn: **"These Are the Holy Ten Commands"** (LSB 581:11-12)

11. You have this Law to see therein
That you have not been free from sin
But also that you clearly see
How pure toward God life should be.
Have mercy, Lord!

12. Our works cannot salvation gain;
They merit only endless pain.
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
Who pleads for us endlessly,
Have mercy, Lord!

Chapel Text: St. John 8:31-36

Lectionary: Revelation 14:5-7, Romans 3:19-28, St. John 8:31-36



Week 12	November 3	All Saints Day
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The First Article	
Pre-K+	I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
1+	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.
2+	He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.
3+	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.
4+	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.

- [B]ut these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. *St. John 20:31*
 - Catechism Hymn: **“We All Believe in One True God”** (LSB 954:1)
1. We all believe in one true God,
Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us;
All we need His hand provides us;
Through all snares and perils leads us,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He cares for us by day and night;
All things are governed by His might.

Chapel Text: St. Mark 12:38-44

Lectionary: Revelation 7:2-17, I John 3:1-3, St. Matthew 5:1-12



Week 13	November 10	Veterans Day
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The First Article	
Pre-K+	I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
1+	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.
2+	He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.
3+	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.
4+	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.

- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *St. John 3:16*
- Catechism Hymn: **“We All Believe in One True God”** (LSB 954:1)
- 1. We all believe in one true God,
Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us;
All we need His hand provides us;
Through all snares and perils leads us,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He cares for us by day and night;
All things are governed by His might.

Chapel Text: St. Mark 13:1-13

Lectionary: 1 Kings 17:8-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, St. Mark 12:38-44

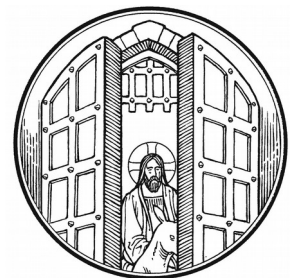


Week 14	November 17	Thanksgiving
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The Second Article	
Pre-K+	And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended 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.
1+	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,
2+	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,
3+	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.

- But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. *Galatians 4:4-5*
- Catechism Hymn: **“We All Believe in One True God”** (LSB 954:2)

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of ev’ry grace and blessing;
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
By the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother;
That the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified for all our sin
And raised by God to life again.



Chapel Text: St. Luke 17:11-19

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Philippians 4:6-20, St. Luke 17:11-19

Week 15	December 1	Advent 1
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The Second Article	
Pre-K+	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.
1+	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,
2+	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,
3+	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.

- For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. *St. Mark 10:45*
- Catechism Hymn: **“We All Believe in One True God”** (LSB 954:2)

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of ev’ry grace and blessing;
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
By the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother;
That the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified for all our sin
And raised by God to life again.



Chapel Text: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lectionary: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, St. Luke 19:28-40

Week 16	December 8	Advent 2
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The Third Article	
Pre-K+	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.
1+	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.
2+	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.
3+	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.

- 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.
Ephesians 2:8-9

- Catechism Hymn: **“We All Believe in One True God”** (LSB 954:3)

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who, in highest heaven dwelling
With God the Father and the Son,
Comforts us beyond all telling;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally.
Amen.



Chapel Text: Malachi 3:1-7b

Lectionary: Malachi 3:1-7b, Philippians 1:2-11, St. Luke 3:1-14, (15-20)

Week 17	December 17	Advent 3
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The Third Article	
Pre-K+	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.
1+	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.
2+	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.
3+	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.

- So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
Romans 10:17
 - Catechism Hymn: **“We All Believe in One True God”** (LSB 954:3)
3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who, in highest heaven dwelling
With God the Father and the Son,
Comforts us beyond all telling;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come through Jesus’ merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally.
Amen.

Chapel Text: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Lectionary: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, St. Luke 7:15-28 (29-35)

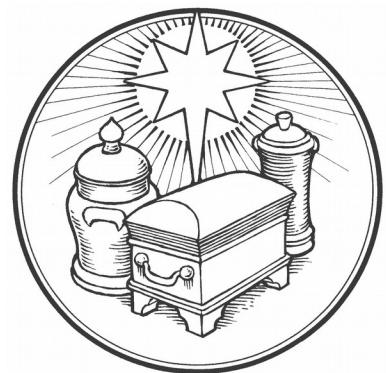
Week 18	January 5	Epiphany
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Introduction to the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	Our Father who art in heaven.
1+	What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children
2+	so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

- As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. *Psalms 103:13*
 - Catechism Hymn: **“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”** (LSB 766:1)
1. Our Father, who from heav’n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.

Chapel Text: St. Luke 2:22-40

Lectionary: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, St. Matthew 2:1-12



Week 19	January 12	Baptism of our Lord
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The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	Hallowed be Thy name.
1+	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.
3+	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.
4+	Help us to 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!

- In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. *St. Matthew 5:16*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** (LSB 766:2)
2. Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,
In purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name
We walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert;
All poor deluded souls convert.

Chapel Text: St. Luke 3:15-22

Lectionary: Isaiah 43:1-7, Romans 6:1-11, St. Luke 3:15-22



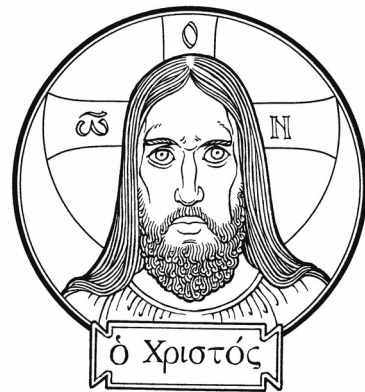
Week 20	January 19	Epiphany 2
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The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	Thy kingdom come.
1+	What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
3+	How 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.

- Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." *St. John 3:5*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** (*LSB 766:3*)
3. Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain
And Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy Ghost enrich our day
With gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;
Preserve Your Church from age to age.

Chapel Text: St. John 2:1-11

Lectionary: Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, St. John 2:1-11



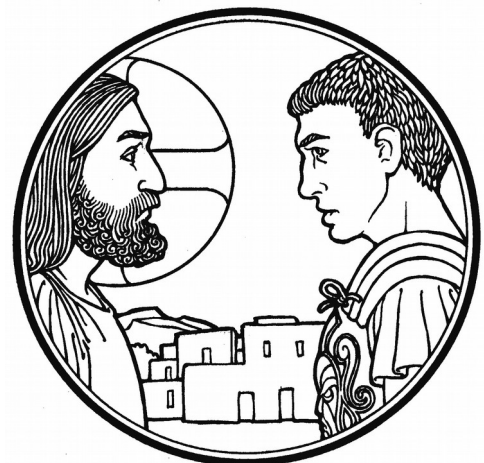
Week 21	January 26	Epiphany 3
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The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
1+	What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.
3+	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;
4+	and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

- For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. *Romans 7:18*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** (LSB 766:4)
4. Your gracious will on earth be done
As it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey
Throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill
That sets itself against Your will.

Chapel Text: St. Luke 4:16-30

Lectionary: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, St. Luke 4:16-30



Week 22	February 2	Epiphany 4
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The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	Give us this day our daily bread.
1+	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.
3+	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,
4+	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 eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. *Psalm 145:15-16*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** (LSB 766:5)
5. Give us this day our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.

Chapel Text: St. Luke 4:31-44

Lectionary: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19), 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13, St. Luke 4:31-44



Week 23	February 9	Epiphany 5
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The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
1+	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.
3+	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.
4+	So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

- Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. *Proverbs 28:13*
 - Catechism Hymn: **“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”** (LSB 766:6)
6. Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

Chapel Text: St. Luke 5:1-11

Lectionary: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13), 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20, St. Luke 5:1-11



Week 24	February 16	Epiphany 6
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The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	And lead us not into temptation.
1+	What does this mean? God tempts no one.
2+	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
3+	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.

- Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. *St. Mark 14:38*
 - Catechism Hymn: **“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”** (*LSB 766:7*)
7. Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

Chapel Text: St. Luke 6:17-26

Lectionary: Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:(1-11)12-20, St. Luke 6:17-26



Week 25	February 23	Epiphany 7
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The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	But deliver us from evil.
1+	What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us
3+	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.

- But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.
2 Thessalonians 3:3
 - Catechism Hymn: **"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** (LSB 766:8)
8. From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

Chapel Text: St. Luke 6:27-38

Lectionary: Genesis 45:3-15, 1 Corinthians 15:21-26,3-42, St. Luke 6:27-38



Week 26	March 2	Ash Wednesday
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The Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer	
Pre-K+	For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
1+	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;
3+	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."

- [A]nd call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. *Psalm 50:15*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** (LSB 766:9)
9. Amen, that is, so shall it be.
 Make strong our faith in You, that we
 May doubt not but with trust believe
 That what we ask we shall receive.
 Thus in Your name and at Your Word
 We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Chapel Text: Joel 6:12-19

Lectionary: Joel 6:12-19, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



Week 27	March 9	Lent 1
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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism The First Part	
3+	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.
2+	Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:
Pre-K	"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

- Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, 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." *St. John 3:5-6*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"** (LSB 406:1)
1. To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,
 To do His Father's pleasure;
 Baptized by John, the Father's Word
 Was given us to treasure.
 This heav'nly washing now shall be
 A cleansing from transgression
 And by His blood and agony
 Release from death's oppression.
 A new life now awaits us.

Chapel Text: Colossians 1:15-20

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, St. Luke 4:1-13



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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism The Second Part	
3+	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.
2+	Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark:
Pre-K+	“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

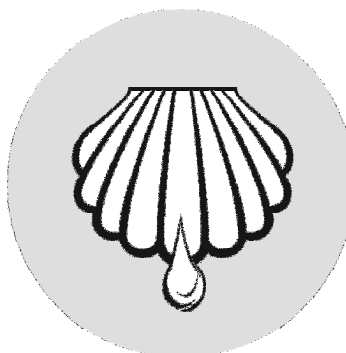
- [H]e saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.
Titus 3:5

- Catechism Hymn: **“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”** (LSB 406:2)

2. O hear and mark the message well,
For God Himself has spoken.
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell
And so receive this token.
Our Lord here with His Word endows
Pure water, freely flowing.
God’s Holy Spirit here avows
Our kinship while bestowing
The Baptism of His blessing.

Chapel Text: Isaiah 53:7, St. Matthew 27:11-14

Lectionary: Ezekiel 33:7-20, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, St. Luke 13:1-9



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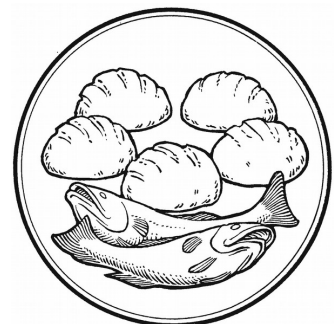
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism The Third Part	
3+	How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.
4+	For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. 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:
Pre-K+	He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
1+	whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,
2+	so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

- [F]or in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. *Galatians 3:26-27*

- Catechism Hymn: **"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"** (LSB 406:7)

7. All that the mortal eye beholds
Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

Chapel Text: Colossians 1:15-20
Lectionary: Isaiah 12:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21,
St. Luke 15:1-3,11-32



Week 30	April 6	Lent 5
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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism The Fourth Part	
3+	What does such 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.
1+	Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:
Pre-K+	We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death
2+	in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

- Catechism Hymn: **“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”** (LSB 406:1, 2, 7)

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Chapel Text: Colossians 1:15-20

Lectionary: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:(4b-7)8-14, St. Luke 20:9-20

Week 31	April 14	Maundy Thursday
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Confession	
Pre-K+	<p>What is confession?</p> <p>Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution,</p>
1+	<p>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.</p>
2+	<p>What sins should we confess?</p> <p>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.</p>
3+	<p>Which are these?</p> <p>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, quarrelsome Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?</p>

- 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*

- Catechism Hymn: **"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"** (*LSB* 607:1, 3)

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| <p>1. From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
In trial and tribulation;
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
Lord, hear my supplication.
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin,
Who then could heaven ever win
Or stand before Thy presence?</p> | <p>3. Therefore my hope is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit;
It rests upon His faithful Word
To them of contrite spirit
That He is merciful and just;
This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.</p> |
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Chapel Text: St. John 12:12-19

Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 10:15-25, St. Luke 22:7-20

Week 32	April 20	Easter
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The Office of the Keys	
1+	<p>What is the Office of the Keys?</p> <p>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.</p>
2+	<p>Where is this written?</p> <p>This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord 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."</p>
3+	<p>What do you believe according to these words?</p> <p>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.</p>

- I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. *St. Matthew 16:19*

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Chapel Text: St. Luke 24:1-12

Lectionary: Job 19:23-27, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, St. John 20:1-18

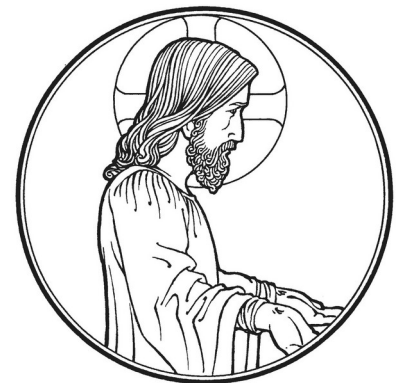
Week 33	April 27	Easter 2
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The Nature of the Sacrament	
2+	<p>What is the Sacrament of the Altar?</p> <p>It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.</p>
Pre-K+	<p>Where is this written?</p> <p>The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write:</p> <p>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."</p> <p>In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying,</p> <p>"Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new testament of My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."</p>

- 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 Corinthians 10:16

- Catechism Hymn: **"O Lord, We Praise Thee"** (LSB 617:1)

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!



Chapel Text: St. John 20:19-31

Lectionary: Acts 5:12-20, Revelation 1:4-18, St. John 20:19-31

Week 34	May 4	Easter 3
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The Benefit of the Sacrament	
2+	<p>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?</p> <p>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.</p>

- [T]he blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. *1 John 1:7b*
- Catechism Hymn: **“O Lord, We Praise Thee”** (*LSB 617:2*)
- 2. Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

Chapel Text: St. John 21:1-14

Lectionary: Acts 9:1-22, Revelation 5:(1-7) 8-14, St. John 21:1-14 (15-19)



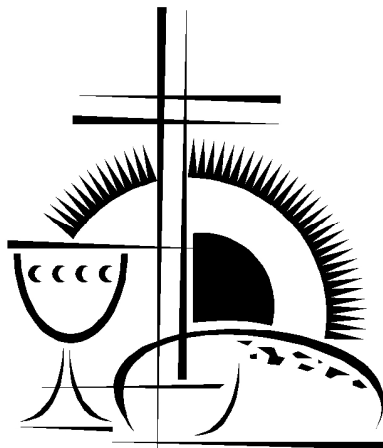
Week 35	May 11	Easter 4
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The Power of the Sacrament	
3+	<p>How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament.</p> <p>Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."</p>

- And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord. *St. Luke 1:45*
 - Catechism Hymn: **"O Lord, We Praise Thee"** (LSB 617:3)
3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
 That we follow Christ our Savior
 And live together here in love and union
 Nor despise this blest Communion!
 O Lord, have mercy!
 Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
 Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
 Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
 Days of peace and unity:
 O Lord, have mercy!

Chapel Text: St. John 21:22-30

Lectionary: Acts 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, St. John 10:22-30



Week 36	May 18	Easter 5
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How to Receive This Sacrament Worthily	
3+	<p>Who receives this sacrament worthily?</p> <p>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.</p>

- Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
1 Corinthians 11:28

- Catechism Hymn: **"O Lord, We Praise Thee"** (LSB 617:1-3)

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In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
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Our weak souls that they may flourish:
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Chapel Text: St. John 16:12-22

Lectionary: Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-7, St. John 16:12-22

Week 37	May 26	Last Day of School
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- “He is the image of the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.” *Colossians 1:15-20*
- Catechism Hymn: **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”** (LSB 802)
 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
 2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
 3. To all life Thou givest – to both great and small – in all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
and wither and perish- but naught changes Thee.
 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

Chapel Text: Colossians 1:15-20

Lectionary: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, St. Luke 24:44-53

