

**Zion Lutheran School**  
**2019-2020**  
**Learn by Heart**  
**Catechism and Bible Verse**

**Week 1**

**Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**The First Commandment**

You shall have no other gods.

***What does this mean?***

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

**Week 2**

**Psalm 111:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**The Second Commandment**

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

***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.

**Week 3**

**Psalm 26:8** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

**The Third Commandment**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping 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.

**Week 4**

**Romans 13:7** 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.

**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.

**Week 5**

**Ephesians 4:26** Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

### **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.

### **Week 6**

**Matthew 19:6** So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

### **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.

### **Week 7**

**Hebrews 13:16** Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### **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.

### **Week 8**

**Matthew 18:15** 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.

### **The Eighth Commandment**

You shall not give false testimony 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 possible way.

### **Week 9**

**Hebrews 13:5** 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.”

### **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.

### **Week 10**

**Philippians 2:4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

### **The Tenth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### ***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.

### **Week 11**

**Isaiah 42:8** I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

#### **The Close of the Commandments**

##### ***What does God say about all of these commandments?***

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Ex. 20:5-6).

### **Week 12**

**1 Timothy 4:8** 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.

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##### ***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.

### **Week 13**

**Colossians 1:16** By Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

#### **The First Article: Creation**

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.

### **Week 14**

**Genesis 2:7** then 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.

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### **Week 15**

**Psalm 145:15-16** 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.

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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.

### **Week 16**

**Matthew 1:21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

#### **The Second Article: Redemption**

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.

### **Week 17**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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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,

**Week 18**

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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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.

**Week 19**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** 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.

**The Third Article: Sanctification**

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

***What does this mean?***

I believe that I cannot by my own 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.

**Week 20**

**1 Peter 3:15** but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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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.

### **Week 21**

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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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.

### **Week 22**

**Galatians 3:26** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **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.

### **Week 23**

**Psalms 103:1** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

#### **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.

**Week 24**

**Matthew 5:16** 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.

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

***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 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!

**Week 25**

**Mark 1:15** "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

**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.

**Week 26**

**Acts 4:29** And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,

**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.

**Week 27**

**John 6:40** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

**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.

### **Week 28**

**Philippians 1:21** For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

#### **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.

### **Week 29**

**Psalms 106:1** Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

#### **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.

### **Week 30**

**1 Timothy 6:8** But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

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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.

#### ***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.

### **Week 31**

**Psalms 32:5** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

#### **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.

### **Week 32**

**Mark 14:38** Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

#### **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.

### **Week 33**

**Psalm 121:7-8** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

#### **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.

### **Week 34**

**Psalm 50:15** Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

#### **The Conclusion**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.\* Amen.

#### ***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."

\* These words were not originally in Luther's Small Catechism

### **Week 35**

**Acts 2:38-39** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

#### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

##### **First**

#### ***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: "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" (Matthew 28:19).

### **Week 36**

#### **Second**

##### ***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).

#### **Third**

##### ***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 through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying" (Titus 3:56-8).

### **Week 37**

#### **Fourth**

##### ***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.

##### ***Where is this written?***

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:4).