

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School
2007—2008 Academic Year
Catechism, Bible Verses, and Hymns
Psalm of the Week, Bible Stories, and Readings

Week #1 Beginning Sunday, August 26, 2007 Pentecost 13

- ◆ Catechism: Ten Commandments—First and Second Commandments

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

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

The Second Commandment

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

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God 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.

- ◆ Verse of the week:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 **“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!**

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 146

- ◆ Hymn of the week: 435 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (stanzas 1-2)

- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday- Luke 13:22-30

Monday- No School

Tuesday- The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace—Daniel 3:1-28 (29-30)

Wednesday- Daniel and the Lions’ Den—Daniel 6:1-23 (24)

Thursday- Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane—Matthew 26:36-46

Friday- Peter Denies His Lord—Matthew 26:69-75

Week #2 Beginning Sunday, September 2, 2007 Pentecost 14

- ◆ Catechism: Ten Commandments—Third and Fourth Commandments

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.

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.

◆ Verse of the week:

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 “**These words which I command you today shall be in your heart.** 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 32

◆ Hymn of the week: 467 “Oh, Blest the House” (stanzas 1-3)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday- Luke 14:1-14

Monday- No School

Tuesday- The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:(40) 41-52

Wednesday- Mary Sits at Jesus’ Feet—Luke 10:38-42

Thursday- The Rebellion of Absalom—2 Samuel 15:2-15 (15:16–18:5) 18:6-15 (16-32) 18:33–19:6

Friday- Ruth and Her Kinsman Redeemer—Ruth 1:1-19a (1:19b–3:18) 4:1-10 (11-22)

Week #3 Beginning Sunday, September 9, 2007 Pentecost 15

◆ Catechism: Ten Commandments—Fifth and Sixth Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

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

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

◆ Verse of the week:

Mark 10:6-8a **"From the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.'** 7 *'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh';* so then they are no longer two, but one flesh."

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 119:9-16
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 153 "Draw Us to Thee" (stanzas 1-2)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday – The Cost of Discipleship, Saltiness - Luke 14:25-35
 - Monday - Cain Murders His Brother Abel—Genesis 4:1-12 (13-15)
 - Tuesday - The Cleansing of the Ten Lepers—Luke 17:11-19
 - Wednesday - The Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37
 - Thursday - Joseph Flees from Adultery—Genesis 39:1-21 (22-23)
 - Friday - Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil—Matthew 4:1-11

Week #4 Beginning Sunday, September 16, 2007 Pentecost 16

- ◆ Catechism: Ten Commandments—Seventh and Eighth Commandments

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not 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.

- ◆ Verse of the week:
Matthew 5:37 **"Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."**
- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 119: 169-176
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 204 "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" (stanzas 1-2)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday- Luke 15:1-10 Parable of the Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin
 - Monday= Sunday's Gospel
 - Tuesday- Abram Gives Lot the Choice of the Land—Genesis 13:1-12 (13-18)
 - Wednesday- Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus's House—Luke 19:1-10
 - Thursday- Bless Those Who Curse—Matthew 5:33-45
 - Friday- Jesus Prays for His Enemies—Luke 23:33-43

Week #5 Beginning Sunday, September 23, 2007 Pentecost 17

- ◆ Catechism: Ten Commandments—Ninth and Tenth Commandments

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

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

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his 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.

- ◆ Verse of the week:

Matthew 6:33-34 **"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.** 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble."

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 51

- ◆ Hymn of the week: 442 "In You Is Gladness" (stanza 1)

- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday- Parable of the Dishonest Manager - Luke 16:1-15

Monday- The Widow of Nain's Son Is Raised—Luke 7:11-17

Tuesday- Ahab Covets Naboth's Vineyard—1 Kings 21:1-16

Wednesday- The Fall of Man into Sin—Genesis 3:1-8

Thursday- Confess Christ, Take Up Your Cross, and Follow Him—Mt. 10:32-39

Friday- The Rich Young Ruler—Mark 10:17-31

Week #6 Beginning Sunday, September 30, 2007 Pentecost 18

- ◆ Catechism: Ten Commandments—Review and The Close of the Commandments

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" (Exodus 20:5-6).

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.

◆ Verse of the week:

James 2:10 **Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 2

◆ Hymn of the week: 388 "The Man Is Ever Blessed" (stanzas 1-3)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – The Rich Man and Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31

Monday - Jesus Heals on the Sabbath—Luke 14:1-11

Tuesday - The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14

Wednesday - God's Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshippers—Exodus 32:15-35

Thursday - Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty—Luke 23:13-25

Friday- No School

Week #7 Beginning Sunday, October 7, 2007 Pentecost 19

◆ Catechism: Creed—First Article

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. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 33:6 **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,** And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 34

◆ Hymn of the week: 450 "The God of Abraham Praise" (stanzas 1 and 8)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – Sin, Faith, Service - Luke 17:1-10

Monday – No School

Tuesday - Creation—The First Four Days—Genesis 1:1-19

Wednesday - Creation—Days Five and Six—Genesis 1:20-31

Thursday - Creation—The Days of Rest—Genesis 2:1-7

Week #8 Beginning Sunday, October 14, 2007 Pentecost 20

- ◆ Catechism: Creed—First Article

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- ◆ Verse of the week:

John 1:1-3 **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 84

- ◆ Hymn of the week: 281 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” (stanzas 1-2)

- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers - Luke 17:11-19

Monday - The Fall of Man into Sin—Genesis 3:1-8

Tuesday - The First Promise of Salvation—Genesis 3:8-15

Wednesday - The Curse of the Fall—Genesis 3:16-24

Thursday - Cain Murders Abel and the Birth of Seth—Genesis 4:1-18 (19-24) 25-26

Friday - The Flood—The Wickedness of Man and God’s Judgment—Gen. 6:5-22

Week #9 Beginning Sunday, October 21, 2007 Pentecost 21

- ◆ Catechism: Creed—Second Article

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 Plate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits

at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with

gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

◆ Verse of the week:

John 1:14 **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 27

◆ Hymn of the week: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" LW 278

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Monday - The Flood—The Rains Fall for Forty Days and Forty Nights—Gen. 7:1-24

Tuesday - The Flood—The Promise of the Rainbow—Genesis 9:1-17 (18-29)

Wednesday - The Call of Abram—Genesis 12:1-20

Thursday - The Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9

Friday - Abram and Lot—Genesis 13:1-18

Week #10 Beginning Sunday, October 28, 2007 Reformation

◆ Catechism: Creed—Second Article

The Second Article: Redemption

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What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under

Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

◆ Verse of the week:

John 3:16 **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 46

◆ Hymn of the week: 298 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (stanzas 1-2)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – “The Truth Will Set You Free”—John 8:31-36

Monday - Abram Rescues Lot and Pays a Tithe to Melchizedek—Genesis 14:8-23

Tuesday - God’s Covenant with Abram—The Promise of a Son—Genesis 15:1-6

Wednesday - Hagar and Ishmael—Genesis 16:1-16

Thursday - Circumcision and Abram’s Name Change...—Genesis 17:1-11 (12-14)

Friday – No School

Week #11 Beginning Sunday, November 4, 2007 All Saints Day

◆ Catechism: Creed—Third Article

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. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

◆ Verse of the week:

John 6:63 **It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.** The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 116

◆ Hymn of the week: HS 839 “Sing With All the Saints In Glory”

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – The Beatitudes -- Matt. 5:1-12

Monday - Sarai’s Name Change—Genesis 17:15-27

Tuesday - The Three Visitors—Genesis 18:1-15

Wednesday - Abraham Prays for Sodom—Genesis 18:16-33

Thursday - Sodom and Gomorrah Are Destroyed—Genesis 19:1 (2-11) 12-29

Friday - Abraham and Abimelech—Genesis 20:1-18

Week #12 Beginning Sunday, November 11, 2007 Pentecost 24

◆ Catechism: Creed—Third Article

The Third Article: Sanctification

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I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

◆ Verse of the week:

Ephesians 2:1 **You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 111

◆ Hymn of the week: 270 “Jesus Priceless Treasure” (stanzas 1 and 2)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – Questions About the Resurrection” - Luke 20:27-40

Monday – No School

Tuesday - - Isaac Is Born and Ishmael Is Cast Out—Genesis 21:1-21

Wednesday - The Sacrifice of Isaac—Abraham’s Faith Is Revealed—Genesis 22:1-19

Thursday - Abraham Sends for a Bride for Isaac—Genesis 24:1-28

Friday - Rebekah—Genesis 24:29 (30-31) 32-38 (39-41) 42-49 (50-57) 58-67

Short Week Beginning Sunday, November 18, 2007 Pentecost 25

/Thanksgiving

◆ Catechism: Creed—Third Article

The Third Article: Sanctification

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What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily

and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 147:11 **The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 65

◆ Hymn of the week: 443 "Now Thank We All Our God" (stanza 1)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – The Return of Christ - Luke 21:5-28

Monday - Jacob and Esau—Esau Sells His Birthright—Genesis 25:19-34

Tuesday - Isaac and Abimelech—Genesis 26:1-11

Wednesday - Isaac Blesses Jacob—Genesis 27:1-29

Thursday – No School

Friday – No School

Week #13 Beginning Sunday, November 25, 2007 (Trinity 28) Last Sunday

◆ Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Introduction and First Petition

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

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

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!

◆ Verse of the week:

1 John 3:2 **Beloved, now we are children of God;** and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 149

◆ Hymn of the week: 177 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (stanza 1)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

- Sunday – No One Knows the Day Or the Hour - Luke 23:27-43
- Monday - Esau Does Not Receive the Blessing—Genesis 27:30-45
- Tuesday - Heaven Is Opened at Bethel—Genesis 27:46–28:22
- Wednesday - Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel—Genesis 29:1-30
- Thursday - The Children of Jacob—Genesis 29:31–30:24
- Friday - Laban Agrees to Divide the Livestock with Jacob—Genesis 30:25-43

Week #14 Beginning Sunday, December 2, 200 Advent I

◆ Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Second and Third Petitions

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

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

How does God's kingdom come?

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

The Third Petition

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

What does this mean?

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

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

◆ Verse of the week:

1 Peter 5:7-8 Cast **all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.** 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 50

◆ Hymn of the week: 24 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (stanza 1)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

- Sunday – No One Knows the Day or the Hour - Matt. 24:36-44
- Monday - Jacob Flees from Laban—Genesis 31:1-21
- Tuesday - Laban Pursues Jacob—Genesis 31:22-42
- Wednesday - Laban's Covenant with Jacob—Genesis 31:43-55
- Thursday - Esau Comes to Meet Jacob—Genesis 32:1-21
- Friday - Jacob Wrestles with God—Genesis 32:22-32

Week #15 Beginning Sunday, December 9, 2007 Advent II

◆ Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Fourth Petition

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.

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.

◆ Verse of the week:

1 Timothy 6:8, 10a 8 Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 10 **For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of evil*.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 72

◆ Hymn of the week: 14 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (stanzas 1-2)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – John the Baptist Prepares the Way - Matthew 3:1-12

Monday - John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord—Matthew 3:1-12

Tuesday - Gabriel Appears to Zachariah—Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday - The Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:26-38

Thursday - Christ's Birth Is Foretold to Joseph—Matthew 1:18-25

Friday - The Visitation—Luke 1:39-56

Week #16 Beginning Sunday, December 16, 2007 Advent III

◆ Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Fifth and Sixth Petitions

The Fifth Petition

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

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

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

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 51:5 **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 146

◆ Hymn of the week: 345 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - "Go and Tell John What You See and Hear"—Matthew 11:2-15

Monday - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-80

Tuesday - The Birth of Jesus Is Foretold to Joseph—Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday - The Nativity of Our Lord—Luke 2:1-7

Thursday - The Birth of Christ Is Announced to Shepherds—Luke 2:8-14

Friday - The Shepherds Visit Bethlehem—Luke 2:15-20

Week #17 Beginning Sunday, January 6, 2008 The Epiphany of Our Lord

◆ Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Seventh Petition and Conclusion

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

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

The Conclusion

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

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."

- ◆ Verse of the week:
Matthew 7:7-8 7 **“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.** 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”
- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 72
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 75 “As With Gladness Men of Old” (stanzas 1-2)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday - The Epiphany of Our Lord—Matthew 2:1-12
 - Monday - Circumcision, Purification of Mary, and Presentation—Luke 2:21-24
 - Tuesday - Simeon and Anna Receive the Christ-child—Luke 2:25-40
 - Wednesday - The Epiphany of Our Lord—Matthew 2:1-12
 - Thursday - The Flight into Egypt—Matthew 2:13-15
 - Friday - The Slaughter of the Holy Innocents—Matthew 2:16-23

Week #18 Beginning Sunday, January 13, 2008 The Baptism of Our Lord

- ◆ Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What is Baptism? Which is that Word of God?
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).

What benefits does Baptism give? Which are these words and promises of God?

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).

- ◆ Verse of the week:
Acts 2:38-39 **Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;** and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.
- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 45
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 223 “To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord” (stanza 1)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

- Sunday - The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17
- Monday - The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:41-52
- Tuesday - John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord—Matthew 3:1-12
- Wednesday - The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17
- Thursday - Jacob and Esau Meet—Genesis 33:1-11
- Friday - Jacob Returns to Bethel—Genesis 35:1-15

Week #19 Beginning Sunday, January 20, 2008 The Second Sunday after Epiphany

- ◆ Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: How can water do such great things?

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 3:5-6).

- ◆ Verse of the week:

1 Peter 3:18 **For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust,** that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 92

- ◆ Hymn of the week: 88 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (stanzas 1-2)

- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

- Sunday - "Behold the Lamb of God"—John 1:29-42a
- Monday - No School
- Tuesday - Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father—Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29
- Wednesday - Joseph's Dreams and His Brothers Sell Him into Slavery—Gen. 37:1-36
- Thursday - Judah and Tamar—Genesis 38:1-30
- Friday - Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt—Genesis 39:1-23

Week #20 Beginning Sunday, January 27, 2008 Epiphany 3

- ◆ Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What does such baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?

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).

◆ Verse of the week:

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

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 27

◆ Hymn of the week: 347 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" (stanza 1)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - Jesus Calls the Fishermen—Matthew 4:12-25

Monday - Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison—Genesis 40:1-23

Tuesday - Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams—Genesis 41:1-36

Wednesday - Joseph Becomes the Prince of Egypt—Genesis 41:37-57

Thursday - Joseph's Brothers Journey to Egypt to Buy Food—Genesis 42:1-24

Friday - Joseph Feeds His Brothers, Sends Them to Their Father—Gen. 42:25-38

Week #21 Beginning Sunday, February 3, 2008 Transfiguration of Our Lord

◆ Catechism: Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 51:1-2 **Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness**; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 2

◆ Hymn of the week: 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" (stanzas 1-3)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - The Transfiguration—Matthew 17:1-9

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Tuesday - Benjamin Returns with His Brothers to Egypt—Genesis 43:1-34

Wednesday - Joseph's Cup Is Found in Benjamin's Sack—Genesis 44:1-17

Thursday - Judah Intercedes for Benjamin Before Joseph—Genesis 44:18-45:3

Friday - Joseph Forgives His Brothers—Genesis 45:4-28

Week #22 Beginning Sunday, February 10, 2008 The First Sunday in Lent

◆ Catechism: Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 51:17 **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 32

- ◆ Hymn of the week: Christ the Life of All the Living (stanza 1)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday - The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11
 - Monday - Jacob Journeys to Egypt to See Joseph—Genesis 46:1-27
 - Tuesday - Jacob Settles in the Land of Goshen—Genesis 46:28—47:12
 - Wednesday - Joseph's Vow to Jacob, Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons—Gen. 47:27—48:21
 - Thursday - Jacob Blesses His Sons Before He Dies—Genesis 49:1 92-27) 28—50:14
 - Friday - Joseph Continues to Show Mercy to His Brothers—Genesis 50:15-26

Week #23 Beginning Sunday, February 17, 2008 Second Sunday in Lent

- ◆ Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

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

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

- ◆ Verse of the week:
 - Acts 2:41a, 42 **Those who gladly received his word were baptized ... 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 121
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 426 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

- Sunday - Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night—John 3:1-17
- Monday - The Oppression of Israel – Exodus 1:1-22
- Tuesday - The Birth of Moses—Exodus 2:1-10
- Wednesday - Moses Flees to Midian—Exodus 2:11-25
- Thursday - I AM Appears to Moses in the Burning Bush—Exodus 3:1-17
- Friday – No School

Week #24 Beginning Sunday, February 24, 2008 Third Sunday in Lent

- ◆ Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows 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.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

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

◆ Verse of the week:

John 6:35b **"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 142

◆ Hymn of the week: 381 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" (stanza 1)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - Jesus Gives the Living Water—John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

Monday - The Lord Goes with Moses to Egypt—Exodus 4:1-31

Tuesday - Moses Goes to Pharaoh—Exodus 5:1-23

Wednesday - The Lord Promises Deliverance—Exodus 6:1-13

Thursday - The Lord Gives Signs—Exodus 6:28—7:25

Friday - The Plagues—Ex. 8:1-4 (7-10) 13-25, 32; 9:1-4, 7-35; 10:3-6 (7-11) 20-29

Week #25 Beginning Sunday, March 2, 2008 Fourth Sunday in Lent

◆ Catechism: Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

◆ Verse of the week:

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 **Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 142

◆ Hymn of the week: 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave" (stanzas 1 and 4)
tune: St. Crispin

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - Man Born Blind Receives His Sight—John 9:1-41

Monday - The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced—Exodus 11:1-10

Tuesday - The Passover Is Instituted—Exodus 12:1-14

Wednesday - The Death of the Firstborn—Exodus 12:21-30

Thursday - The Exodus—Exodus 12:31-42

Friday - Israel Journeys to the Red Sea—Exodus 13:17—14:9

Week #2 Beginning Sunday, March 9, 2008 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers: 1 Timothy 3:2-4; 1 Timothy 3:6; Titus 1:9

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2-4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 119:105 **Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 130

◆ Hymn of the week: 94 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (stanzas 1 and 5)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - The Raising of Lazarus—John 11:1-45

Monday - The Lord Fights for Israel—Exodus 14:10-31

Tuesday - The Song of Moses—Exodus 15:1-19

Wednesday – Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem - John 12:12-19

Thursday – PASSION: The Plot to Kill Jesus —Matthew 26:1-16

Friday – PASSION: Passover/ Lord's Supper—Matthew 26:17- 29

Week #27 Beginning Sunday, March 16, 2008 Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion

◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6-7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Tim. 5:17-18.

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 26:8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 116
- ◆ Hymn of the week: HS 826 “No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet”
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday - Jesus’ Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem - John 12:12-19
 - Monday - PASSION: Gethsemane—Matthew 26:30- 46
 - Tuesday - PASSION: Jesus Arrested —Matthew 26: 47 – 27:26
 - Wednesday - PASSION: Jesus’ Death —Matthew 27:27-54
 - Thursday - PASSION: Jesus’ Burial—Matthew 27:55:56
 - Friday - No School—Good Friday

Week #28 Beginning Sunday, March 30, 2008 The Second Sunday of Easter

- ◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12-13

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to YOU. Heb. 13:17

- ◆ Verse of the week:
 - Luke 10:2 **“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”**
- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 148
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 130 “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (stanzas 1, 6, and 8)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday - Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31
 - Monday - The Resurrection—Matthew 28:1-15
 - Tuesday - The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27
 - Wednesday - Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35
 - Thursday - Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49
 - Friday - Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31

Week #2 Beginning Sunday, April 6, 2008 The Third Sunday of Easter

- ◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—Of Civil Government: Romans 13:1-4

Of Civil Government

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Rom. 13:1-4

◆ Verse of the week:

2 Corinthians 12:9 9 **“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 133

◆ Hymn of the week: 140 “This Joyful Eastertide”

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - The Emmaus' Disciples—Luke 24:13-35

Monday - Bitter Water Made Sweet—Exodus 15:22-27

Tuesday - The Bread from Heaven—Exodus 16:1-35

Wednesday - The Water from the Rock—Exodus 17:1-7

Thursday - The First Battle—Exodus 17:8-16

Friday - The Advice of Jethro, the Father-in-law of Moses—Exodus 18:1-27

Week #30 Beginning Sunday, April 13, 2008 Fourth Sunday of Easter

◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—Of Citizens: Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14

Give to Caesar's what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matt. 22:21.

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Rom. 13:5-7

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

Remind the people to be subject to rules and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. Titus 3:1

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13-14

◆ Verse of the week:

Job 19:25-26 **I know *that* my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;** 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*, That in my flesh I shall see God.

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 23
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 517 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday - Jesus Is the Door of the Sheepfold—John 10:1-10
 - Monday - Israel Encamps at Mount Sinai—Exodus 19:1-25
 - Tuesday - The Lord Gives the Ten Commandments—Exodus 20:1-24 (25-26)
 - Wednesday - The Lord Makes His Covenant with Israel—Exodus 23:20—24:18
 - Thursday - The Genealogy of Jesus—Matthew 1:1-17
 - Friday - The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17

Week #31 Beginning Sunday, April 20, 2008 Fifth Sunday of Easter

- ◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19
Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7
Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Col. 3:19

- ◆ Verse of the week:
Matthew 10:32-33 **"Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."**
- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 146
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 283 "You are the Way; through You Alone" (stanzas 1-2)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday - "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"—John 14:1-14
 - Monday - The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11
 - Tuesday - Jesus' Ministry and the Call of the Fishermen—Matthew 4:12-25
 - Wednesday - Jesus Eats Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias—John 21:1-14
 - Thursday - Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25
 - Friday - Pharisee and the Tax Collector - Luke 18:9-14

Week #32 Beginning Sunday, April 27, 2008 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- ◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—To Wives: Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:5-6
Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22
They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5-6
- ◆ Verse of the week:
John 11:25-26a "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."
- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 98
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 149 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" (stanzas 1,7)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - "If you love Me, keep My commandments"—John 14:15-21

Monday - The Great Commission to Baptize and Teach the Nations—Mt. 28:16-20

Tuesday - St. Mark Records the Command to Preach the Gospel—Mark 16:9-20

Wednesday - Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples—Luke 24:44-53

Ascension - The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:1-14

Friday - Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas's Office—Acts 1:12-26

Week #33 Beginning Sunday, May 4, 2008 Ascension Observed

◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—To Parents: Ephesians 6:4; To Children: Ephesians 6:1-3
Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

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

◆ Verse of the week:

Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; 12 **For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 47

◆ Hymn of the week: 155 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (stanzas 1,4)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - Jesus Prays for His Disciples—John 17:1-11

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Tuesday - The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13

Wednesday - Peter's Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21

Thursday - Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36

Friday - The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47

Week #34 Beginning Sunday, May 11, 2008 Pentecost

◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—To Workers of All Kinds: Ephesians 6:5-8

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

◆ Verse of the week:

Mark 10:45 45 **"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 25

◆ Psalm Table: 60 Day Psalm Schedule (1-21)

◆ Hymn of the week: 497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" (stanza 1-2)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - The Promise of the Holy Spirit—John 7:37-39
Monday - The Temptation of Jesus - Matthew 4:1-11
Tuesday - Christ's Righteousness Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:13-20
Wednesday - You Shall Not Murder—Matthew 5:21-26
Thursday - You Shall Not Commit Adultery—Matthew 5:27-32
Friday - You Shall Not Give False Testimony—Matthew 5:33-37

Week #35 Beginning Sunday, May 18, 2008 Holy Trinity

◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—To Employers and Supervisors: Ephesians 6:9; To Youth: 1 Peter 5:5-6

Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. Eph. 6:9

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5-6

◆ Verse of the week:

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

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 8

◆ Hymn of the week: 168 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (stanza 1)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20
Monday - Love Your Enemies—Matthew 5:38-48
Tuesday - The Lord's Prayer—Matthew 6:1-18
Wednesday - Lay Up for Yourselves Treasure in Heaven—Matthew 6:19-34
Thursday - Jesus Is the Narrow Way—Matthew 7:1-14
Friday - The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock—Matthew 7:15-29

Week #36 Beginning Sunday, May 25, 2008 (Proper 3) Pentecost 2

◆ Catechism: Table of Duties—To Widows: 1 Timothy 5:5-6; To Everyone: Romans 13:9; 1 Timothy 2:1

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

The commandments . . . are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9

I urge . . . that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Tim. 2:1

◆ Verse of the week:

John 14:2-3 **“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.** 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.”

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 4
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 192 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” (stanza 1)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:
 - Sunday - You Cannot Serve God and Mammon—Matthew 6:24-34
 - Monday - Memorial Day—No School
 - Tuesday - Jesus Cleanses a Leper—Matthew 8:1-4
 - Wednesday - Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant—Matthew 8:5-13
 - Thursday - Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-law—Matthew 8:14-22
 - Friday – No School