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Source

This material was gathered by a careful search of the Bible and the bibliography for elements of the proper significance. These were reduced by progressive elimination. After teaching the course a number of times the sources were searched a second time for anything that might have been missed in the first sifting.

Standard

An attempt was made to set up somewhat independently a standard of catechetical instruction. Such a standard is determined by--

1. The doctrinal needs of an active Christian.

These needs must be vividly before one during the teaching of a lesson and immediately after the lesson when the needs of those who are taught are analyzed. The results of such an analysis will show--

a. Gaps in our synodical standard.

For example: growth in good works, our Christian purpose, the work of a pastor. With a growing social complexity we must expect doctrinal needs to increase rather than decrease.

b. Encumbrance of our standard with a certain amount of verbal theology not urwuechsig in the Bible.

2. The efficiency of the learning technique.

Many a truth included in our standard needs to be rescued from a complex form, which constitutes a maladjustment to the person taught of such a degree that it suggests the elimination of the teaching of the particular truth; it needs to be given a form that strikes more directly the mind and heart of the person taught.

3. The intelligence of the learner.

The aim of this course was to get a basic textbook which by a simplification of Biblical materials would, as far as that is possible, meet the needs of all learners.

By taking three lessons at a time, these forty-two lessons can be taught to adults in fourteen hours of instruction; the review of three lessons and the preparation of three new lessons, properly timed, take up one hour of instruction.

It would be easy to cut down the course; this would, however, reduce the standard. It would be better therefore to let each pastor star certain parts for himself; then the suggestion of the highest standard would remain even when the instructor felt he could not uphold it; and many members of a class would study by themselves the parts that are not required.

For adults of low intelligence and for emergency cases, such as a person preparing for an operation, the short summary would provide a minimum standard.

The intelligence of learners, however, should not be underestimated, but challenged. I have not found it hard to teach the full course to adult prospects. When adults are given the choice of all of it or a shortened form, most of them readily choose the full course.

Exegetical Accuracy

Exegetical accuracy is a prerequisite of religious teaching. To get such accuracy, the original texts were studied again and again. And passages which are used incorrectly in our synodical catechism, such as Ps. 17:15b, are not used.

Psychological Adequacy

Psychological adequacy suffers when we develop religious courses at a desk. They must grow out of the living contact of the teacher with the pupil.

This course was tested, with pencil in hand, with many different kinds of children and adults, and all improvements found while teaching were embodied. It was taught to lay teachers in preparing them to teach it to adult Sunday school classes. The present form is the result of a series of major and minor painstaking revisions during a number of years.

Several guiding principles were basic:

1. Let the Bible speak.

This course reduces human explanations to a minimum. Most prospects are not interested in lengthy comment. They soon prefer to stand on the solid ground of Scripture. Our basic course of instruction should make a person feel, "This is the Bible." It should enable the instructor to say to the learner, "If you believe all that is in these Bible passages, you are a good Christian."

2. Help the learner help himself.

Testing techniques have overemphasized the wrong end of learning. They should be replaced by more learning techniques; these are all-important. This course is the equivalent of a combined textbook and workbook for class and home study. It stimulates a learner to think and to do independent, thorough work.

Religious instruction has three immediate aims: Understanding, interest, conviction. Understanding is reached by the simplicity of materials and by the necessary helps. Interest and conviction, I believe, are best secured by having the learner get the elements of truth, as far as possible, by his own searching, as it is done in a laboratory.

3. Equip him for life situations.

The 192 prooftexts of the summary (used also as a preconfirmation review) enable a Christian to meet the most important needs of his life.

They are memorized. (These passages have been set up in a special memory system, and they are used throughout the Sunday school years and held in readiness as tools in the confirmation instructions.)

A set of challenging statements, as they are found in daily life, have been prepared. These are used to test the ability to face the problems that confront us. This method has been very effective.

Further Developments

1. A discussion course.

The large quantity of Biblical and catechetical material which was left after the preparation of this volume was searched for materials of secondary significance. From these a Discussion Course was prepared which lesson by lesson matches Bible Truth. By a variety of content and form the twin lessons aim to deepen and enrich by discussion and practical application. It was used in classes of the newly confirmed and other adult Sunday school classes which had had Bible Truth. In each lesson period the class would review the basic lesson in Bible Truth, and then spend the bulk of the time on the corresponding discussion lesson.

2. A Bible history course.

This course follows the same pattern as Bible Truth. The New Testament section is still in need of improvements.

3. Visualization.

There is a vital need for visual aids, not to decorate, but to clarify, enrich, and still more to facilitate the learning process. The cost of making and publishing such material is too prohibitive for any individual.

In order to get the best eventually we might start with a teacher's album for pastors, day school and Sunday school teachers. This would include costly art drawings and prints. It should be loose-leaf for filing, for ready reference, and to fit it into a binder for any particular lesson.--A large store of pictures and drawings has been accumulated for this purpose.

4. A new search is needed for problem stories to give a class a concrete, personal, vital approach to the truths of a lesson.

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How to Study

The Bible tells you about God, the Lord, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells you about sin, the law, the gospel, the kingdom, the church, the mission, the evangel, the cross, the resurrection, the ascension, the parousia, the new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem.

There are many ways to study the Bible. Some people read the Bible every day. Some people read the Bible once a week. Some people read the Bible once a month. Some people read the Bible once a year. Some people read the Bible once a lifetime.

If you study the Bible every day, you will know the truth of the Bible. If you study the Bible once a week, you will know the truth of the Bible. If you study the Bible once a month, you will know the truth of the Bible. If you study the Bible once a year, you will know the truth of the Bible. If you study the Bible once a lifetime, you will know the truth of the Bible.

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H o w t o S t u d y

The Bible tells you about Jesus, who loved you, a sinner, unto death. The more you will learn of the truths of the Bible the richer you will be in your Savior and the better you will serve Him.

These lessons are not hard. If you are regular and faithful in your work, you will find it easy to make 100% in any test. You will want to make up any lesson which is missed or not learned well.

If you wait a day or two after you were taught the lesson before you look at it again, you may forget the meaning of the lesson and learn mistakes. Study the new lesson thoroughly soon after you have had it in class.

A half hour of thorough study every day is better than four hours on the last day: You will know your lesson better and remember it longer.

Write down what you do not understand and ask the Pastor about it at the next meeting. Feel free to ask questions also in regard to any other religious problem.

Go through the lesson four times:

1. Get the exact answer to each question, and state the answer as far as possible in your own words.

2. Go through the lesson and get the answers more rapidly. Where there is more than one answer to a question, memorize all the answers in a group.

3. Give the answers with the right side covered.

4. Lay the lesson aside, and try to state from memory all the thoughts of the lesson.

C O N T E N T S

FULL COURSE

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The Books of the Bible

1. God's Book

Who gave us the Bible? "All Scripture is given by inspiration (breathing into) of God."
 (. Bible)
 2 Tim. 3:16
 "When ye received the Word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God."
 1 Thess. 2:13

Which are the two main parts of the Bible?	1. <u>The Old Testament.</u>	2. <u>The New Testament.</u>
When were they written?	During the 1500 years just before the birth of Christ.	During the first 100 years after the birth of Christ.
What were the men called through whom God wrote them?	"God ... spake in time past unto the fathers by the <u>prophets.</u> " Heb. 1:1	Evangelists and Apostles.
In which language were they written?	In Hebrew.	In Greek.

Whose words are the words of the Bible? (In Hebrew and Greek) "We speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."
 (God)
 1 Cor. 2:13

In which ways is the Word of God different from the word of men? (3)
 1. "Thy Word is truth." John 17:17
 2. "The Word of God is 'living'* and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword." Heb. 4:12
 3. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away." Mark 13:31

How can you be convinced that the Bible is the Word of God? "If 'you stay' in My Word, ... 'you' shall know the truth."
 John 8:31-32

For what purpose did God give us the Bible? "The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise (Bible)
unto salvation through faith which is in Christ (heaven) (belief)
 Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15
 "To Him (Jesus) give all the prophets witness that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive 'forgiveness' of sins."
 Acts 10:43

How precious should the Word of God be to us? "The Law (Word) of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver."
 Ps. 119:72

Daily Readings: (1) Jer. 1:1-10. (2) Gal. 1:6-16. (3) 2 Tim. 3:14-17. (4) 2 Pet. 1:15-21. (5) John 5:36-47. (6) Matt. 7:24-29. (7) Is. 55:6-13.

*Words in single quotes are retranslations.

2. Read and Hear

- What should we do with the Bible? (5)
1. "Search the Scriptures." John 5:39
"Thou shalt meditate therein day and night."
(think) Joshua 1:8
Mark 1:15
 2. "Believe the Gospel."
(that Jesus died for sinners)
 3. "Be not a forgetful hearer." James 1:25
"His mother kept these sayings in her heart."
Luke 2:51
 4. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only."
James 1:22
"We also believe and therefore
5) speak." 2 Cor. 4:13
- What aim should we have in learning the Bible?
- "As newborn babes, desire the 'pure' milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." 1 Pet. 2:2
- What should we do about God's Word at church? (2)
1. "Not (forsaking (staying away from) the assembling (gathering) of ourselves together." Heb. 10:25
Jesus went to church regularly. Luke 4:16
 2. "He that is of God heareth God's Words." John 8:47
"He that is of God heareth God's Words; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." John 8:47
- Is he a Christian who does not hear the Word of God?
- How should we convince ourselves that our Pastor preaches the truth?
- The people in Berea who heard Paul preach "were more noble...in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were so." Acts 17:11
- Whom do we reject when we do not hear the pastor who preaches the Bible?
- Jesus says, "He that 'rejecteth' you 'rejecteth' Me." Luke 10:16
- Whom do we hear when we hear the pastor who preaches the Bible?
- Jesus says, "He that heareth you heareth Me." Luke 10:16
"Mary ...sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word." Luke 10:39
- How should we feel about going to church?
- "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and (i home) the place where Thine honor dwelleth." Ps. 26:8
Jesus at twelve was "in the temple, in the midst of the (church) 'teachers', both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers." Luke 2:46-47
- The Lutheran Church teaches:
- "We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

Daily Readings: (1) Ps. 119:11-18, 97-105. (2) Luke 8:4-15; 10:38-42.
(3) Rom. 10:8-17. (4) Deut. 4:1-9. (5) Deut. 6:1-9. (6) Ps. 1. (7) Neh. 8:1-12.

3. G o d

How do we know
without the Bible
that there is a God?

"Every house is builded by some man; but He that built
all things is God." Heb. 3:4
"The fool hath said in his
(one who does not think right)
heart, 'There is no God.'" Ps. 14:1

What can we know
about God without
the Bible? (5)

"The invisible things of Him from the creation of
(unseen) (God) (making)
the world are clearly seen, being understood by the
things that are made, even His

- 1) eternal
(everlasting)
- 2) power and Godhead."
(being God) Rom. 1:20
3. "In wisdom hast Thou made them all." Ps. 104:24
"The heavens declare the
- 4) glory of God." Ps. 19:1
"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Ps. 139:14
5. "The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies
are over all His works." Ps. 145:9
"He left not Himself without witness in that He
did good and gave us rain from heaven and fruitful
seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."
Acts 14:17

What do we learn
about God only
from the Bible

"God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten
(born)
Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish
but have everlasting life." John 3:16

What is God? (10)

1. "God is a Spirit."
(person without a body) John 4:24
"A spirit hath not flesh and bones." Luke 24:39
"No man hath seen God at any time." John 1:18
2. "I am the Lord, I change not." Mal. 3:6
"Thou art the same, and (3) thy years shall
have no end." Ps. 102:27
3. "From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God." Ps. 90:2
4. "'Do not I fill heaven and earth?' saith the Lord." Jer. 23:24
5. "With God all things are possible." Matt. 19:26
"I am the almighty God." Gen. 17:1
6. "God ... knoweth all things." 1 John 3:20
"The very hairs of your head are all numbered." Matt. 10:30
"He knoweth the secrets of the heart." Ps. 44:21
7. "Thy Word is truth." John 17:17
"God, that cannot lie." Titus 1:2
"Hath He said and shall He not do it?" Num. 23:19
8. "I, the Lord your God, am holy."
(without sin) Lev. 19:2
9. "He is ... just."
(He rewards and punishes
everyone as he deserves) 1 John 1:9
10. "God is love." 1 John 4:8
"God so loved the world that He gave His only-
begotten Son."
(born) John 3:16

- Which persons are there in God? (3)
- "The name of
1) the Father and of
2) the Son and of (Jesus)
3) the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19
(2) "Jesus also being baptized, ... (3) the Holy Ghost 'came down' in a bodily shape like a dove upon (2) Him, and (1) a voice came from heaven which said, (2) 'Thou art (1) My (2) beloved Son.'" Luke 3:21-22
- Why is the first person called the Father?
(2)
1. He is the "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 1:3
2. "Our Father 'who' art in heaven," Matt. 6:9
"Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:26
- What is the relation of
a) the Father to the Holy Ghost?
b) Jesus to the Holy Ghost?
- a) "God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son (the Father) into your hearts." Gal. 4:6
b) Jesus says, "When the Comforter (Holy Ghost) is come whom I will send unto you (a) from the Father, even the Spirit of truth which goes out from the Father, He shall testify (tell the truth) of Me." John 15:26
- What is the Father? Jesus?
the Holy Ghost?
- "God the Father," 1 Pet. 1:2
"Jesus ... is the true God," 1 John 5:20
"Peter said, 'Ananias, why hath Satan (the devil) filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? . . . Thou hast not lied unto men but unto God.'" Acts 5:3-4
- How many gods are there?
- "There is one God." 1 Tim. 2:5
"I (Jesus) and the Father are one." John 10:30

Daily Readings: 1) Matt. 3:13-17; 2 Cor. 13:14. 2) John 14:6-17.
3) 1 John 4:8-16. 4) 1 John 5:5-13. 5) Luke 10:21-24. 6) John 5:17-27.
7) John 10:30-38.

4. G o d M a d e A l l T h i n g s

- What is evolution? The belief that the world came into being during millions of years by itself or with God's help.
- How did the world come into being? "In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." Ex. 20:11
- How did God make the world? (2)
- 1) "The worlds were 'perfected' by the Word of God so that
 - 2) things which are seen were not made of things which do appear, "Heb. 11:3 (made out of nothing)"
"God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." Gen. 1:3
- How was the world when God made it? "God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." Gen. 1:31
- How did God make man? (3)
- 1) The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and
 - 2) breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." Gen. 2:7
 - 3) "In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him." (made) Gen. 5:1
- In which ways was man like God? (2)
1. "Put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the 'likeness' of Him that created him." (made) Col. 3:10
 2. "Put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4:24 (goodness) (sinlessness)
- How did man become a sinner? (4)
1. "The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ... 'Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'" Gen. 2:16-17
 - 2) "The serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall not (devil) surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'
 - 3) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Gen. 3:4-6
 4. "By one man sin entered into the world. . . . By (Adam) one man's disobedience many were made sinners." Rom. 5:12,19

How was man after Adam
and Eve had sinned?

"Every form of the thoughts of his heart was only
evil 'always.'"
Gen. 6:5

Who has made you?

"Thy hands have made me."
(God's) Ps. 119:73

Because God made
the world, to whom
does it belong?

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,
the world and they that dwell therein." Ps. 24:1

For whose service did
God make the world?
(2)

1. "All things were created by Him and for Him."
(made) (Jesus)
Col. 1:16
2. "The earth hath He given to the children of men."
Ps. 115:16

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I
believe that God has made me and all creatures."

Daily Readings: (1) Gen. 1. (2) Gen. 2. (3) Gen. 3. (4) Ps. 104:1-9.
(5) Job 38:1-11. (6) Job 10:8-13. (7) Is. 45:5-13, 18.

5. The Angels

When did God make
the angels?

"In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that in them is." Ex. 20:11

What does the Bible
tell us about
the good angels? (5)

1. "God . . . maketh His angels ^{spirits.}
(persons without
bodies) Heb. 1:1,7
2. "The holy ^(sinless) angels." Matt. 25:31
3. "In heaven their angels do always behold the face
of My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:10
4. "His angels, that 'are mighty' in strength."
Ps. 103:20
"The angel of the Lord went out and ^(smote)
(killed) in
the camp of the Assyrians an hundred 'and eighty'
five thousand." 2 Kings 19:35
5. "A multitude ^(great number) of the heavenly 'army.'"
Luke 2:13
"Thousand thousands 'served' Him, and ten
thousand times ten thousand stood before Him."
Dan. 7:10

What do the good
angels do? (3)

1. "Bless the Lord, ye His angels."
(praise) Ps. 103:20
"I heard the voice of many angels round about
the throne, . . . saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy
is the lamb that was slain to receive power and
(Jesus)
riches and wisdom and strength and honor and
glory and blessing." Rev. 5:11-12
2. "His angels . . . do His commandments."
Ps. 103:20
"The angel Gabriel was sent from God" to tell
Mary, "Thou shalt bring forth a Son and shalt
call His name Jesus." Luke 1:26-31
3. "The Lord . . . shall give His angels ^(charge over)
(a command to)
thee to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall
bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy
foot against a stone." Ps. 91:9,11-12
"They brought Daniel and 'threw' him into the
den of lions. . . . In the morning . . . said
Daniel, . . . 'My God hath sent His angel and
hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not
hurt me.'" Dan. 6:16,19,
21-22

What does the Bible tell us about the evil angels? (5)

1. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but ...
against spirits
against powers, against the rulers of the
darkness of this world, against spiritual
(3) wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12
2. "God saw everything that He had made, and behold,
it was very good." Gen. 1:31
"God spared not
3) the angels that sinned, but
4) 'threw' them down to hell and delivered them into
chains of darkness." 2 Pet. 2:4
"Everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his
angels." Matt. 25:41
The "unclean spirit . . . answered, saying, 'My
name is Legion, for
(6,000)
- 5) we are many." Mark 5:8-9

What do the evil angels do? (3)
(devils)

1. "He that 'does' sin is of the devil."
1 John 3:8
"Peter said, 'Ananias, why hath Satan filled
(the devil)
thine heart to lie.'"
Acts 5:3
2. "The devil ... was a murderer from the beginning."
John 8:44
The devil made Job suffer "with sore boils from
the sole of his foot unto his crown."
Job 2:7
3. "Then cometh the devil and taketh away the Word
out of their hearts lest they should believe and
be saved."
Luke 8:12
(go to heaven)

Daily Readings: (1) Is. 6:1-7. (2) Dan. 3:19-28; 6:16-24. (3) Luke 1:5-22.
(4) Luke 1:26-38; 2:8-14. (5) Acts 12:5-11. (6) Job 1. (7) Job 2:1-8.

6. G o d G i v e s A l l T h i n g s

What alone makes
it possible
for us to live?

"God ... giveth to all life and breath and all things.
... In Him we live and move and have our being."
Acts 17:24-25,28

"If He gather unto Himself His spirit and His breath,
all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn
again unto dust."
Job 34:14-15

How does God take
care of our needs?
(3)

1. "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of."
Matt. 6:8

"The Lord said, ... 'I know their sorrows.'"
Ex. 1:7

2. God says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake
thee."
Heb. 13:5
"Can a woman forget her sucking child? ... Yea,
they may forget, yet will I not forget thee."
Is. 49:15

3. "The Lord is my helper."
Hob. 13:6
"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."
Ps. 23:1

What has God given
to us for food? (2)

1) "Every moving thing that liveth shall be 'food' for
(animal)
you; even as

2) the green 'plant' have I given you all things."
Gen. 9:3

Does God take care
of the unchristian?

"He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good
and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."
Matt. 5:45

How does God want us to
get what He gives us?

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."
Gen. 3:19

What makes our
work successful?

"Except the Lord build the house, they
labor in vain that build it."
(work uselessly) Ps. 127:1

Jesus "said unto Simon, 'Put off^r into the deep, and
let down your nets for a 'catch.'" And Simon answering
said unto Him, 'Master, we have 'worked hard' all the
night and have taken nothing; nevertheless at Thy word
I will let down the net.' And when they had this
done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes."
Luke 5:4-6

Through whom does God
want to help those
who cannot earn
what they need?

"Let him labor, working with his hands the thing which
is good, that he may have to give to him that
needeth."
Eph. 4:28

In which special
way may God
help at times?

"Thou art the God that doest wonders." Ps. 77:14
Jesus "brake the five loaves among the five thousand."
Mark 8:19

What danger is there in riches? in poverty? "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food (poorness) 'intended' for me, lest I be full and deny Thee and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or lest I be poor and steal." Prov. 30:8-9

What should we do with our worries? "Throwing' all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." 1 Pet. 5:7
 "Take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'With what shall we be clothed?' . . . For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Matt. 6:31-32

How much does God actually give us? " My cup runneth over." Ps. 23:5

Why is God so good to us? "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Ps. 103:13

The Lutheran Church teaches:
 "I believe . . . that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason, (power to think) and all my senses, and still preserves them; also clothing and shoes, (food) meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life."

"Give us this day our daily bread. --God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer, also to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to know it and to receive our bread with thanksgiving.

"What, then, is meant by daily bread? Everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, field, cattle, money, goods; a (pious spouse, good husband or wife) pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, (discipline, order) honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

Daily Readings: (1) Is. 40:22-31. (2) Ps. 104:10-30.
 (3) Ex. 16:2-15; Deut. 8:2-4. (4) 1 Kings 17:1-16.
 (5) Luke 5:1-11; John 6:5-14. (6) Ps. 23. (7) Matt. 6:25-34.

7. God Rules and Delivers Us

- Over how much does God rule? "Thou 'rulest' over all." 1 Chron. 29:12
- How do we say in the Lord's Prayer that God rules everything? "Thine is the kingdom." Matt. 6:13
- Is there such a thing as luck or accident in God's sight? "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? (cent) And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." Matt. 10:29
- Can we change the laws by which God rules nature? "Thou canst not make one hair white or black." Matt. 5:36
- What part does God take in everything a person does? "A man's heart 'plans' his way, but the Lord directeth his steps." Prov. 16:9
"Ye ought to say, 'If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that.'" James 4:15
- How does God rule evil people (3)
1. "God said, ... 'I also withheld thee from sinning.'" Gen. 20:6
 2. "He maketh the 'plans' of the people of none effect." Ps. 33:10
"They said, ... 'Let us build us a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' . . . The Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city." Gen. 11:4,8
 3. "Against thy holy Child Jesus ... Herod and Pontius Pilate with the Gentiles and the people of Israel were gathered together for to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy 'will' determined before to be done." (decided) Acts 4:27-28
- What evils are there? (4)
1. "By sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." Prov. 15:13
 2. "Dishonor." 2 Cor. 6:8
 3. "Sicknesses." Deut. 29:22
 4. "All die." 1 Cor. 15:22
- From whom comes evil as well as good? God says, "I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal." Deut. 32:39
- Why should we not blame God for evil? (2)
1. "He doth not afflict willingly." Lam. 3:33
(cause sorrow)
 2. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4

Why does God send
us sorrow? (2)

1. "Whom the Lord loveth He (2) correcteth." Prov. 3:12
2. "They in their trouble did turn unto the Lord." 2 Chron. 15:4

That do we ask God
in the Lord's
Prayer to do for
us in trouble?

"But deliver us from evil." Matt. 6:13

In which ways does God
help us from evil?
(5)

1. "There shall no evil befall thee." Ps. 91:10
"He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His
eye." Zech. 2:8
2. God says, "I will deliver thee." Ps. 50:15
(free)
God delivered three men from a fiery furnace.
Dan. 3
3. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with
(God)
me." Ps. 23:4
4. "All things work together for good to them that
love God." Rom. 8:28
Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave in
Egypt; but in this way God made him ruler of
Egypt. And Joseph tells his brothers; "Ye thought
evil against me; but God meant it unto good to
bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much
people alive." Gen. 37:41
50:20
5. "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work
(free)
and will 'save' me unto His heavenly kingdom."
(heaven) 2 Tim. 4:18

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe ... that He defends me against all danger and guards and
protects me from all evil."

"But deliver us from evil. --We pray in this petition, as the sum of all,
that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil of body and soul,
property and honor, and finally, when our last hour has come, grant us a
blessed end and graciously take us from this vale of tears to Himself
(happy death) (by unearned love) (valley)
in heaven."

Daily Readings: (1) Amos 4:6-12. (2) Ps. 91:1-21. (3) Gen. 19:1-26.
(4) Ex. 12:29-42. (5) Ex. 14:10-31. (6) Gen. 50:15-21. (7) Luke 16:19-25.

8. No Other Gods

Which is the First
Commandment?

"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Ex. 20:3

Name three kinds
of idols.
(false gods)

1. "Who ... worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator." (thing made) (Maker) Rom. 1:25
 "The idolatrous priests ... burned incense (material which has a pleasant odor when it is burned) ... to the sun and the moon." 2 Kings 23:5
2. "Thou shalt not make unto thee ... any likeness of anything. ... Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them." Ex. 20:4-5
 Israel worshiped a golden calf. Ex. 32
 "The gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not nor hear nor know." Dan. 5:23
3. "He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him." John 5:23
 "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father." 1 John 2:23

Is there any real
god besides the
one true God?

"We know that an idol is nothing in the world and that there is none other god but one." 1 Cor. 8:4

Whom should we not
fear more than God?

"Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28
 Three men would rather be thrown into a fiery furnace than worship a golden picture. Dan. 3

What should we not
love more than God?
(5)

1. "Lovers of their own selves." 2 Tim. 3:2
2. "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." Matt. 10:37
 Abraham loved God more than his son. Gen. 22:1-19
3. "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." 2 Tim. 3:4
 "Whose god is their belly." Phil. 3:19
 "There was a certain rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen and rejoiced splendidly every day." Luke 16:19
4. "The love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Tim. 6:10
 He that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:21
 A young man loved his riches more than Jesus. Matt. 19:16-22
5. "If any man love the world, (unChristians) the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15

In what should we
not trust more
than in God? (3)

1. "Cursed (under God's punishment) be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his (arm, strength) and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jer. 17:5

"Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord, thy God, ... and thou say in thine heart, 'My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord, thy God, for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.'"

Deut. 8:14, 17-18

David believed God would deliver Goliath into his hand.

1 Sam. 17:45-51

2. "Lean not unto thine own understanding." (mind)

Prov. 3:5

3. "Nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living God." 1 Tim. 6:17

What should we
do to God only?

"Thou shalt worship (honor as God) the Lord thy God, and Him only

shalt thou serve."

Matt. 4:10

"Neither shalt thou worship any strange God."

Ps. 81:9

How should we
worship God? (3)

1. "Fear the Lord." Josh. 24:14
2. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind."

Matt. 22:37

"My soul thirsteth for God."

Ps. 42:2

3. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart."

Prov. 3:5

How do we show
that we fear God?

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil."

Prov. 8:13

"How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

Gen. 39:9

that we love God?
(2)

1. "If a man love Me, he will keep My words."

John 14:23

2. "This is the love of God that we keep His Commandments."

1 John 5:3

The Lutheran Church teaches:

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

Daily Readings: (1) Ex. 32. (2) Ps. 115:1-9; Is. 46:6-7 (3) 1 Kings 18:17-40.
(4) Dan. 3:1-18. (5) Matt. 6:19-21; Luke 18:18-30. (6) 1 Sam. 17:37-51.
(7) Ps. 42:1-2, 11; 73:25-28.

9. H a l l o w e d B e T h y N a m e
(kept holy)

- Which is the Second Commandment? "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."
(without a good purpose) Ex. 20:7
- How is God's name? "Holy (without sin) is His name." Luke 1:49
- What is blaspheming or cursing God? "They spake against God."
"God is not mocked."
"Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice!'" Ex. 5:2
"Then did they spit in His (Jesus') face and 'struck Him with their fists'. . . . When they had 'braided' a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head and a (reed) (stick) in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'"
Matt. 26:67;27:29
- Whom also do men curse? (2)
(ask God to punish)
1. "Upon me be thy curse." Gen. 27:13
 2. "Thou thyself likewise hast cursed others." Eccl. 7:22
- The Jews urged Pilate to crucify Jesus and said,
"His blood be on (1) us
(may God punish us for any wrong done to Jesus)
and on (2) our children." Matt. 27:25
- What should take the place of cursing? "Bless, and curse not." Rom. 12:14
(ask God to be kind)
"The Lord bless thee and keep thee." Num. 6:24
- What do we ask God to do when we swear? (3)
(take an oath)
1. "I call God for a 'witness.'" 2 Cor. 1:23
 2. "Thou shalt destroy them that speak 'lies.'" (God) Ps. 5:6
 3. "They that 'act truthfully' are (His) (God's) delight." Prov. 12:22

What swearing is sin?
(3)

1. "Ye shall not swear by My name falsely." Lev. 19:12
(to a lie)
"Another maid saw him and said unto them that
(Peter)
were there, 'This fellow was also with Jesus of
Nazareth,' and again he denied with an oath, 'I do
not know the man.'" Matt. 26:71-72
2. "Certain of the Jews banded together and bound
themselves under a curse, saying that
(God's punishment)
they would neither eat nor drink till they had
killed Paul." Acts 23:12
Gohazi said of Naaman, "As the Lord liveth, I will
(I swear)
run after him and take somewhat of him." 2 Kings 5:20
3. "Herod ... promised with an oath to give her what-
soever she would ask. And she ... said, 'Give me
here John Baptist's head.'" Matt. 14:6-8

Should we swear in
our ordinary talk?

"Swear not at all. . . . But let your 'speech' be,
'Yes, yes; no, no'; for whatsoever is more than these
cometh of evil." Matt. 5:34,37

When does God want
us to swear?

"Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve Him and
shalt swear by his name." Deut. 6:13
Jesus swore before the High Priest that He is the Son
of God. Matt. 26:63-64
"Abraham said unto his oldest servant, ... 'I will
make thee swear by the Lord ... that ... thou shalt
go ... to my 'relatives' and take a wife unto my
son Isaac.'" Gen. 24:2-4

What unnatural
things are sins
against God's Word?
(4)

- "There shall not be found among you anyone ... that
- 1) useth divination
(unnatural telling of the future) . . . or
 - 2) a witch
(one who uses special words for which he claims
healing or other powers)
 - 3) or a wizard
(one who has unnatural knowledge) or
 - 4) 'one who asks the dead.' For all that do these
things are an abomination unto the Lord."
(God hates them and is disgusted with them) Deut. 18:10-12
- (1) Saul asked a witch to find out how a battle
would turn out. (3) The witch called up the like-
ness of dead Samuel. 1 Sam. 28:3-20

How do men sin
against God's name
in their teaching?

"'I am against the prophets,' saith the Lord,
(preachers)
'that use their tongues and say, 'He saith.'" (God)
Jer. 23:31

How do we honor God
in our teaching?

"Nor handling the Word of God deceitfully, but by
(dishonestly)
manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to
(clearly telling) (making a good impression on)
every man's conscience in the sight of
(sense of right and wrong) 2 Cor. 4:2
God."

How do we bring
shame upon God's
name in our lives?

"Through breaking the Law dishonorest thou God. For
the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles
(spoken evil of) (non-Jews)
through you." Rom. 2:23-24
When David took Uriah's wife and murdered Uriah, his
enemies spoke evil of David's God. 2 Sam. 12:7-14

How do we honor
God in our lives?

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see
your good works and glorify your Father which is in
heaven." Matt. 5:16

How should we
often use the
name of God? (3)

1. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble." Ps. 50:15
2. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with-
(praise)
in me, bless His holy name." Ps. 103:1
3. "O give thanks unto the Lord." Ps. 118:1

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witch-
craft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray,
praise, and give thanks."

"Hallowed be Thy name.--God's name is indeed holy in itself; but we
pray in this petition that it may be holy among us also.

"How is this done? When the Word of God is taught in its truth and
purity, and we as the children of God also lead a holy life according to it.
This grant us, dear Father in heaven. But he that teaches and lives other-
wise than God's Word teaches, profanes the name of God among us. From
(makes unholy)

this preserve us, heavenly Father!"
(keep)

Daily Readings: (1) Matt. 27:39-49. (2) 1 Kings 8:31-32; Matt. 14:1-12
(3) Gen. 24:1-9. (4) 1 Sam. 28:3-20. (5) Jer. 23:16,21-32. (6) Matt. 7:
15-23; 24:23-26. (7) Acts 5:1-10; 1 Pet. 2:11-12.

10. The Sabbath

- Which is the Third Commandment? "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Ex. 20:8
(Saturday)
- What was the Sabbath? (3) 1) "The seventh day is the Sabbath
2) of rest,
3) an holy convocation; (2) ye shall do no work
(a gathering for worship) therein." Lev. 23:3
- To whom did God give the law of the Sabbath? "The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath."
(Jews) Ex. 31:16
- Why do we not have to keep the Sabbath? The Bible does not command the non-Jew to keep the Sabbath.
- Who had the right to take away the Sabbath law? "The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day."
(Jesus) Matt. 12:8
- Does anyone in the New Testament have to keep the Sabbath? "Let no man therefore judge you (think you are right or wrong) ...
in respect of ... the Sabbath days." Col. 2:16
- Which part of the Third Commandment still holds for all people? "Ye shall be holy." Lev. 19:2
- How do we keep ourselves holy? "Every creature ... is sanctified by the Word of God
(thing made) (made holy)
and prayer." 1 Tim. 4:4-5
"Daily in the temple and in every house they
ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."
(did not stop) Acts 5:42
- Why is Sunday no Sabbath for us? The Bible does not put Sunday in the place of Saturday.
- Why do we worship on Sunday? (2) 1. "Jesus was risen early the first day of the week."
Mark 16:9
2. "Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples
came together to break bread, Paul preached unto
them." Acts 20:7
- Daily Readings: (1) John 5:1-18; 7:22-24. (2) Matt. 12:1-14.
(3) Luke 13:10-17. (4) Luke 14:1-14. (5) Col. 2:16-3:4. (6) Rom. 14:1-10.
(7) Gal. 4:1-11.

10a. Festival Days of the Church

	<u>When?</u>	<u>What Is Celebrated?</u>
Advent (coming)	The time of the four Sundays before Christmas	1. The beginning of the church year 2. The coming of Jesus
Christmas	December 25	"Jesus is born"
Epiphany	January 6	The Wise Men come to Bethlehem
Lent	Forty week days before Easter	The suffering and death of Jesus
Ash Wednesday	The first day in Lent	
Holy Week	The week before Easter	The week of the suffering and death of Jesus
Palm Sunday	The first day of Holy Week	Jesus enters into Jerusalem
Maundy Thursday	Thursday in Holy Week	The first Lord's Supper
Good Friday	Friday in Holy Week	Jesus is crucified
Easter	The first Sunday after the full moon on or after March 21	Jesus rises from the dead
Ascension (going up)	The 40th day after Easter	Jesus goes up to heaven
Pentecost (50th)	The 50th day after Easter	The Holy Ghost is poured out on the disciples
Trinity Sunday	Sunday after Pentecost	The Trinity (3 persons in 1 God)
Trinity Season	From Trinity Sunday to the next Advent	
Reformation Day	October 31	Luther begins the Reformation
Thanksgiving Day	The last Thursday in November	Thanksgiving

11. H o n o r t h y F a t h e r a n d M o t h e r

Which is the Fourth
Commandment?

"Honor thy father and mother ... that it
(think highly of)
may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on
the earth." Eph. 6:2-3

How should parents
bring up their
children? (4)

1. "If any provide not for his own, and especially
for those of his own house, he hath denied the
faith." 1 Tim. 5:8
2. "These Words which I command thee this day shall
(the Bible)
be in thine heart; and thou shalt
teach them diligently unto thy children."
(sharpen them) Deut. 6:6-7
3. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and
when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Prov. 22:6
"The sin of the young men was very great before
the Lord.--And he restrained them
(their father Eli warned)
not." 1 Sam. 2:17;3:13
"Correct thy son." Prov. 29:17
4. "He that sparoth his rod hateth his son; but
(does not use)
he that loveth him 'punishes' him 'early'.
Prov. 13:24

How do children
sin against
their parents? (2)

- "The eye that
1) mocketh at his father and
(makes fun of)
2) despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of
(looks down upon) (crows)
the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles
shall eat it." Prov. 30:17

How should children
treat their parents?
(3)

1. "Honor thy father and mother." Eph. 6:2
"The king rose up to meet her and bowed
(Solomon) (his mother)
himself unto her and sat down on his throne and
caused a seat to be set for the king's mother;
and she sat on his right hand." 1 Kings 2:19
2. "Children, obey your parents in all things."
Col. 3:20
"The child Jesus . . . was subject unto them."
(obeyed His parents)
Luko 2:23,51
3. "Let them learn to 'repay' their parents."
1 Tim. 5:4
"Joseph nourished his father."
(gave a living to) Gen. 47:12

How long should we honor our parents?

"Hearken unto thy father that gegat thee, and (hear and follow) despise not thy mother when she is old." (look not down upon) Prov. 23:22

Whom also should we obey? (3)

1. "Esther, ... whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter, . . . did the commandment of Mordecai." Esther 2:7,20
2. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher 'authorities'. For there is no 'authority' (government) but of God; the 'authorities' that be are 'ordered' of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the 'authority' resisteth the 'order' of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves (punishment) damnation." Rom. 13:1-2
3. "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as unto Christ." Eph. 6:5

What should we do if persons placed over us command us to do something wrong?

The Jewish rulers called Peter and John " and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, 'Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. We ought to obey God rather than men.'" Acts 4:18-19; 5:29

Whom also should we honor? (2)

1. "Thy daughter-in-law which loveth (Naomi's) (Ruth) thee, which is better to thee than (the mother-in-law) seven sons." Ruth 4:15
2. "Thou shalt rise up before the 'gray' head and honor the face of the old man." Lev. 19:32

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"We should fear and love God that we may not despise our parents and masters nor provoke them to anger, but give them honor, serve and obey them, and hold them in love and esteem."
(appreciation)

Daily Readings: (1) 2 Sam. 15:1-14, 18:6-17. (2) Gen. 41:25-44.
(3) Gen. 45:4-11; 46:27-29. (4) Luko 2:41-52; John 19:25-27.
(5) Matt. 17:24-27; 22:15-22. (6) 1 Pet. 2:13-14; Rom. 13:3-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-3
(7) Ruth 1:8-18.

12. Thou Shalt Not Kill

Which is the Fifth
Commandment

"Thou shalt not kill."

Matt. 5:21

Which killing is right?
(4)

1. God says, "I kill, and I make alive." Deut. 32:39
2. "He boareth not the sword
(the government) (power to kill)
'for nothing'; for he is the 'servant' of God, a
revenger to execute wrath upon him that
(one who pays back) (punish)
doeth evil." Rom. 13:4
"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his
blood be shed." Gen. 9:6
3. "If a thief be found breaking up and be 'struck'
that he die, there shall no blood be shed for
him." Ex. 22:2
4. "Every moving thing that liveth shall be 'food'
you." (animal) Gen. 9:3

Which killing is sin?
(4)

1. "The murderer shall surely be put to death."
Num. 35:16
"Cain rose up against Abel his brother and
'killed' him." Gen. 4:8
2. "David wrote a letter to Joab, ... saying, 'Set
ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle,
and turn away from him that he may be 'struck'
and die.'" 2 Sam. 11:14-15
3. "When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt
make a battlement for thy roof that thou bring
(low wall)
not blood upon thine house if any man fall from
thence." Deut. 22:8
4. The keeper ... drew out his sword and would have
killed himself..... But Paul cried with a loud
voice, saying, 'Do thyself no harm.'
Acts 16:27-28
"Judas . . . hanged himself." Matt. 27:3,5

In which other ways
should we not
harm other people?
(2)

1. "Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and 'struck'
the high priest's servant and cut off his right
ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said
Jesus unto Peter, 'Put up thy sword into the
sheath.'" "And He touched his ear and healed him."
John 18:10-11; Luke 22:51
"The Egyptians ... made their lives
(the Israelites')
bitter with hard 'service' in mortar and in brick
and in all manner of service in the field."
Ex. 1:13-14
2. "A certain priest . . . and likewise also a Le-
vite ... came and looked on him and
(a man half dead)
passed by on the other side." Luke 10:31-32

What should we not
feel towards others?
(2)

1. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." 1 John 3:15
"They were out to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth." Acts 7:54
2. "Not 'returning' evil for evil." 1 Pet. 3:9
"Say not, 'I will do so to him as he hath done to me.'" Prov. 24:29
"'I will repay,' saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19

How should we not
hurt ourselves? (3)

1. "They ... out themselves after their manner with knives and 'spear-heads' till the blood gushed out upon them." 1 Kings 18:28
"Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead."
(in mourning)
"Let us walk ... not in
- 2) rioting and (feasting)
- 3) drunkenness." Rom. 13:13
"Noah ... drank of the wine and was drunken." Gen. 9:20-21

How should we take
care of our bodies?

"Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in (honor)
your body." 1 Cor. 6:20

How should we treat
other people? (2)

1. "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7:12
2. "By love serve one another." Gal. 5:13
(help)
"When he (a Samaritan) saw him (a man half dead) he 'felt pity' and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him." Luke 10:33-34
"Jesus ... went about doing good." Acts 10:38

Whom should we
help first?

"Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10
(family)

What should we do if
we have a quarrel?
(4)

1. "Let not the sun go down upon your 'anger'." Eph. 4:26
2. "Confess your faults one to another."
(tell) James 5:16
3. "Forgiving one another if any man have a quarrel
against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also
ye."
(2) Joseph's brothers said "unto Joseph, 'Forgive
... the trespass of thy brethren and their sin, for
(sin)
they did unto thee evil.' . . . (3) And he comforted
them and spake kindly unto them." Gen. 50:15,17,21
4. "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live
peaceably with all men." Rom. 12:18

How should we treat
our enemies? (3)

1. "Love your enemies." Matt. 5:44
2. "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth." Prov. 24:17
3. "They crucified Him. . . . Then said Jesus, 'Father,
forgive them, for they know not what they do.'"
Luke 23:33-34
4. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst,
give him drink."
"If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going
astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him
again."
Rom. 12:20
Ex. 23:4

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"We should fear and love God that we may not hurt nor harm our
neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need."
(be a friend to)

Daily Readings: (1) Gen. 4:1-15. (2) Gen. 37. (3) 1 Sam. 24; 26; 5-12.
(4) Matt. 5:1-12, 21-22, 38-48. (5) Luke 10:29-37; Matt. 25:31-46.
(6) 1 John 2:9-11; 3:11-18; 4:7-21. (7) 1 Cor. 13.

13. Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery

Which is the Sixth
Commandment?

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Matt. 5:27
(do a sex act outside
of marriage)

"David ... saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. ... And one said, Is not this ... the wife of Uriah? ... And David sent messengers and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her." 2 Sam. 11:2-4

How do men and women
sin against one
another outside
of marriage? (3)

1. "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her (desire) hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5:28
- 2) "Fornication (a sex act outside of marriage) and all uncleanness, ... let it not be once named among you as becometh saints; neither 'shameful (holy persons) things' nor foolish talking or 'joking', which are not 'proper'." Eph. 5:3-4
- 3) "Let no corrupt (rotten) word come out of your mouth, but that which is good." Eph. 4:29

How should we overcome
sexual desires? (5)

1. "Talk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Gal. 6:16
2. By praying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Ps. 51:10
3. "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Gal. 5:24
(feelings)
"Keep thyself pure." 1 Tim. 5:22
4. "Flee also youthful lusts," 2 Tim. 2:22
"His master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and she said, 'Lie with me.' But he refused and said unto his master's wife, . . . 'Thou art his wife; how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?' . . . And he ... fled."
Gen. 39:7-9,12
"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes."
Ps. 101:3
5. "I will therefore ... that women adorn themselves (dress) in 'orderly dress' with shamefacedness."
1 Tim. 2:8-9

What is the body of a Christian? "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that (house) the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man 'destroys' the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16-17

"Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20

How should each one keep his body? "Glorify God in your body." (honor) 1 Cor. 6:20

M a r r i a g e

What is marriage? "A man ... shall cleave unto his wife; and they (be united with) shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:24

Whom are we forbidden to marry? "The nakedness* of thy father, ... mother, ... sister, ... son's daughter, ... daughter's daughter, ... father's brother, ... aunt, ... daughter-in-law, ... brother's wife, ... a woman and her daughter ... thou shalt not uncover*." Lev. 18:7-17
(Anyone within one or two steps of relationship.)

*uncover nakedness - marry

When before God does a marriage begin? "Mary was 'engaged' to Joseph. ... Then Joseph, her husband, ... was minded to put her away privily. ... The angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, ... fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife.'" Matt. 1:18-20

Whose approval should two persons have for their engagement? "Honor thy father and mother." Eph. 6:2
"Samson ... told his father and his mother and said, 'I have seen a woman in Timnath. ... Get her for me to wife.'" Judges 14:1-2

What are the purposes of marriage? (3)

1. "Male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply.'" Gen. 1:27-28
"I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house." 1 Tim. 5:14
2. "To avoid fornication, (a sex act outside of marriage) let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." 1 Cor. 7:2
3. "The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help like himself.'" Gen. 2:18

How should husband and wife treat each other? (3)

1. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it." Eph. 5:25
"Be not bitter against them." Col. 3:19
2. "Ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowlodge, giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel." 1 Pet. 3:7
3. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands (obey) as unto the Lord; for the husband is the head of the wife." Eph. 5:22-23

How long should a marriage continue?

"The woman which hath an husband is bound by the Law to her husband so long as he liveth." Rom. 7:2

Why should a marriage never be broken?

"That therefore God hath joined together let no man put apart." Matt. 19:6
"John had said unto Herod, 'It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.'" Mark 6:18

Then does God permit a divorce?

1. "Thosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall (a sex act outside of marriage) marry another committeth adultery." Matt. 19:9
2. "If the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage (ties of duty) in such cases." 1 Cor. 7:15

What should a person do who got a divorce for a wrong reason?

"If she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband." 1 Cor. 7:11
(become friends again)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"We should fear and love God that we may lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed and each love and honor his spouse." (pure) (proper)
(husband or wife)

Daily Readings: (1) Gen. 39. (2) 1 Cor. 5:1-5; 6:9-20.
(3) Gen. 2:18-25; 3:16. (4) Eph. 5:5, 11-12, 22-33; 1 Pet. 3:1-7.
(5) 1 Cor. 7:1-16. (6) Mark 6:17-28. (7) 2 Sam. 11:1-5; Ps. 51:1-14.

15. Thou Shalt Not Steal

Which is the Seventh
Commandment?

"Thou shalt not steal." Matt. 19:18
Achan stole a garment, silver, and gold. Josh. 7:20-22
"A certain man ... fell among 'robbers who' stripped
him and wounded him and departed, leaving him half
dead." Luke 10:30

What are special
ways of stealing? (6)

1. "This is the will of God ... that no man go beyond
and 'cheat' his brother in any matter." 1 Thess. 4:3,6
"Ye shall do no unrighteousness ... in weight or in
measure." (wrong) Lev. 19:35
Gehazi got money and clothing by lying. 2 Kings 5:20-24
2. "The wicked borroweth and payeth not again." Ps. 37:21
3. "We unto him ... that useth his neighbor's ser-
vice without wages and giveth him not for his work." Jer. 22:13
4. "Take thou no usury of him or increase, but
(interest)
fear thy God that thy brother may live with thee." Lev. 25:36
5. "Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul!" Prov. 29:24
6. "If any would not work, neither should he eat. . .
Now them that are such we command and exhort by our
(urge)
Lord Jesus Christ that with quietness they work
and eat their own bread." 2 Thoss. 3:10,12

What should we do with
our neighbor's goods?

"Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go
astray and hide thyself from them; thou shalt in any
case bring them again unto thy brother. And if thy
brother be not 'near' thee, or if thou know him not,
then thou shalt bring it unto thine house, and it
shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it and
thou shalt 'return it' to him again. . . So shalt thou
do ... with 'every' lost thing of thy brother's."

Deut. 22:1-3

Who gives us
what we have?

"The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich." 1 Sam. 2:7

What do we pray in
the Fourth Petition
of the Lord's Prayer?

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matt. 6:11
"Abram said to the King of Sodom, ... 'I will not take
anything that is thine.'" Gen. 14:22-23

Who is the real owner
of all we have?

"God, the possessor of heaven and earth." Gen. 14:22
"The silver is mine and the gold is mine," saith the
Lord of hosts."
(armies) Haggai 2:8

What are we to
all we have?

"As every man hath received the gift, even so
minister the same one to another as good stowards of
(serve) (caretakers)
the manifold ^{grace} of God."
(different kinds of unearned love) 1 Pet. 4:10

How should we take care
of what God gives us?

"Gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be
lost." (pieces) John 6:12
"The younger son ... wasted his 'property' with
'loose' living." Luke 15:13
"A foolish man spendeth it up." Prov. 21:20

For what purpose
does God give
us what we have? (3)

1. "The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, "Speak unto
the Children of Israel that they bring Me an
offering; of every man that giveth it willingly
(gift)
with his heart ye shall take My offering."
Ex. 25:1-2
"Honor the Lord with thy 'riches' and with the
firstfruits of thine 'income'." Prov. 3:9
2. "Let him labor, working with his hand the thing
which is good that he may have to give to him
that needeth." Eph. 4:28
"Zacharias ... said unto the Lord, 'Behold, Lord,
the half of my goods I give to the poor.'" Luke 19:8
"Dorcas ... was full of good works and
almsdeeds which she did. . . .
(works of love for the poor)
All the widows stood by him, weeping and showing
(Peter)
the coats and garments which Dorcas made while
she was with them." Acts 9:36,39
3. "It is good and 'beautiful' for one to eat and to
drink and to enjoy the good of all his labor."
Eccl. 5:18

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money
or goods nor get them by false ^{ware or dealing,}
(bad in place of good goods) (buying and selling)
but help him to improve and protect his property and business."

Daily Readings: (1) Joshua 6:17-20; 7. (2) 2 Kings 5:15-27.
(3) 1 Thoss. 4:3-12; John 12:1-8. (4) Gen. 14. (5) Luke 19:1-27.
(6) Acts 4:32-37; 20:35. (7) 2 Cor. 8:1-14; 9:6-7.

15. Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness

Which is the Eighth
Commandment?

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against
(tell untrue statements so as
to hurt)
thy neighbor."
(other person) Ex. 20:16

What should we
do according to
this Commandment?

"Putting away lying, speak every man truth with
his neighbor." Eph. 4:25
"A lying tongue 'hates whom it bruises'."
Prov. 26:28

From whom do lies come?

"The devil is a liar and the father of it."
John 8:44
"Peter said, 'Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine
heart to lie.'" Acts 5:3

What should make
us careful in
our speech? (3)

1. "There is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O
Lord, Thou knowest it altogether." Ps. 139:4
Then Peter had lied, "the Lord turned and look-
ed upon Peter. . . . And Peter went out and
wept bitterly." Luke 22:59-62
2. "Every idle word that men shall speak, they
shall give account thereof in the day of judg-
ment." Matt. 12:36
3. "Thou shalt destroy them that speak 'lies'."
Ps. 5:6

How should we
tell the truth?

"Speaking the truth in love." Eph. 4:15
"Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother."
Ps. 50:20
"They learn to be idle, wandering about from house
to house; and not only idle, but 'gossips' also
and busybodies, speaking things which they ought
not." 1 Tim. 5:13

How should we treat the
secrets of others?

"Uncover' not 'the' secret 'of' another."
Prov. 25:9
For thirty pieces of silver Judas led soldiers at
night into the garden of Gethsemane to take Jesus.
Matt. 26:14-16, 47-50

What will you not do
if you love others?
(2)

1. "'Love'... thinketh no evil." 1 Cor. 13:4-5
2. "Speak not evil one of another, brethren."
James 4:11
Men said of John the Baptist: "He hath a devil",
of Jesus: He eats and drinks too much.
Matt. 11:18-19

That should we think when we think of the faults of others? (3)

- 1. "Because the Lord God of your fathers was 'angry' with Judah, ... ye have 'killed' them in 'an anger' that reacheth up unto heaven. . . . But are there not with you, even with you, sins against the Lord your God?" 2 Chron. 28:9-10
 "Thy 'lookest' thou 'at' the 'particle' that is in thy brother's eye, but 'seest' not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (large piece of lumber) Matt. 7:3
 "They crucified Him. ... Then said Jesus, 2) 'Father, forgive them, 3) for they know not what they do.'" Luke 23:33-34

How should we tell of the fault of another?

"If thy brother shall 'sin' against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Matt. 18:15

How should we speak of our neighbor to others? (2)

- 1. "'Defend' the cause of the poor and needy." Prov. 31:9
 "'Love' shall cover the multitude of sins." (great number) 1 Pet. 4:8
- 2. "Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul, his father." 1 Sam 19:4
 Men said to Jesus of the Centurion, "He was worthy, ... for he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue." Luke 7:4-5
 (church)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, nor defame our neighbor, but defend (spread evil talk) (hurt the good name of) him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything." (meaning)

Daily Readings: (1) James 3. (2) 1 Kings 21:7-14; Matt. 26:59-61; 28:11-15 (3) Acts 24:1-21. (4) 1 Sam. 22:6-19; Luke 22:1-6,47-48. (5) Luke 6:36-45. (6) Matt. 11:7-19; 12:22-24. (7) 1 Sam. 19:1-7.

16. Thou Shalt Not Covet
(desire)

Which is "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

the Ninth Commandment?

the Tenth Commandment? Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife nor his man-servant nor his maid-servant nor his ox nor his ass nor anything that is thy neighbor's." Ex. 20:17

Why should we not love money? (4)

1. "The care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." (cheating)
Matt. 13:22

"The love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."
1 Tim. 6:10

2. "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver."
Eccl. 5:10
3. "Labor not to be rich. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven."
Prov. 23:4-5
"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal."
Matt. 6:19
4. "When he dieth he shall carry nothing away."
Ps. 49:17
"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."
1 Tim. 6:7

What does sinful desire lead to? (2)

1. "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin."
James 1:15
"Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat; and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."
Gen. 3:6
2. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."
James 1:15

"God said ... unto Adam, ... 'Because thou ... hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, 'Thou shalt not eat of it.' ... In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the ground."
Gen. 3:14,17,19

What should we do with lust?

- "Sin lieth at the door. ... And thou shalt rule over him."
Gen. 4:7
"Let not sin therefore 'rule' in your mortal body that ye should obey the lusts thereof." (dying) Rom. 6:12

- How should we be in our desires? "Ye shall be holy." (without sin) Lev. 19:2
- How should we feel about what we have? "Be content with such things as ye have." Heb. 13:5
"Having food and 'covering', let us be therewith content." 1 Tim. 6:8
- How do we say in the Lord's Prayer that we are satisfied with little? (2) "Give us
1) this day our daily
2) bread." Matt. 6:11
- What should we do in dealing with others? (2) 1. "Let no man seek his own." 1 Cor. 10:24
"Go unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field till there be no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth." Is. 5:8
"Not seeking mine own profit,
2) but the profit of many." 1 Cor. 10:33
Abram gave Lot the choice of the best land. Gen. 13:8-11
Paul returned a runaway servant to his master Philemon. Philemon
- What should we desire above all things? (3) 1. "Give me now wisdom and knowledge." 2 Chron. 1:10
2. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." (sinlessness) Matt. 5:6
3. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God (to live and work for Jesus) and
(2) His righteousness, and all these things (food and clothing) shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33
"Work not for the 'food' which perisheth, but for that 'food' which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you." (Jesus) John 6:27
"What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Matt. 16:26

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"We should fear and love God (Ninth) that we may not craftily seek to (in a sly way) get our neighbor's inheritance or house (what one gets from one's parents at their death) nor obtain it by a show of right, but help and be of service to him in keeping (get) (use) it; (Tenth) that we may not estrange, force, or entice away from our (make strange) (coax) neighbor his wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Daily Readings: (1) Eccl. 4:4-8; Is. 56:11; Jer. 17:11. (2) 1 Kings 21:1-19
(3) 1 Sam. 8:1-3; 12:1-5. (4) Philemon. (5) 1 Tim. 6:6-12. (6) Luke 12:13-34. (7) Col. 3:1-7.

17. The Law

- How was the Law first given to all men? "When the Gentiles, which have not the Law, do by (non-Jews) nature the things contained in the Law, these, having not the Law, are a Law unto themselves, which show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness and their thoughts (voice within) the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another." Rom. 2:14-15
- How did men lose most of the knowledge of the Law written in their hearts? "Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light." John 3:20
- How did God give the Law a second time? 1. "The Law was given by Moses." John 1:17
"There were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the trumpet 'very' loud. . . . and the Lord came down
2) upon Mount Sinai. . . . and Moses went up." Ex. 19:16,20
"and the Lord . . . declared unto you ...
3) Ten Commandments; and He wrote them
4) upon two tables of stone." Deut. 4:12-13
- How can we sum up the first three Commandments? the last seven Commandments? the whole Law of God? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (other person) Matt. 22:37,39
"Love is the fulfilling of the Law." Rom. 13:10
- What does God do to those who break His commandments? "I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, (permitting no false god) visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the (punishing) (sin) children unto the third and fourth generation (grandchildren) (great-grandchildren) of them that hate Me." Ex. 20:5
"We have sinned with our fathers." Ps. 106:6
Forty years after the Jews crucified Jesus Jerusalem was destroyed. Luke 19:41-43
- Will God punish the Christian child for the sins of its parents? "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall (sin) the father bear the iniquity of the son." Ezek. 18:20
- What does God do to those who keep His Commandments? "I . . . am . . . showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My Commandments." Ex. 20:5-6
God was kind to the children of Israel because of their father Abraham. Luke 1:68-75

Why should we
respect God's
Commandments more
than those of men?

"There is one Lawgiver who is able to save and to
destroy."
James 4:12
All but eight persons were destroyed in the Flood.
Gen. 7

What is the purpose
of the Law?

1. "By the Law is the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20
(Mirror)
2. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not
sin against Thee."
Ps. 119:11
"Ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and
to please God. ... For ye know what Commandments
we gave you by the Lord Jesus." 1 Thess. 4:1-2
"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto
my path."
Ps. 119:105
(Ruler)
3. "Righteousness 'lifts up' a nation."
(people) Prov. 14:34
"The Law is ... made ... for the lawless and
disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, ...
for murderers, ... for liars."
1 Tim. 1:9-10
(Brake)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"God threatens to punish all that transgress these Commandments; therefore
(break)

we should fear His wrath and not act contrary to them. But He promises
grace and every blessing to all that keep these Commandments; therefore
(unearned love) (kindness)
we should also love and trust in Him and willingly do according to His
Commandments."

Daily Readings: (1) Eph. 4:17-19; 5:8-14. (2) Ex. 19. (3) Ex. 20:1-21.
(4) Gen. 7. (5) Rom. 2:1-13.
(6) Gen. 9:18-27; Matt. 27:24-25; Luko 19:41-44. (7) Ps. 19:7-14; 119:1-16

18. S i n

- That is sin? "Sin is the 'breaking' of the Law." 1 John 3:4
 (what is right before God)
- That is inborn sin? (6)
1. "I was 'born' in iniquity, and in sin did my mother
 (sin)
 mother conceive me."
 (give life to) Ps. 51:5
 2. "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth
 (lives)
no good thing." Rom. 7:18
 3. The natural man receiveth not the things of the
 (unbelieving) (welcomes)
 Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither
can he know them." 1 Cor. 2:14
 4. "You ... were dead in ... sins."
 Eph. 2:1
 5. "The carnal mind is enmity against God."
 (fleshly) (hatred) Rom. 8:7
 6. "Let not sin therefore 'rule' in your mortal body that
 (dying)
 ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. . . . Ye were the
servants of sin." Rom. 6:12,17
 7. "By the offence of one 'a sentence of punish-
 .. (falling into sin) (Adam)
 ment' came upon all men."
 Rom. 5:18
 8. "Ye ... were by nature the children of 'anger'."
 Eph. 2:3
- That does inborn sin produce? "A corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." Matt. 7:17
- That different kinds of sin do we do? (5)
1. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to
 him it is sin." James 4:17
 2. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is
 hewn down and 'thrown' into the fire." Matt. 7:19
 3. "Out of the heart 'come' evil thoughts." Matt. 15:19
 4. "The soul of the wicked desireth evil." Prov. 21:10
 5. "I had not known lust except the Law had said, 'Thou
 shalt not covet.'"
 Rom. 7:7
 6. "Speak not evil."
 7. "Their deeds were evil."
 (actions) John 3:19
- Where does each sin begin? "Out of the heart 'come' evil thoughts, murders, adulteries,
 (sinful)
 fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."
 sex acts) (lies) (mocking God)
 Matt. 15:19

- What is evil thought and desire equal to? "Whoever hateth his brother is a murderer." 1 John 3:15
 "Whoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (a sinful sex act) Matt. 5:28
- What sins do we do besides those which we know? "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou me from secret faults." Ps. 19:12
- Does ignorance of the Law make sin an innocent matter? "He that knew not and did commit things worthy of 'blows' shall be beaten with few 'blows'." Luke 12:48
- Would a person go to heaven if he kept the Law of God perfectly? "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments." Matt. 19:17
- Would it help us to go to heaven if we partly kept the Law of God? "Whoever shall keep the whole Law and yet 'stumbles' in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10
 "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48
- Can we go to heaven by our works? "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, (goodness) but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5
 (God gave us heaven)
 "A man is not justified by the works of the Law." (made holy) Gal. 2:16
- Why can we not go to heaven by our works? 1. "All have sinned." Rom. 3:23
 "There is no man that sinneth not." 1 Kings 8:46
 (2) 2. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Is. 64:6
 (goodnesses)
- Why should no one think he is perfect? 1. Paul, a Christian, says:
 (2) "Not as though I... were already perfect."
 "The good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Phil. 3:12; Rom. 7:19
2. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves." 1 John 1:8
 (cheat)
- What do we deserve for our sins? (1:ab) God says, "I will punish you for all your iniquities." (sins) Amos 3:2
- a. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:20
- b. "'Go' from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire." (under God's punishment) Matt. 25:41
 (hell)

How can we be freed from our sins? (2)

1. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to (admit) forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9
 "David said unto Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.'" 2 Sam. 12:13
2. Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive 'forgiveness' of sins." (Jesus) Acts 10:43

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not know as we do in the Lord's Prayer."

"O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee (angered)

and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Amen."

Daily Readings: (1) Ps. 14. (2) Mark 10:17-27. (3) Gal. 3:15-29.
 (4) Rom. 7:8-25. (5) 1 John 1. (6) Ps. 38. (7) Ps. 32.

19. J e s u s I s G o d

Who is Jesus? (2)

1. "Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:5
"Whose goings-fourth have been of old, from
everlasting." Micah 5:2
2. "Jesus ... is the true God." 1 John 5:20

What qualities of
Jesus prove that
He is God? (6)

- "Jesus Christ
- 1) the same yesterday and today and
 - 2) forever." Heb. 13:8
 - "He is before all things." Col. 1:17
 3. "I am with you alway." Matt. 28:20
"Christ ... filleth all in all." Eph. 1:20,23
 4. "Lord, Thou knowest all things." John 21:17
"He knew what was in man." John 2:25
"Nathanael saith unto Him, 'Whence knowest thou me?'
Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Before that Philip
called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw
thee.' Nathanael answered and saith unto Him,
'Rabbi, thou art the Son of God.'" John 1:47-49
 5. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18
 6. "I and the Father are one." John 10:30

What works of Jesus
prove that He is
God? (6)

1. "All things were made by Him." John 1:3
2. "The Son, ... upholding all things by the Word of
(carrying)
His power." Heb. 1:2-3
3. "The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive
sins." Matt. 9:6
"Who can forgive sins but God only." Mark 2:7
4. "John ... sent two of his disciples and said unto
Him, 'Art Thou He that should come?' ... Jesus
answered and said unto them, 'Go and show John
again those things which ye do hear and see: The
blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, ...
and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up.'" Matt. 11:2-5
"There arose a great storm of wind. . . . And He
. . . said unto the sea, 'Peace, be still.' And
the wind ceased and there was a great calm. . . .
And they ... said, ... 'Even the wind and the sea
obey him.'" Mark 4:37,39,41
Jesus "said, 'Young man, I say unto thee, arise.'
And he that was dead sat up and began to speak."
Luke 8:14-15
5. "The angel answered and said unto the women, ... 'Ye
seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here, for
He is risen.'" Matt. 28:5-6
6. "The Father hath given Him authority to 'do' judgment
also because He is the Son of Man." John 5:27

What honor given
to Jesus proves
that He is God? (3)

1. "All men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father." John 5:23
2. "All that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:2
3. "Let all the angels of God worship Him."
(honor Jesus as God)

Heb. 1:6

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow (3) of things in heaven, and (2) things in earth and things under the earth, and ... every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Phil. 2:10-11

Why could not a mere
man have saved us?

"None of them can by any means redeem his
(buy back from sin)
brother nor give to God a ransom for him, for the
(the price)
redemption of their soul is precious, and
(buying back from sin)
'he must give it up' forever." Ps. 49:7-8

What could Jesus
do for us because
He is God? (7)

1. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."
2. "Christ hath redeemed us from the
(bought us back)
curse of the Law, being made a
(anger and punishment)
curse for us." Gal. 3:13
"Jesus ... delivered us from the 'anger' to come."
(future punishment)
1 Thess. 1:10
3. "Whosoever 'doeth' sin is the servant of sin. . . .
If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall
be free indeed." John 8:34,36
"Being made free from sin and become servants to
God." Rom. 6:22
4. "For this purpose the Son of God 'appeared' that He
might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8
5. "Christ who 'has made' death 'powerless'."
2 Tim. 1:10
"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where
is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ...
Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:54-55,57
6. "I give unto them eternal life." John 10:28
(Jesus) (endless)
"He is able also to save them 'complete-
(bring them to heaven)
ly that come unto God by Him." Heb. 7:25

Daily Readings: (1) Heb. 1. (2) John 1:1-18. (3) John 2:1-11.
(4) Matt. 14:22-36. (5) Matt. 9:1-8. (6) John 1:49-59. (7) John 10:30-39.

20. J e s u s I s M a n

- That is Jesus? "The man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5
- That shows us that Jesus was a true man? (12)
1. "Jesus was born." Matt. 2:1
 2. "His body." John 2:21
 3. "Behold My hands and My feet that it is I Myself; handle Me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have." Luke 24:39
 3. "My soul is exceeding sorrowful." (very) Matt. 28:38
 4. "The Child grow. . . . Jesus increased in wisdom and grew stature." (size of body) Luke 2:40,52
 5. "When He had fasted forty days and forty nights, (not eaten) He was afterward an hungered." Matt. 4:2
 6. "They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and of an honeycomb. And He took it and did eat before them." Luke 24:42-43
 7. "Jesus . . . saith, 'I thirst.'" John 19:28
 8. "Jesus therefore being wearied with His journey." John 4:6
 9. "He fell asleep." Luke 8:23
 10. "Jesus wept." John 11:35
 11. "Christ hath suffered." 1 Pet. 4:1
 12. "Christ died." Rom. 5:6
- How many persons are there in Jesus? "There is one God and one Mediator (go-between) between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5
- That is it that God does not have, but that God in Jesus has because He is man? "The Word was made flesh." John 1:14
"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son." 1 John 1:7
- That is it that God cannot do, but that God in Jesus can do because He is man? (3)
1. "Jesus was born." Matt. 2:1
 2. "Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh." 1 Pet. 4:1
 3. "They . . . crucified the Lord of glory." 1 Cor. 2:8
 3. "Ye (the Jews) killed the Prince of Life." (Jesus) Acts 3:15
- That is it that man does not have, but that the man Jesus has because He is God? (1:ab)
- "In Him dwolleth all the fulness of the Godhead (Jesus lives) (God) bodily." Col. 2:9
- a. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18
 - b. "In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledgo." Col. 2:3

What is it that man
cannot do, but that
the man Jesus can do
because He is God?
(4)

1. "The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive
(Jesus)
sins." Matt. 9:6
2. "I am with you alway." Matt. 28:20
3. "The Son of Man coming in His kingdom." Matt. 16:28
"Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on
the right hand of power." Matt. 26:64
4. "The Father hath given Him authority to 'dō' judg-
ment also because He is the Son of Man." John 5:27

For what purpose did
Jesus become man? (2)

1. "Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh."
1 Pet. 4:1
"Christ died for our sins." 1 Cor. 15:3
2. "By the obedience of One shall many be made
(keeping the Law) (Jesus)
righteous." Rom. 5:19
"God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under
the Law, to redeem them that wore under
(buy back from sin)
the Law." Gal. 4:4-5

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from
(born)
eternity, and also true man, born of the Birgin Mary, is my Lord, who has
redeemed me."
(bought me back from sin)

Daily Readings: (1) Rom. 1:1-7; 9:4-5. (2) Ps. 110:1; Matt. 22:41-46.
(3) Matt. 1:18-25. (4) John 3:10-21. (5) 1 John 1:1-3; 4:1-3.
(6) Rom. 8:31-39. (7) Heb. 2:9-18.

21. J e s u s " H u m b l e d H i m s e l f"
(l o w e r e d)

- According to which part of Him did Jesus humble Himself? "Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh." 1 Pet. 4:1
"Christ ... being put to death in the flesh." 1 Pet. 3:18
- Was the fact that Jesus became man a humbling of Himself? "Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God." (Jesus) Luke 22:69
- How did Jesus humble himself when He became man? "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor." 2 Cor. 8:9
"Mary . . . brought forth her firstborn Son . . . and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:5,7
- How did Jesus become poor? (4)
1. "Jesus . . . took upon Him the form of a servant . . . and became obedient unto death." Phil. 2:5,7-8
"He . . . was subject unto them." Luke 2:51
(obeyed His parents)
"He poureth water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded." John 13:5
 2. "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man, . . . (the time of judgment) neither the Son." Mark 13:32
 3. "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to (Jesus) head." Matt. 8:20
 4. "He is despised and rejected of men, a (looked down upon) man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from Him." Is. 53:3
"The Jews sought the more to kill Him.--Then took they up stones to 'throw' at Him." John 5:18; 8:59
- Did Jesus have the powers He did not use while He humbled Himself? "No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of (life) Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." John 10:18
"Jesus . . . said unto them, 'Whom seek ye?' They answered Him, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus saith unto them, 'I am He.' As soon then as He had said unto them, 'I am He,' they went backward and fell to the ground. . . . Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus and bound Him." John 18:4-6,12

- In which events did Jesus humble Himself?
(5)
1. "That which is conceived in her is of the (Jesus) (given life to) (Mary) Holy Ghost." Matt. 1:20
 2. "Jesus was born." Matt. 2:1
 3. "Christ also suffered for us." 1 Pet. 2:21
 - 4) "Christ died for our sins, ... and ..."
 - 5) He was buried." 1 Cor. 15:3-4
- What was Jesus even in His mother's womb?
- Elizabeth called Mary "the mother of my Lord."
Luke 1:43
- How was Jesus different from all other men in His birth?
in His life?
- The angel, speaking to Mary, called Jesus "that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee."
(sinless) Luke 1:35
"In Him is no sin." 1 John 3:5
"Such an High Priest became us who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners."
(spotless) Heb. 7:26
- Where was Jesus born?
- "Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea." Matt. 2:1
- Where did Jesus grow up?
- "He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth."
(lived) Matt. 2:23
- When did Jesus begin His public work?
- "Jesus Himself began to be about thirty years of age."
Luke 3:23
- What did He suffer just before He died?
(9)
1. "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful." Matt. 26:38
(very)
 2. "Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged* Him." John 19:1
 - 3) "Then they had 'braided' a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head and a reed in His right (stick)
hand; and they bowed the knee before Him and
 - 4) mocked Him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and
 - 5) they spit upon Him and took the reed and
 - 6) 'beat' Him on the head." Matt. 27:29-30
 - 7) "He, bearing His cross, went forth into a place, ... where
 - 8) they crucified Him." John 19:17-18
(nailed Him to a cross)
 - 9) "Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ... 'My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me.'" Matt. 27:46
- *scourge - a whip with pieces of metal on the ends
- How was His body kept in the grave?
- "Neither His flesh did see 'decay'." Acts 2:31
- What moved Jesus to suffer and die?
- "The Son of God ... loved me and gave Himself for me."
Gal. 2:20

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe ... in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried."

Daily Readings: (1) Luke 1:26-38. (2) Luke 2:1-21. (3) Luke 2:41-52.
(4) Mark 14:26-46. (5) Matt. 26:57-68. (6) John 19:1-16. (7) Luke 23:33-53.

22. J e s u s I s G l o r i f i e d

- What followed the humbling of Jesus? (2)
1. "God ... gave Him glory." 1 Pet. 1:21
"Thou crowdest Him with glory and honor (the Father) (Jesus) and
 - 2) didst set Him over the works of Thy hands," Heb. 2:7
"Jesus . . . humbled Himself. . . Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name (lifted Him up)
which is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (say openly) Phil. 2:5,9-11
- In which acts is Jesus glorified? (5)
1. "He went and preached to the spirits in prison." (hell) 1 Pet. 3:19
 2. "Christ was raised up from the dead." Rom. 6:4
 - 3) "He was received up into heaven and
 - 4) sat on the right hand of God." Mark 16:19
 5. "Jesus ... shall judge the 'living' and the dead at His appearing." 2 Tim. 4:1
- What did Jesus do ... with His enemies in hell?
- "He made a show of them openly, triumphing (celebrating a victory) over them in it." Col. 2:15
- Describe the risen Savior. (2)
1. "Jesus . . . said, ... 'Behold My hands and My feet that it is I myself; handle Me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have.' . . . And lie ... did eat before them." Luke 24:36,38-39,43
 2. "His glorious (1) body." (heavenly) Phil. 3:21
(2) "When the doors were shut where the disciples were 'gathered together' for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst." John 20:19
- What does the fact that Jesus rose from the dead prove? (5)
1. "He is risen as He said." Matt. 28:6
"While they 'stayed' in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, 'The Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him, and the third day He shall be raised again.'" Matt. 17:22-23
 2. "Jesus ... was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4:25
(God by freeing Jesus, the sinner's substitute, declares the sinner free from the punishment of sin.)
"If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." 1 Cor. 15:17
 3. "Jesus ... was ... declared to be the Son of God ... by the resurrection from the dead." Rom. 1:3-4
(dead body becoming alive)

4. "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, amen, and have the (certainly)

keys of ... death." Rev. 1:18
(power over)

The daughter of Jairus "was dead. And He ... (Jesus) took her by the hand and called, saying, 'Girl, arise.' And her spirit came again, and she arose 'at once'." Luke 18:53-55

5. "Because I live, ye shall live also," John 14:19
"I am the resurrection and the life; He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

What great command did Jesus give to His disciples before He went up to heaven?

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Jesus died for sinners) Mark 16:15

What is the ascension of Jesus?

"While they beheld, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Acts 1:9

Where is Jesus after He went up to heaven?

"He that 'came down' is the same also that 'went up' far above all heavens that He might fill all things." Eph. 4:10

"I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20

What does Jesus now do at the right hand of God? (3)

- "He ... set Him at His own right hand in (The Father), (Jesus) the heavenly places,
- 1) far above all 'government' and 'authority' and 'power' and 'lordship', ... not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and hath put all things under His feet and
 - 2) gave Him to be the head over all things to the church." Eph. 1:20-22
 - 3) "Christ, ... who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Rom. 8:34
(prays)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He (went down) ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, (went up) from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead." (living)

Daily Readings: (1) Mark 16:1-8. (2) John 20:1-18. (3) Luke 24:13-35.
(4) John 20:19-31. (5) John 21. (6) Matt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-14.
(7) Phil. 2:1-11.

23. Jesus Is Our Priest, Prophet, and King

What is the meaning of "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His
the name Jesus? (free)

people from their sins." Matt. 1:21
the name Christ? God appointed Him to do a special work.

What work was Jesus appointed to do? (3)

1. "We have a great High Priest, ... Jesus." Heb. 4:14
2. "Jesus ... was a Prophet mighty in deed and word."
(preacher) Luke 24:19
- "Thou art a teacher come from God." John 3:2
3. "Jesus answered, 'Thou sayest that I am a King.'
John 18:37

What is Jesus as a Priest?

"There is ... one Mediator between God and men, the
(go-between)
man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5
"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Rom. 5:1

What is the work of Jesus as a Priest?

1. "Christ died for our sins."
"He offered up Himself."
(sacrificed) 1 Cor. 15:3
Heb. 7:27
2. "By the obedience of One shall many be made
(keeping the Law) (Jesus)
righteous." Rom. 5:19
"I have kept My Father's Commandments." John 15:10
3. "I pray for them."
"Then said Jesus, 'Father, forgive them.'
Luke 23:34

For whom did Jesus die? (1:a)

"He died for all." 2 Cor. 5:15
"Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. 5:6
a. They are "denying the Lord that bought them, and
bring upon themselves swift destruction." 2 Pet. 2:1
(earth and hell)

By what did Jesus free us from sin?

"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from
all sin." 1 John 1:7

Why should Jesus be very precious to us?

"Neither is there salvation in any other."
(heaven) Acts 4:12
"Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and
the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.'
John 14:6

To whom do we belong?

"We are the Lord's." Rom. 14:8
"Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit,
which are God's."
1 Cor. 6:19-20

What did Jesus as
a Prophet preach?
(1:abc)

"Jesus said, . . . 'I tell you the truth,'"

John 8:42,45

- a. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1:18
- b. "Jesus went about, . . . preaching the Gospel."
(Jesus died for sinners) Matt. 9:35
- c. "I have told you before."
(ahead) Matt. 24:25

He foretold His death and rising again, the destruction of the temple, of Jerusalem, and of the Jewish nation, the growth of the church, and His coming for judgment.

Luko 18:32; 21:5-6, 23-24; Mark 4:30-32; Acts 1:8; Matt. 25.

How does Jesus still
preach today?

"He that heareth you heareth Me."

Luke 10:16

Over what does Jesus
rule as a King? (3)

1. "Thou hast put all things in subjection under His feet."
(under His rule) Heb. 2:8
"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."
(Jesus) Matt. 28:18
2. "Christ is the head of the church."
(all believers) . . . The church is subject unto Christ."
(under the rule of) Eph. 5:23-24
3. "The Lord . . . will 'save' me unto His heavenly kingdom."
(deliver) 2 Tim. 4:18
"Of His kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:33

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"Jesus Christ . . . has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from (under God's punishment) (freed by buying back) (bought) 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."

Daily Readings: (1) Ex. 28:29-41; Num. 16:41-50. (2) Heb. 4:14-5:10.
(3) Heb. 7:21-8:2. (4) Heb. 9:6-28. (5) Heb. 10:1-22. (6) Is. 53.
(7) 1 Pet. 1:18-20; 2:21-25; 3:18.

24. God Forgives Sins

What do we pray in the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

"Forgive us our 'trespasses'."
(sins) Matt. 6:12

What moves God to make man holy? (2)

1. "God 'counts' righteousness without works."
(holiness) Rom. 4:6
2. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace."
(made holy) (unearned love)
Rom. 3:23-24

"Then the lord of that servant 'had pity' and loosed him and forgave him the debt."
Matt. 18:27

How did God make the sinner holy? (2)

1. "God ... hath made Him to be sin for us who knew
(Jesus)
no sin that we might be made the righteousness of
(holiness)
God in Him."
2 Cor. 5:20-21
2. "God was in Christ,
reconciling the world unto Himself, not counting
(making Himself a friend to the world) their trespasses
unto them."
(sins) 2 Cor. 5:19

How richly does God for Jesus' sake forgive sins? (3)

1. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."
Is. 1:18
"Nathan said to David, . . . 'Thou hast killed Uriah, the Hittite, with the sword and hast taken his wife to be thy wife.' . . . And David said unto Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' And Nathan said unto David, 'The Lord also hath put away thy sin.'" 2 Sam. 12:7,9,13
2. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."
1 John 1:7
3. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."
John 1:29

What does God give to those whom He makes holy? (2)

1. The blessedness of the man unto whom God 'counts'
(happiness)
righteousness without works."
(holiness) Rom. 4:6
"Jesus ... said, ... 'Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.'" Matt. 9:2
2. "Whom He justified, whom He also glorified."
(made holy) (gave heaven to)
Rom. 8:30
"Being justified by His grace, we should be
(unearned love)
made heirs
(those who get property from their parents)
according to the hope of eternal life."
Titus 3:7

Why can we be sure
that our sins are
forgiven and we
shall go to heaven?
(2)

1. "Who shall 'bring an accusation against' God's elect? It is God that justifieth." Rom. 8:33
(chosen) (makes holy)
2. "Eternal life which God, that cannot lie, promised." Titus 1:2
"All the promises of God in Him are 'yes' and in Him amen."
(Jesus) (certainty) 2 Cor. 1:20

What comfort have
we because our
forgiveness is based
on nothing in man
but on God alone?

"I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels
(sure)
nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor
(rulers)
things to come nor height nor depth nor any other
creature shall be able to separate us from the love of
God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."
Rom. 8:38-39

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe in ... the forgiveness of sins."

Daily Readings: (1) Rom. 3:10-20. (2) Rom. 5:6-21. (3) 2 Cor. 5:14-21.
(4) Matt. 18:23-35. (5) Luke 18:9-14. (6) Ps. 130. (7) Matt. 9:1-8.

25. The Holy Ghost

What happened on Pentecost? (10 days after Jesus went up to heaven)

"Then the day of Pentecost was fully come, . . . they (the disciples) were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:1,4

What is the Holy Ghost?

"Peter said, 'Ananias, why hath Satan (the devil) filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? . . . Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.'" Acts 5:3-4

What qualities of the Holy Spirit prove that He is God? (3)

1. "The eternal Spirit." (ondless) Heb. 9:14
2. "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." Ps. 139:7-10
3. "The Spirit searcheth all things, 'yes', the deep (finds out) things of God." 1 Cor. 2:10
"The Spirit . . . will show you things to come." John 16:13

What works of the Holy Spirit prove that He is God? (2)

1. "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the Breath of (Spirit) the Almighty hath given me life." Job 33:4
2. "Holy men of God (writers of the Bible) spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Pet. 1:21

Through what does the Holy Spirit work? (3)

1. "The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Eph. 6:17
"The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word." Acts 10:44
2. "By one Spirit are we all baptized." 1 Cor. 12:13
3. "The Lord Jesus . . . took bread . . . and said, 'Take, eat. This is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me.' . . . He took the cup, . . . saying, 'This cup is the New Testament (agreement of God to forgive sins) in My blood. This do as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of Me.'" 1 Cor. 11:23-25
"The Holy Ghost . . . shall . . . bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you.-- He shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you." John 14:26; 16:14

What does the Holy Spirit do for us? (3)

1. "The Holy Ghost ... shall teach you all things. --
The Spirit ... will guide you into all truth."
John 14:26; 16:13
2. "But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified ... by the
(made holy)
Spirit of our God."
1 Cor. 6:11
3. "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit
reap life everlasting."
Gal. 6:8

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe in the Holy Ghost."

Daily Readings: (1) John 16:7-15. (2) Acts 2:1-13. (3) Acts 2:14-39.
(4) Acts 8:14-24. (5) Acts 10:19-24, 34-48. (6) Acts 19:1-6. (7) 1 Cor. 2.

26. B a p t i s m

What is baptism? (2)

- 1) "The washing of water
- 2) by the Word." Eph. 5:28

How may we apply the water in baptism? (4)

1. The sprinklings in Numbers 19 are called "'baptisms'" in Hebrews 9:10.
2. "He had not first 'baptized' Himself before (Jesus) (washed) dinner." Luke 11:38
(Washing before meals was called baptism.)
"All the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not. ... And when they come from the market, (public place) except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be which they have received to hold, as the 'baptisms' ... of 'couches'." Mark 7:3-4
3. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Matt. 3:11
"I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." Acts 2:17
(Baptize = pour out, said of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost.)
4. Putting the person under the water.

Which special Word of God should we use in baptizing?

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19

Whom should we baptize? (1:a)

"Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ... 'Teach all nations, baptizing them.'" Matt. 28:18-19
(people)

"Be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the 'forgiveness' of sins. ... For the promise is unto you and to your a) children." Acts 2:38-39

Which other reasons have we for baptizing little children? (3)

1. "I was born in sin, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Ps. 51:5
(give life to)
2. "Be baptized and wash away thy sins." Acts 22:16
"Jesus ... said unto them, 'Let' the little children come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14
(church = all believers)
3. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, (baptism) he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5
"These little ones which believe in Me." Matt. 18:6
"He shall be filled with the Holy Ghost even from (John) his mother's womb." Luke 1:15

Why do we have sponsors
at the baptism of
little children? (3)

1. "That in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may 'stand firm'. Matt. 18:16
- 2) "You should at all times remember him in your prayers, ... and
- 3) lend your counsel and aid (especially if he should
(advice)
lose his parents) that he may be brought up in the true knowledge and fear of God."
(From the words spoken to sponsors at a baptism.)

Then should we
baptize adults?
(grown-ups)

"They that gladly receive his word were baptized."
Acts 2:41

"Philip opened his mouth and began at the same Scripture and preached unto him Jesus. And ... they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?' And Philip said, 'If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' . . . And he baptized him."
Acts 8:35-38

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water comprehended in
(included)

God's command and connected with God's Word."

Daily Readings: (1) Gen. 17:1-14. (2) Matt. 3. (3) Num. 19.
(4) John 13:1-17. (5) Mark 10:13-16. (6) Acts 16:12-34. (7) Acts 8:26-40.

Special Assignment: What would you do if you were with a dying child that was not baptized?

27. B a p t i s m W a s h e s A w a y S i n

Who came upon Jesus when He was baptized? "Jesus also being baptized, ... the Holy Ghost 'came down' in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him." Luke 3:21-22

Who works in our baptism? "By one Spirit are we all baptized." 1 Cor. 12:13
 "Be baptized, ... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

What does the Holy Ghost do for us in baptism? "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Gal. 3:27
 "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20

- What does Jesus give us in baptism? (5)
1. "Be baptized and wash away thy sins." Acts 22:16
 "In whom we have ... the forgiveness of sins." Col. 1:14
 (Jesus)
 2. "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Gal. 3:26-27
 "'Make disciples by' baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19
 3. "Christ who 'has made' death 'powerless'." 2 Tim. 1:10
 "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:55,57
 4. "That through death He might destroy ... the devil." (Jesus) Heb. 2:14
 5. "Baptism doth also now save us." 1 Pet. 3:21
 (give us heaven)
 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of 'a rebirth' and renewing of the (baptism) Holy Ghost, which He 'poured out' on us 'richly' through Jesus Christ our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made (made holy) heirs (those who get property from their parents) according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying." Titus 3:5-8
 (trustworthy)

What gives baptism
this power? (2)

1. "Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ... 'Touch all nations, baptizing them.'" Matt. 28:18-19
"A man which was blind from his birth . . . said, 'A man that is called Jesus made clay and anointed mine eyes and said unto me, "Go (put on like oil) to the pool of Siloam and wash." and I went and washed, and I received sight.'" John 9:1,11
2. "Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19
"Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the (make holy) washing of water by the Word." Eph. 5:25-26

When can a
person be saved
without baptism?

One of the two thieves crucified with Jesus "said unto Jesus, 'Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.' and Jesus said unto him, 'Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with (surely) Me in paradise.'" (heaven) Luke 23:42-43

Will a person be saved
who can but refuses
to be baptized?

"The Pharisees and lawyers rejected the 'plan' of God against themselves, being not baptized of him." Luke 7:30
(John the Baptist)

How must a person take
the gifts of God
out of baptism and
make them his own?

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be (go to heaven) damned." Mark 16:16
(punished)

Does baptism lose
its power when a
baptized person by
unbelief refuses
the gifts it offers?

"If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful." (stays) 2 Tim. 2:13
"My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, (agreement) saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." Is. 54:10

What should a person
do who falls into
unbelief or sin
after baptism?

"Let the wicked forsake his way and let him return ... to our God, for He will abundantly (richly) 'forgive'." Is. 55:7
"They also, if they 'stay' not in unbelief, shall be grafted in; for God is (inserted like a shoot into a plant) able to graft them in again." Rom. 11:23

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"What does baptism give or profit? It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who
(endless heaven)

believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

"It is not the water indeed that does them, but the Word of God which is in and with the water and faith which trusts such Word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is simple water and no baptism. But with the Word of God it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of
(full of God's love)

life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost, as St. Paul says,
(rebirth)

Titus, chapter third."

Daily Readings: (1) John 3:1-23. (2) Acts 2:37-47. (3) 1 Pet. 3:15-22.
(4) Luke 23:32-33, 39-43. (5) 2 Kings 5:1-14. (6) Mark 7:31-37.
(7) John 9:1-15.

28. The Lord's Supper

- Which other names are given to "the Lord's Supper"? (1 Cor. 11:20) (4)
1. "The Lord's Table." 1 Cor. 10:21
 2. "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which (sharing) we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" 1 Cor. 10:16
 3. "He took the cup and gave thanks." (Eucharist) Matt. 26:27
 4. "Breaking of bread." Acts 2:42
- When did Jesus celebrate the Lord's Supper for the first time? (2)
1. "The same night in which He was betrayed." (Maundy Thursday) 1 Cor. 11:23
 2. "After supper." (the Passover = the killing and eating of a lamb at Easter by the Jews to celebrate their going out of Egypt) Luke 22:20
- What did Jesus call the Lord's Supper because He gave it to us just before He died?
- "This cup is the New Testament in My blood." (will) Luke 22:20
- What earthly things does Jesus give us in the Lord's Supper? (2)
1. "The feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which (without yeast) is called the Passover. . . . He took bread . . . and gave unto them."
 2. "He took the cup, . . . saying, . . . 'I will not drink 'from now on' of this fruit of the vine." Matt. 26:27,29
- "This is not to eat the Lord's Supper. . . . Another is drunken." 1 Cor. 11:20-21
- What does the Catholic church teach in regard to the Lord's Supper?
- The blessing of the priest changes the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Bread and wine are no more present. Body - Blood
- How is the Bible teaching different from that of the Catholic Church?
- "Ye eat this bread." 1 Cor. 11:26
 Jesus says after the Lord's Supper, "I will not drink 'from now on' of this fruit of the vine." Matt. 26:29
- What do churches other than the Catholic and the Lutheran teach in regard to the Lord's Supper?
- Bread and wine like pictures only remind us of the body and blood of Christ. The Bread - Wine body and the blood are not present.

What does Jesus
give us in
the Lord's Supper
with the bread?

"He took bread and gave thanks and brake it and gave unto them, saying, 'This is My body which is given for you.'" Luke 22:19

"The bread which we break, is it not the communion of (sharing)

the body of Christ?" 1 Cor. 10:16

with the wine?

"He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the 'forgiveness' of sins.'" Matt. 26:27-28

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?" 1 Cor. 10:16 (sharing)

Why should we believe
that Jesus gives us
His body and blood
in the Lord's Supper?
(3)

1. "Thy Word is truth." John 17:17

2. "With God all things are possible." Matt. 19:26
He "is able to do 'beyond all things far' above all that we ask or think." Eph. 3:20

3. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20

What do we therefore
believe in regard to
the Lord's Supper?

All four are present.

Bread - Wine
Body - Blood

For what use does
Jesus give us His
body and blood
with the bread
and the wine?

"Jesus ... said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' And ... 'Drink ye all of it, for this is My blood.'" Matt. 26:26-28

"Let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." 1 Cor. 11:28

During what time is
the body given and
present with the
bread, and the
blood with the wine?

"Jesus ... said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' And ... 'Drink ye all of it, for this is My blood.'" Matt. 26:26-28

Does the unchristian
receive the body
and the blood in
the Lord's Supper?

"Whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the (not as God wants him to)

body and blood of the Lord." 1 Cor. 11:27

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself."
(begun and commanded)

Daily Readings: (1) Ex. 24:3-8. (2) Ex. 12:1-20. (3) Ex. 12:21-28.
(4) Luke 22:7-30. (5) Matt. 26:20-30. (6) Mark 14:17-26. (7) Eph. 3:8-21.

29. Gifts in the Lord's Supper

- That do we celebrate in the Lord's Supper? "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death." 1 Cor. 11:26
- That does Jesus give us in the Lord's Supper with His body? with His blood? "This is My body which is given for you." Luke 22:19
 "Christ ... bear our sins in His own body on the tree." 1 Pet. 2:21,24
 "This is My blood of the New Testament which is shed for (agreement) many for the forgiveness of sins." Matt. 26:28
- That does Jesus mean by "the New Testament"? God says, "I will make a new covenant: . . . I will (agreement) forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin (sin) no more." Jor. 31:31,34
- Then will our Lord's Supper have the power to forgive sins? Then Jesus had celebrated the Lord's Supper, He said, "This do." Luke 22:19
- Who should not receive the Lord's Supper? (6)
1. "I have written unto you not to keep company if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator or (lives in sexual sin) covetous or an idolator (greedy) (one who worships false gods) or a railer or a drunkard or a 'robber'--with (one talking evil) such an one 'not even' to eat." 1 Cor. 5:11
 "Give not that which is holy unto dogs, neither 'throw' ye your pearls before swine." Matt. 7:6
 2. "Jesus took bread ... and gave it to the disciples. (Christians) ... And He took the cup ... and gave it to them." Matt. 26:26-27
 - 3) "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of (test) that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, (punishment)
 - 4) not discerning the Lord's body." 1 Cor. 11:28-29 (seeing clearly)
 5. "Mark them which cause divisions and (differences of teaching) offences contrary to the 'teaching' which ye have (traps) learned; and avoid them." Rom. 16:17
 "We being many are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread." 1 Cor. 10:17 (sharers)
 6. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother 'has something' against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, (become friends again) and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23-24

What harm is there in going to the Lord's Supper unprepared?

"He that eateth and drinketh unworthily (not as God wants him to) eateth and drinketh damnation to himself." (punishment) 1 Cor. 11:29

What should each one do before he goes to the Lord's Supper?

"Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." (test) 1 Cor. 11:28

How should each one examine himself? (3) (test)

1. "I will be sorry for my sin." Ps. 38:18
2. "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." 2 Cor. 13:5
"Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Heb. 11:6
3. "Jesus ... said, ... 'Sin no more.'" John 5:14
"Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance." Luke 3:8
(sorrow for sin and faith in Jesus)

Who should watch that no one receives the Lord's Supper to his damnation?

Paul says to pastors, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." (watch) Acts 20:28

How does the Lutheran church protect people from receiving the Lord's Supper to their damnation? (3)

- Before anyone goes to the Lord's Supper--
- 1) he is instructed and confirmed;
 - 2) he announces himself each time to the pastor;
 - 3) he is prepared in the Lord's Supper service.

What is the purpose of confirmation? (3)

1. To renew the promises of baptism;
2. To confess one's faith publicly;
3. To show that one can examine himself.

Why should we go to the Lord's Supper as often as we can? (2)

1. "Jesus ... said, ... 'This do.'" 1 Cor. 11:23-24
2. "Our 'sins' are 'many' before Thee." (God) Is. 59:12
"This is My blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the 'forgiveness' of sins." Matt. 26:28

Why should he who is weak in faith go to the Lord's Supper?

"Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:24
"The bruised reed shall He not break." Is. 42:3
"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13

Why should he who is sad go to the Lord's Supper?

"He healeth the broken in heart." Ps. 147:3
"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are 'burdened', and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"What is the benefit of such eating and drinking? That is shown us by these words, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins'; namely, that (forgiveness) in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through (heaven) 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? It is not the eating and drinking indeed that does them, but the words here written, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins'; which words, beside the bodily eating and drinking, are as the chief thing in the Sacrament; and he that believes these words has what they say and express, namely, the forgiveness of sins."

"Fasting and bodily preparation is indeed a fine outward training; (not eating) (washing, clothes) but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.' But he that does not believe these words or doubts is unworthy and unprepared; for the words 'for you' require all (demand) hearts to believe."

Daily Readings: (1) Luke 24:28-35. (2) 1 Cor. 11:17-34. (3) 1 Cor. 10:15-21.
(4) Matt. 22:1-14. (5) Matt. 6:16-18; 11:28-30. (6) Rev. 3:14-22.
(7) Ezek. 3:1-21.

Conversion

30. The New Birth

That moves God
to call men?

"God ... hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us (unearned love) in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 1:8-9

To what does God
call men? (4)

- 1) "Repent ye and (feel sorry for sin)"
- 2) believe the Gospel." Mark 1:15
(Jesus died for sinners)
(1) When Peter had lied, "The Lord turned and looked upon Peter. . . . And Peter went out and wopt bitterly." Luke 22:59-62
- "God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness." 1 Thess. 4:7
- 3) holiness."
4. "Lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called." 1 Tim. 6:12
"A certain man made a supper and bade many and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'" Luke 14:16-17

Through what does
God call men?

"He called you by our Gospel."
(news that Jesus died for sinners) 2 Thess. 2:14

To whom should the
Gospel be preached?

"He said unto them, 'Go ye into all the world and (Jesus) preach the Gospel to every creature.'" Mark 16:15

Whom does God
want to save? (1:a)

"God ... will have all men to be saved." 1 Tim. 2:3-4
"As I live,' saith the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of
a) the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.'" Ezek. 33:11
"To Israel He saith, 'All day long I have stretched forth My hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.'" Rom. 10:21
(speaking against God)

Why are men lost? (2)

1. "This is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." John 3:19-20
2. "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." Acts 7:51
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Matt. 23:37

Whose fault is it if
a person is lost?

"O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself." Hos. 13:9

Who gets all the credit
if a person is saved?

God says, "In Me is thine help." Hos. 13:9

That can man do
to save himself?

"By grace (God's unearned love) are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the Leopard his (negro) spots? Then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil." Jer. 13:23

Who alone can give
us a new life?

"God, ... when we were dead in sins, hath 'made us alive'." Eph. 2:4-5

"Jesus ... said, . . . 'No man can come to Me except the Father which hath sent Me draw him.'" John 6:43-44

Which person in
particular is said
to make us alive?

"It is the Spirit that 'makes alive'." John 6:63

By which means does God
give us the new life?

- (2)
1. "Being born again ... by the Word of God. 1 Pet. 1:23
"Hear and your soul shall live." Is. 55:3
 2. "A man be born again of water and the Spirit."
(baptism)
John 3:5

What does God do to
give us a new life?

"You, being dead in your sins, ... hath He 'made alive',
... having forgiven you all trespasses." Col. 2:13
(sins)

What is the new life?
(3)

1. "To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by
(heaven)
'forgiveness' of their sins." Luke 1:77
"To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness
to light." Acts 26:18
2. "The carnal mind is enmity against God."
(fleshly) (hatred) Rom. 8:7
"To love Him because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19
(God)
"A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I
put within you; and I will take away the stony
heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of
flesh." Ezek. 36:26
3. "How much more shall the blood of Christ ... 'cleanse'
your conscience from dead works to serve the
living God." Heb. 9:14
"Thou ... shalt obey His voice according to all
that I command thee this day ... with all thine
heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 30:1-2
"None of us liveth to himself. ... We live unto
the Lord." Rom. 14:7-8

Daily Readings: (1) Is. 55:1-7. (2) Luke 14:16-24. (3) John 1:4-13; 3:18-21.
(4) Acts 7:51-60; 13:45-45. (5) Acts 9:1-22. (6) Ezek. 36:25-28; 37:1-14.
(7) Col. 1:9-23.

31. I Believe

- What does faith take hold of? (3)
1. "They ... receive the Word with joy, ... which ... believe." Luke 8:13
 2. "Faith is ... 'a proof' of things not seen." Heb. 11:1
 3. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 16:31
- What is faith? (2)
- "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, 'If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed, and
- 1) ye shall know the truth.'" John 8:31-32
 2. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." Prov. 3:5
"Abraham . . . 'doubted not' the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, ... being fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able also to perform." Rom. 4:16,20-21
- Who works faith?
- "Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Cor. 2:5
"Unto you it is given ... to believe on Him." Phil. 1:29
- By what does God work faith?
- "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17
"Paul and Silas . . . spake unto him the Word of (the jailer) the Lord and to all that were in his house. . . . And ... he ... rejoiced, believing in God with all his house." Acts 16:25,32,34
- What does unbelief bring to man? (3)
1. "He said unto them, 'Thy are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" Mark 4:40
 2. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the anger of God 'stays' on him." John 3:36
"Without faith it is impossible to please Him." (God) Heb. 11:6
 3. "He that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16 (punished)
- What do we get by believing in Jesus? (5)
1. "Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive (Jesus) forgiveness of sins." Acts 10:43
 2. "The righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus (~~goodness~~) Christ unto all and upon all them that believe." Rom. 3:22
 3. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God (made holy) through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1
 4. "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:26
 5. "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him (born) should not perish but have overlasting life." John 3:16

- Those faith alone
can give you these
precious things?
"Thy faith hath saved thee." Luke 7:50
- Must faith have good
works to save us?
"A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the
Law." (made holy) Rom. 3:28
"To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that
justifieth the ungodly, His faith is counted for
(makes holy) (sinner)
righteousness." Rom. 4:5
- That must faith
have to be alive?
"Faith without works is dead." James 2:26
- How long must you
believe to be saved?
"He that shall endure (continue patiently) unto the end, the
same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13
"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a
crown of life." Rev. 2:10
- What should
be our main
concern in life?
"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith." 1 Cor. 16:13
"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he
fall." 1 Cor. 10:12
- Why should you feel
sure that you
will stay in faith
and be saved? (2)
1. "You who are kept by the power of God through faith
unto salvation." 1 Pet. 1:4-5
(heaven)
"Neither shall any man pluck them out of My
(Jesus')
hand." John 10:28
2. "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ...
hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of
(Jesus) (creation)
the world." Eph. 1:3-4
(= predestination)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, (news that Jesus died for sinners) (brought light to) sanctified and kept me in the true faith." (made holy)

Daily Readings: (1) John 4:46-54; Luke 7:1-10. (2) Heb. 11:1-20.
(3) Heb. 11:21-40. (4) Rom. 4. (5) Gal. 2:16; 3:6-14. (6) Matt. 25:1-13.
(7) Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1.

32. Lead Us Not into Temptation

What does it mean to
"tempt" someone? (2)

1. "The trying of your faith." James 1:3
2. "To cause thy flesh to sin." Eccl. 5:6

Does God lead
us into sin?

"God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man."
James 1:13

Why does God test us?
(3)

- 1) "The Lord your God 'trieth' you to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deut. 13:3
"God did tempt Abraham and said unto him, . . . 'Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest and got thee into the land of Moriah, and offer him there.'" Gen. 22:1-2
(kill him for God)
"The Lord thy God led thee these forty years in (Israel) the wilderness to humble thee and to try thee
- 2) to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep His commandments or no." Deut. 8:2
"Therefore I take pleasure in 'weaknesses', in 'insults', in necessities, in persecutions, in (being hunted) distresses, for Christ's sake; for (difficulties)
- 3) when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Cor. 12:10
"Some of them of understanding shall fall to try them and to 'purify' and to make them white."
Dan. 11:35
A woman asked Jesus to heal her daughter. "He answered her not a word," then spoke harshly to her to test and strengthen her faith in Him.
Matt. 15:21-28

Who tries to lead
us into sin? (3)

1. "Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust."
(sinful desire) James 1:14
"The flesh lusteth against the spirit." Gal. 5:17
Achan was tempted to steal money. Joshua 7:21
2. "Ye unto the world because of offenses."
(unChristians) (traps)
Matt. 18:7
A girl tempted Peter to lie that he did not know Jesus. Luke 22:56-57
3. "The devil having now put into the heart of Judas . . . to betray Him."
(Jesus) John 13:2
The devil tempted Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. Gen. 3:1-7

- How does God help us in temptation? (2)
- "God is faithful, who
 1) will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also (2) make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it."
 1 Cor. 10:13
- 2) "God said, ... 'I also withheld thee from sinning against Me.'" Gen. 20:6
 "Then I said, 'My foot slippeth,' Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up." Ps. 94:18
- That should we do with our flesh?
 the world? (2)
 the devil?
- "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."
 (feelings) (sinful desires) Gal. 5:24
1. "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." (draw you to sin) Prov. 1:10
 (be not willing)
 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." 1 John 2:15
2. "Go not in the way of evil men." Prov. 4:14
 "The devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist 'firmly' in the faith."
 1 Pet. 5:8-9
- "Jesus ... said, ... 'Get thee behind Me, Satan.'" Luke 4:8
- "Jesus "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15
- That keeps us watchful against sin? (2)
1. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, 'watching' the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3
2. "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein (the Son of Man cometh." Matt. 25:13
 Jesus)
- How can we win the fight against sin? (7)
1. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee." (God's) Ps. 119:11
2. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 John 5:4-5
3. "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Eph. 6:10
 "The God of peace 'will quickly crush' Satan under your feet." Rom. 16:20
- 4) "Watch and
- 5) pray that ye enter not into temptation." Matt. 26:41
6. "Every man that striveth for the mastery 'controls himself' in all things. . . . I keep under my body." 1 Cor. 9:25,27
7. "The desire of the 'idle' killeth him." Prov. 21:25

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"And lead us not into temptation.--God indeed tempts no one; but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us nor seduce us into misbelief, despair, and other great shame and vice; and though we be assailed by them, that still we may finally overcome and obtain the victory."
(cheat) (mislead) (hopelessness)
(tempted)
(got)

Daily Readings: (1) Gen. 22:1-19. (2) Ps. 66:8-20. (3) 1 Pet. 1:3-16; 2:11.
(4) James 1:9-15. (5) Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; 1 John 2:15-17. (6) Matt. 4:1-11.
(7) Eph. 6:10-18.

33. Good Works

The works good
works in us? (1:ab)

- "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13
- a. "The fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:11
- "He that 'stays' in Me and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing." John 15:5
- B. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, 'self-control'." Gal. 5:22-23

By what does God work
good works in us? (3)

1. "All Scripture ... is 'useful' ... for 'training' in righteousness that the man of God may be 'complete, perfectly equipped for every' good 'work'." 2 Tim. 3:16-17
2. "We are buried with Him by baptism into death that, like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4
3. "He took bread ... and gave unto them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you.' ... Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new testament in My blood which is shed (agreement) for you.'" Luke 22:19-20
- "Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify (honor) God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:20

That moves us to
do good works? (2)

1. "The love of Christ (constraineth us. ... He died urges) for all that they which live should 'no longer' live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:14-15
- "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20
2. "All things come of Thee." (God) 1 Chron. 29:14
- "That shall I 'repay' the Lord for all His bonofits toward me?" (kind acts) Ps. 116:12

Do we deserve what
God gives us?

- "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant." Gen. 32:10
- "He hath not dealt with us after our sins." Ps. 103:10

How should we appreciate the gifts of God? (3)

1. "Forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103:2
(kind acts)
2. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, because His mercy 'is' forever." Ps. 118:1
3. "Serve the Lord with gladness." Ps. 100:2
(work for)

That is wrong with a person who has no good works?

"I will show thee my faith by my works. . . . Faith without works is dead." James 2:18,20
 "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree (rotten) bringeth forth evil fruit." Matt. 7:16-17

That must a person have in order to do good works?

"Faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6

How does God want good works to be done? (3)

1. "It shall be our righteousness if we 'are careful' to do all these Commandments before the Lord our God as He hath commanded us." Deut. 6:25
 Jesus says, "If ye love Me, keep My Commandments."
 John 14:15
 "In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines (teachings) the commandments of men." Matt. 15:9
2. "Do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31
3. "By love serve one another." Gal. 5:13
 (help)
 "Let our's also learn to 'lead in' good works for necessary uses." Titus 3:14

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe that Jesus Christ ... is my Lord, who has redeemed me ...
 (bought me back)

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true."
 (rules)

"All this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which it is my duty to thank and praise,
 (earning)

to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

"What does such baptizing with water signify? It signifies that the
 (mean)

old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be
 (inborn sin) (sorrow) (turning from sin to Jesus)
 drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts and again a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

Daily Readings: (1) Ps. 103. (2) Luke 7:36-50; Mark 14:3-9. (3) Luke 13:6-9; 19:12-27. (4) John 15:1-14. (5) Gal. 5:16-25. (6) Titus 2. (7) Matt. 7:15-23.

34. B e R i c h i n G o o d W o r k s

- How should we grow? "The inward man is renewed day by day." 2 Cor. 4:16
- What is the daily renewal of the Christian? (2)
- 1) "Put off ... the old man, which is corrupt (going to ruin) according to the deceitful lusts; ... (cheating)
 - 2) put on the new man, which after God is created in (made) righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4:22,24
(goodness)
- How is the old man put off? (2)
1. "Whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) shall receive 'forgiveness' of sins." Acts 10:43
 2. "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Gal. 5:24
(feelings)
- How is the new man put on? (2)
1. "The righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus (goodness) Christ unto all and upon all them that believe." Rom. 3:22
 2. To "serve Him without fear in holiness and (work for God) righteousness." Luke 1:74-75
- How can we serve God? Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:40
- "Who shall receive one such little child in My (Jesus') name receiveth Me." Matt. 18:5
- Name two important good works of a Christian.
1. "Pray." 1 Thess. 5:17
 2. "Preach the Gospel to every creature." (Jesus died for sinners) Mark 16:15
- How can we live better lives? (3)
1. "Grow ... in the knowldge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. 3:18
 2. "That ye might be filled with the knowldge of His will in all wisdom." Col. 1:9
 - "Their senses exercised to (sight, taste) 'distinguish' both good and evil." Heb. 5:14
(tell one from another)
 3. Jesus says, "I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.--This is My commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." John 13:15; 15:12
- Does a Christian ever do a perfectly holy work? Paul, a Christian, says, "When I would do good, evil is present with me. . . . With the mind I myself serve the Law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin." Rom. 7:21,25

How good should we try to be?

"Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48
 "Thy will be done 'on' earth as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10
 "Peter ... said, 'Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times?'"
 Jesus saith unto him, 'I say not unto thee, until seven times; but, until seventy times seven.'" Matt. 18:21-22

How much of our life should we live in good works?

"Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31
 "This poor widow ... 'throw' in all she had, even all her living." Mark 12:43-44
 "We live unto the Lord." Rom. 14:8

By which power can we do great things for God?

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13
 "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8

What do we need to guard against in doing good works?

(2)

1. "Take heed that ye do not your alms (gifts to the poor) before men to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. . . . Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth, that thine alms may be in secret." Matt. 6:1,3-4
 2. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, (goodness) but according to His mercy He saved us." (gave us heaven) Titus 3:5
- When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, "We are 'useless' servants; we have done that which was our duty to do." Luke 17:10

How does God treat our good works?(2)

1. "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love." Heb. 6:10
2. "Thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:4
 "Your reward shall be great. . . . Give, and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6:35,38
 "Peter began to say unto Him, 'Lo, we have left all 'Vorily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house or brethren or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My sake and the Gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold, now in this time houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; (suffering for being a Christian) and in the world to come eternal life,'" Mark 10:28-30 (endless)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.--The good and gracious will
(kind)
of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it
may be done among us also.

"How is this done? When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will
(plan)
which would not let us hallow God's name nor let His kingdom come, such as
(keep holy)
the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh, but strengthens and preserves
(keeps)
us steadfast in His Word and faith unto our end. This is His gracious and good
(strong)
will."

Daily Readings: (1) Col. 3:1-17. (2) Rom. 6. (3) Matt. 25:34-46; 10:40-42.
(4) 1 Tim. 5:9-16; Acts 9:36-41. (5) Rom. 12. (6) Matt. 19:16-22;
Mark 12:41-44. (7) Matt. 20:1-16.

35. P r a y e r (talking to God)

- In which ways should we pray? (2)
1. "Ask." Matt. 7:7
 2. "In everything give thanks." 1 Thess. 5:18
 Hannah (1) asked God for a son and (2) thanked God when she had received him. 1 Sam. 1-2
 "One of them, when he saw that he was healed, ... with a loud voice glorified God and fell down on (honored) his face at His feet, giving Him thanks." Luke 17:15-16
- To whom should we pray? (1:abc)
- "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only (honor as God) shalt thou serve." Matt. 4:10
- "The name of
- a) the Father and of
 - b) the Son and of
 - c) the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19
- Why should we pray only to the true God?
- "O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come." Ps. 65:2
- "One shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer (a false god) nor save him out of his trouble." Is. 46:7
- Why should we not pray to the dead?
- "The dead know not anything. ... Neither have they anymore a 'part' forever in anything that is done under the sun." Ecc. 9:5-6
- "Abraham 'does not know' us, and Israel 'knows' us not." Is. 63:16
- For whom should we pray? (3)
1. "Pray one for another." James 5:16
 In the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us to say, "our," "us," and "we" instead of "my," "me," and "I." Matt. 6:9-13
 "I 'urge' therefore that ... prayers ... be made for all men." 1 Tim. 2:1
 2. "Pray for them which ... persecute you." Matt. 5:44
 (try to hurt)
 "They crucified Him. ... Then said Jesus, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'" Luke 23:33-34
 3. "The publican ... 'struck' upon his breast, (tax-collector) saying, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner.'" Luke 18:13
- For whom should we not pray? (1=2)
1. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." (happy) Rev. 14:13
 2. "When the wicked man dieth, his 'hope' shall perish." Prov. 11:7
- For what may we pray?
- "In everything by prayer ... let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6
- "What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24

What should we
want most of
all in prayer?

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
(God's gifts to the soul)
and all these things shall be added unto you."
(food, clothing) Matt. 6:33

Solomon prayed, "Give therefore thy servant an
understanding heart." . . . and God said unto him, . . .
'I have given thee a wise and understanding heart. . .
and I have also given thee that which thou hast not
asked, both riches and honor.'" 1 Kings 3:6,9,11-13

How many petitions of
the Lord's Prayer
are for the things
of the soul, and
how many are for the
things of the body?

- "Our Father 'who' art in heaven,
- 1) Hallowed be thy name.
(kept holy)
 - 2) Thy kingdom come.
(church, heaven)
 - 3) Thy will be done 'on' earth as it is in heaven.
 - 4) Give us this day our daily bread.
 - 5) and forgive us our 'trespasses' as we forgive
(sins)
'those who trespass against us'.
 - 6) and lead us not into temptation.
(testing)
 - 7) But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever 'and ever'. Amen." Matt. 6:9-13

How do we ask for
the things of the body?
the things of the soul?

A sick man said, "Lord, if thou wilt, Thou canst make
me clean." Matt. 8:2
"Forgive us our sins." (Not "if Thou wilt.") Luke 11:4

When should we pray?
(2)

1. "Men ought always to pray." Luke 18:1
2. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble,
"There arose a great 'storm' in the sea, insomuch
that the ship was covered with the waves; but
He was asleep. and His disciples came to Him
(Jesus)
and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us; we perish.'"
Matt. 8:24-25

At which special times
during the day do
Christians pray? (4)

- 1) "Evening and
- 2) morning and
- 3) at noon will I pray." Ps. 55:17
4. "Jesus . . . took the seven loaves and the fishes
and gave thanks, . . . and they did all eat."
Matt. 15:34-37

Where should we pray?
(3)

1. "I will therefore that men pray everywhere,"
1 Tim. 2:8:
2. "Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet,
and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy
Father 'who' is in secret." Matt. 6:6
"Jesus . . . went up into a mountain apart to pray."
Matt. 14:22-23
3. "In the congregations will I bless the Lord."
(praise) Ps. 26:12
"Many were gathered together praying." Acts 12:12

In which different
ways may we pray?
(3)

- 1) "Let the words of my mouth and
- 2) the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy
(thinking) (welcome) Ps. 19:14
sight, O Lord."
3. "Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble."
Ps. 10:17
"A woman ... said within herself, 'If I may but
touch His garment, I shall be whole.' But Jesus
turned Him about, and when He saw her, He said, ...
'Thy faith hath made thee whole.'" Matt. 9:20-22

Daily Readings: (1) Luke 17:11-19. (2) Ps. 90. (3) Gen. 18:20-33.
(4) John 17. (5) Matt. 26:36-44. (6) 1 Kings 8:22-54.
(7) Acts 4:23-31; 7:59-60.

36. G o d A n s w e r s P r a y e r

What moves us to pray?
(3)

- 1) Jesus says, "Ask, and
2) it shall be given you." Matt. 7:7
"Call upon Me in the day of
3) trouble." Ps. 50:15
"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. . . .
Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and
prayed unto the Lord." Is. 38:1-2

How may we keep God
from answering
our prayers? (3)

1. "Whosoever denieth the Son the same hath not the
Father." 1 John 2:23
Jesus says, "No man cometh unto the Father but by
Me." John 14:6
2. "If I 'aim at evil' in my heart, the Lord will not
hear me." Ps. 66:18
"Your iniquities have separated between you and your
(sins)
God, and your sins have hid His face from you that
He will not hear." Is. 59:2
3. "Forgive us our 'trespasses' as we forgive 'those
(sins)
who trespass against us'. . . . For if ye forgive
men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also
forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their
trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your
trespasses." Matt. 6:12,14-15

How does Jesus make
the answer to
prayer possible? (2)

1. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us
from all sin." 1 John 1:7
"In Christ Jesus ye who 'once' were far off are made
'near' by the blood of Christ." Eph. 2:13
2. "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ
Jesus." Gal. 3:26
"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts
unto your children, how much more shall your Father
which is in heaven give good things to them that
ask Him." Matt. 7:11
"Our Father 'who' art in heaven." Matt. 6:9

How should we pray in order that our prayer may be answered? (4)

1. "Ye do not 'lay down' our 'prayers' before Thee for our righteousness, but for Thy great mercies."
(goodness) (God's) Dan. 9:18
2. Jesus says, "Thatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name He will give it you." John 16:23
3. "That things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."
Mark 11:24
"Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."
James 1:6-7
"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace."
Heb. 4:16
"Amen."
Matt. 6:13
(so it is, so shall it be)
4. "Ye shall seek Me and find Me when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13
"When ye pray, use not 'empty' repetitions as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."
Matt. 6:7
"I will pray with the understanding also."
1 Cor. 14:15

Why should we feel certain that God will answer our prayer? (3)

1. "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him." Matt. 6:8
"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry." Ps. 34:15
2. "Our Father 'who' art in heaven. . . . Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."
Matt. 6:9,13
God "is able to do 'beyond all things, far more than what' we ask or think."
Eph. 3:20
3. God says, "Before they call, I will answer."
Is. 65:24

What should we believe if our prayer does not seem to be answered? (4)

1. "Ye know not what ye ask," Matt. 20:22
2. "If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." I John 5:14
3. Jesus says, "Mine hour is not yet come." John 2:4
"For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies I will gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee," saith the Lord, thy Redeemer." Is. 54:7-8
4. "My grace is 'enough' for thee."
(God's unearned love)
2 Cor. 12:9

Who should decide when
and how a prayer
is to be answered?

"Not my will but Thine be done."
(God's)

Luke 22:42

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"Our Father who art in heaven.--God would by these words tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children so that we may with all boldness and confidence ask Him as dear children ask their dear father."
(trust)

"And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.--We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins nor on their account deny our prayer; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we pray, neither have we deserved them; but that He would grant them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. So will we also heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us."
(unearned love)

"Amen.--What does this mean? That I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and heard; for He Himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, that is yea, yea, it shall be so."
(welcome)

Daily Readings: (1) Ps. 145. (2) Ex. 32:9-14; 33:12-23. (3) 1 Sam. 1:4-20.
(4) Matt. 18:23-35; 20:20-23. (5) Is. 1:15-19; Dan. 9:13-19. (6) Luke 18:1-14.
(7) Matt. 7:7-11; 9:27-30; 15:21-28.

Special Assignment: Write out three short prayers:

1. For a person whom you would like to win for Christ.
2. For a sick friend.
3. For one who hates you.

37. The Holy Christian Church

- Why is the church named after Christ the Christian Church? (4)
1. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11
 2. "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it." Eph. 5:25-26
(make holy)
 3. "Jesus ... said, ... 'I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not 'overpower' it.'" Matt. 16:17-18
 4. "Christ is the head of the church. ... The church is subject unto Christ." Eph. 5:23-24
(under the rule of)
- Why is the church holy? (2)
1. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7
"Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing (make holy) washing of water by the Word that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and blameless." Eph. 5:25-27
 2. "Be ye holy.--Ye ... are built up ... to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus (do holy works welcome) Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 1:15; 2:5
- Who is a member of the invisible (unseen) church?
- "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31
"The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47
- Do we know exactly who the members of the invisible church are?
- "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation, neither (church) (seeing) shall they say, 'Lo here!' or 'Lo there!' for behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21
- Who knows who is a member of the church?
- "The Lord knoweth them that are His." 2 Tim. 2:19
"Elijah ... said, ... 'The Children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant (God's agreement with them) ... and I, even I only, am left.' ... and the Lord said unto him, . . . 'I have left Me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal.'" (a false god)
1 Kings 19:13-15,18
- How many invisible churches are there?
- "We, being many, are one body in Christ and everyone members one of another." Rom. 12:5
"By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." 1 Cor. 12:13

What other names does the church have in the Bible? (8)	1. "The congregation of saints." (holy ones)	Ps. 149:1
	2. "The body of Christ."	Eph. 4:12
	3. "The house of God, which is the church." "The temple of God." (church)	1 Tim. 3:15 2 Cor. 6:16
	4. "The flock of God."	1 Pet. 5:2
	5. "The kingdom of God." "The kingdom of heaven."	Matt. 6:33 Matt. 3:2
	6. "Israel."	Gal. 6:16
	7) "Zion, ..."	
	8) Jerusalem."	Is. 2:3

What does the church bring to the world? "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
1 Tim. 3:15

What do we pray in the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer? "Thy kingdom come."
(the church)
"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."
Luke 10:2

How does the kingdom of God come to men? 1. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."
Rom. 10:17
(2) 2. "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent ^{ye} (be sorry for sins) and believe the Gospel."
(Jesus died for sinners)
Mark 1:15

How should we help build the church? "Preach the Gospel to every creature."
(Jesus died for sinners)
Mark 16:15
"They that were scattered abroad went everywhere, preaching the Word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them."
Acts 8:4-5

Which place should the church have in our life? "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."
(goodness)
Matt. 6:33

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe in ... the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints."
(union) (holy ones)

"The Holy Ghost ... calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ (makthehoib) true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers."

"Thy kingdom come.--The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.

"How is this done? When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in (unearned love)

time and hereafter in eternity."

Daily Readings: (1) Eph. 2:11-22. (2) 1 Pet. 2:1-10. (3) Mark 4:21-32.

(4) 1 Cor. 12:12-28. (5) Is. 40:1-11. (6) Is. 54; 55:10-11.

(7) Is. 60:1-6, 19-61:6.

38. The Congregation
(people in one place organized to
hear and teach the Word of God)

What is a church as
Jesus wants it to be?

1. Jesus says, "Teaching them to observe all things
(keep) whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:20
"Thou shalt not 'add to it and not take away' from
it." Deut. 12:32
"Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ... 'Go
ye therefore and teach all nations,
- 2) baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Ghost.'" Matt. 28:18-19
3. When Jesus had celebrated the Lord's Supper, He
said, "This do." Luke 22:19

Are all churches
as Jesus wants
them to be?

"Many false prophets are gone out into the world."
(untrue preachers) 1 John 4:1

What is wrong in the
false churches?

"I am against the prophets,' saith the Lord, 'that
use their tongues and say, "He saith."' Jer. 23:31
"Many which corrupt the Word of God."
(mix good with bad) 2 Cor. 2:17

Why do many false
churches seem
to be good? (2)

- 1) Jesus says, "Many will say to Me in that day,
'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? ..
(preached)
and
- 2) in Thy name done many wonderful works?' And then
will I 'confess' unto them, 'I never knew you; 'go
(say)
away' from Me, ye that work iniquity.'
(sin) Matt. 7:22-23

Which members of
any church will
go to heaven?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt
be saved." Acts 16:31
(go to heaven)

Why should we not
help or join a
church which has
false teachings? (2)

- 1) "The leaders of this people cause them to err,
(go wrong)
and
- 2) they that are led of them are destroyed."
Is. 9:16
"If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall
into the ditch." Matt. 15:14

That should we do to find out which church we should go to? (5)

- 1) "Believe not every spirit, but
- 2) try the spirits whether they are of God." 1 John 4:1
- 3) "Mark them which cause divisions
(differences of teaching)
and offenses contrary to the 'teaching' which ye
(traps)
have learned, and
- 4) avoid them." Rom. 16:17
"Be ye not unequally yoked together with
(joined)
unbelievers. . . . Come out from among them, and be ye separate,' saith the Lord, 'and touch not the unclean thing.'" 2 Cor. 6:14,17
5. "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, 'If ye continue in My Lord, then are ye My
(stay)
disciples indeed.'" John 8:31

That should members do for their congregation? (3)

1. "Love the brotherhood." 1 Pet. 2:17
2. "Serve the Lord with gladness."
(work for) Ps. 100:2
3. "Of Thine own have we given Thee."
(God's) 1 Chron. 29:14
"Upon the first day of the week let everyone of
(Sunday)
you lay by him in store as God hath
(put aside for the collection)
prospered him."
(given him success) 1 Cor. 16:2

That two kinds of people may be found in a congregation?

"The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which
(church)
sowed good seed in his field. . . . But when the blade was sprung up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the 'weeds' also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, . . . 'Wilt thou that we go and gather them up?' But he said, 'Nay, lest, while ye gather up the 'weeds', ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, gather ye together first the 'weeds' and bind them in bundlos to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Matt. 13:24,26-30
"Jesus answered them, 'Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?' He spake of Judas; . . . for He it was that should betray Him, being one of the twelve." John 6:70-71

That are hypocrites?

"They say and do not."

Matt. 23:3

"Ye hypocrites, well did 'Isaiah' prophecy of you,
(preach)

saying, 'This people draweth 'near' Me with their
mouth and honoreth Me with their lips, but their heart
is far from Me."

Matt. 15:7-8

"Not everyone that saith unto Me, 'Lord, Lord' shall
enter into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the
will of My Father which is in heaven."

Matt. 7:21

Daily Readings: (1) Eph. 4:1-16. (2) 1 Tim. 4:1-6,16; 6:3-5; Tit. 3:10-11.
(3) 2 Pet. 2:1-3, 17-21; 2 John 10-11. (4) 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 11:13-15.
(5) Matt. 13:24-50. (6) Rev. 2. (7) Rev. 3.

39. The Church Forgives Sins

- Who alone originally has the power to forgive and not to forgive sins? "Who can forgive sins but God only?" Mark 2:7
"There is forgiveness with Thee." Ps. 130:4
- To whom does God give this power to forgive and not to forgive sins? Jesus says of him who is not sorry for his sins, "If he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily, I say unto you, (unchristian, outside of the church)
- Whose refusal is the congregation's refusal to forgive? Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and (not forgive) (before God)
- Whose forgiveness is the forgiveness of the congregation? whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (forgive) Matt. 18:17-18,20
- "Jesus ... breathed on them and saith unto them, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whosoever sins ye 'forgive', they are 'forgiven' unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.'" (His disciples) John 20:21-23
(do not forgive)
- What are these two powers also called? Jesus says, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 16:19
(church)
- With which key does a congregation close heaven? open heaven? "As many as are of the works of the Law are under the curse." Gal. 3:10
(God's punishment)
- "The Gospel of Christ ... is the power of God unto (Jesus died for sinners) salvation to everyone that believeth." Rom. 1:16
(heaven)
- To which sinners should we speak the Law? "I had not known sin but by the Law." Rom. 7:7
"By the Law is the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20
"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (are sorry for sin) Luke 13:5
- Whose sins should we forgive? "Repent ye therefore and (be sorry for sin) that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19
(turn from sin to Jesus)
- "The 'tax-collector', standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but 'beat' his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner.' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified. (forgiven)" Luke 18:13-14

What are the steps of warning a church member who does wrong?

- "If thy brother shall 'sin' against thee,
- 1) go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then
 - 2) take with thee one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may 'stand firm'. And if he shall neglect to hear them,
 - 3) tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church,
 - 4) let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Matt. 18:15-17
 (unchristian, outside of the church)
 (1-3) "He which 'turns' the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death." James 5:20
 (4) "Put away from among yourselves that wicked person." (= excommunication) 1 Cor. 5:13

What is the purpose of putting anyone out of the church?

"I ... have judged, ... when ye are gathered together and my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved." 1 Cor. 5:3-5
 (soul)
 "Let favor be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness." Is. 26:10
 (goodness)

What should we do if a person who has been put out of the church is sorry?

"Enough for' such a man is this punishment 'by' many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him and comfort him." 2 Cor. 2:6-7

Through whom does the congregation carry out its powers?

"Let a man so account of us as of ... stewards (think) (pastors) (caretakers) the mysteries of God." 1 Cor. 4:1
 (things made known in God's Word)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"That is the Office of the Keys? It is the peculiar church (belonging only to the church) power which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners unto them, but to retain the sins of the impenitent (being sorry for sin) as long as they do not repent.

"I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His (servants) divine command, especially when they exclude manifest and impenitent sinners (of God) (put out open) from the Christian congregation, and again, when they absolve those who repent (forgive) of their sins and are willing to amend, this is as valid and certain (do better) (has the power) in heaven also as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us Himself."

Absolution through the pastor: "Upon this your confession, I, by (forgiveness) of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Daily Readings: (1) Matt. 9:1-8. (2) Matt. 23:13-33. (3) 2 Sam. 12:1-13; Pd. 51:1-14. (4) Jonah 3. (5) Luke 15:11-24. (6) Gal. 6:1-2; 2 Thess. 3. (7) 1 Cor. 5; 2 Cor. 2:6-10.

40. The Pastor

Who calls a pastor? (2)

1. "God hath set some in the church ... teachers."
(pastors) 1 Cor. 12:28
"The flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God." Acts 20:28
2. "The twelve called the multitude of the disciples
(church)
unto them and said, ... 'Look ye out among you seven men 'well spoken' of, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom."
Acts 6:2-3
Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."
Matt. 18:20

Those servant is a pastor? (2)

1. "One is your master, even Christ." Matt. 23:10
"Let a man so account of us as of the ministers
(think) (pastors) (servants)
of Christ." 1 Cor. 4:1
2. Paul tells the church at Corinth that he and other pastors of the church are "your servants for Jesus' sake."
2 Cor. 4:5

What kind of person should be chosen as a pastor? (6)

1. "A bishop (overseer = pastor) must be ... holding firmly to the faithful Word as he hath been taught that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."
(teaching) (encourage) (those who speak against) Titus 1:7,9
2. "Jesus saith to Simon Peter, . . . 'Lovest thou Me?' He saith unto him, 'Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee.' He saith unto him, 'Feed My sheep.'" John 21:15-16
"A bishop then must be . . .
3) blameless, . . .
4) apt to teach. . . .
(able)
5) He must have a good 'testimony' of them which are without."
(reputation) 1 Tim. 3:2,7
6. "I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man."
(rule) 1 Tim. 2:12

Has God arranged any higher office than that of a pastor?

"One is your master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."
Matt. 23:8

What does God want to do through pastors?

Paul says, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.--I am
(bring to heaven)
made all things to all men that I might by all means save some."
1 Cor. 1:21; 9:22

What is the work of a pastor? (5)

1. "Preach the Word," 2 Tim. 4:2
"Teach all nations,"
- 2) baptizing them." Matt. 28:19
3. When Jesus had celebrated the Lord's Supper, He told His disciples, "This do." Luke 22:19
- 4) "I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore hear the Word at My mouth, and
- 5) give them warning from Me." Ezek. 3:17

What special benefit is there in confessing one's sins to the pastor?

"David said unto Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' And Nathan said unto David, 'The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.'" 2 Sam. 12:13
"Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." Matt. 9:2

Who speaks through the pastor that preaches the Word of God?

Jesus says, "He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that 'rejecteth' you 'rejecteth' Me; and he that 'rejecteth' Me 'rejecteth' Him that sent Me." Luke 10:16

How should members treat their pastor? (3)

1. "Ye 'ask' you, brethren, to know them which labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish (warn) you and to esteem them very highly in love for (think of) their work's sake." 1 Thess. 5:12-13
Paul says to the Galatians, "Ye ... received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus." Gal. 4:14
2. "Obey them that have the rule over you, ... for they watch for your souls." Heb. 13:17
3. "Even so hath the Lord 'ordered' that they which preach the Gospel should live of the (make a living) Gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14
"The laborer is worthy of his hire." Luke 10:7
(pay)

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"Confession embraces two parts: one is that we confess our sins; the (includes) other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the confessor as from God (forgiveness) (pastor) Himself and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven."

"Before the confessor we should confess those sins only which we know and feel in our hearts.

"Which are those? Here consider your station according to the Ten (place in life)

Commandments, whether you are a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful; whether you have (lazy)

grieved any person by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, or wasted aught, or done other injury." (anything)

Daily Readings: (1) Matt. 4:18-22; Acts 26:9-20. (2) Acts 11:22-24; 13:1-5; 15:22. (3) Matt. 20:25-28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4. (4) 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Cor. 3:5-1-.

(5) 2 Tim. 4:1-8; Tit. 1:10-14. (6) Acts 20:16-38. (7) 1 Cor. 9:1-23; 1 Tim. 5:17.

41. D e a t h a n d R e s u r r e c t i o n
(dead bodies becoming alive)

- What is death? "The body without the spirit is dead."
(soul) James 2:26
"To be absent from the body."
2 Cor. 5:8
"Jesus ... gave up the ghost."
John 19:30
- Why do men die? "Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."
Rom. 5:12
- Is the death of a Christian a punishment for his sin? "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. . . . To depart and to be with Christ ... is far better."
(go away) Phil. 1:21,23
- How soon does the soul of a Christian go to heaven? Jesus said to the thief, dying on the cross, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."
(heaven) Luke 23:43
"They stoned Stephen, calling upon God and saying, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'"
Acts 7:59
- How will Jesus come again? (4)
1. "Every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7
"Then shall they see the Son of Man coming
2) in the clouds
3) with great power and glory." Mark 13:26
"The Son of Man shall come in His glory and
4) all the holy angels with Him." Matt. 25:31
- When will Jesus come? (3)
1. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man." Matt. 24:36
2. "The Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."
Luke 12:40
"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night."
2 Pet. 3:10
3. "I come quickly."
Rev. 3:11
(Jesus)
"The judge standeth before the door."
James 5:9
"The end of all things is at hand."
1 Pet. 4:7
- Why has Jesus not come until now? "The Lord ... is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
2 Pet. 3:9
(turn from sin to Jesus)
"Then said he 'to his vine-dresser', 'Behold, these (keeper)
three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none; cut it down; why 'does' it 'make' the ground 'useless'?' and he answering said unto him, 'Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it and dung it. and if it bear fruit, well; and if not, (manure)
then after that thou shalt cut it down.'" Luke 13:7-9

What should we
do because
Jesus is coming? (2)

1. "Prepare to meet thy God." Amos 4:12
"Be ye therefore ready." Luke 12:40
"Watch ye ... always." Luke 21:36
2. "We look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Phil. 3:20
"Look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption 'is coming near'." Luke 21:28
(getting free)
"Come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20

Is Jesus coming to
set up a kingdom
in this world?

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world.'" John 18:36

What will Jesus
do first
when He comes?

"All that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth." John 5:28-29
"Jesus saith unto her, 'Thy brother shall rise again.' Martha saith unto Him, 'I know he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' ... Jesus ... cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, 'Take ye away the stone.'" Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, 'Lord, by this time he stinketh, for he hath been dead four days.' . . . Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus . . . cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth.' And he that was dead came forth." John 11:23-24,38-44
"In my flesh shall I see God. ... Mine eyes shall behold." Job 19:26-27

Will the bodies
of unchristians
be raised?

"There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Acts 24:15

How will the
risen bodies be
different from our
present bodies?

"Neither can they die anymore." Luke 20:36

What will happen to
those who are living
when Jesus comes?

"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." (die) 1 Cor. 15:51

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe in ... the resurrection of the body. ... I believe that ... the Holy Ghost ... will at the last day raise up me and all the dead."

Daily Readings: (1) Job 3:13-22; 14:1-14; 19:25-27. (2) 2 Thess. 2. (3) Matt. 25:1-30. (4) John 11:1-45. (5) 1 Thess. 4:13; 5:11. (6) 1 Cor. 15:1-34. (7) 1 Cor. 15:35-58.

42. H e l l o r H e a v e n

How many people
will Jesus judge
when He comes?

"We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14:10
"God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:14

How will Jesus
judge each one?
(2)

1. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be (go to heaven) damned." (punished) Mark 16:16
2. Jesus says, "My judgment is just." John 5:30

What will happen
to the world?

"Heaven and earth shall pass away." Luke 21:33
"The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burnt up." 2 Pet. 3:10

Which places are
there after
death? (2)

- 1) "These shall go away into everlasting punishment, (hell)
- 2) but the righteous into life eternal." (heaven) Matt. 25:46
"Lazarus ... died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died and was buried; and (1) in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments." Luke 16:20,22-23
(great pains)

What is hell? (6)

- 1) Jesus says, "'Go' from Me,
- 2) ye cursed, into (under God's punishment)
- 3) everlasting
- 4) fire,
- 5) prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41
(3) "Their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched." Is. 66:24
(4) "In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, ... and he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'" Luke 16:23-24
"Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; ... some to
- 6) shame." Dan. 12:2

Who will receive
the greater
punishment?

"That servant which knew his Lord's will and prepared not himself neither did according to His will shall be beaten with many 'blows'. But he that knew not and did commit things worthy of 'blows' shall be beaten with few 'blows'. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke 12:47-48

What kind of
bodies shall we
have in heaven?

"Jesus Christ, who shall change our 'humble' body that
it may be 'formed' like unto His glorious body."
(rison, heavenly)

Phil. 3:20-21

"It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.
(decay)

It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.
It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power."

1 Cor. 15:42-43

What is heaven? (6)

1. "To depart and to be with Christ." Phil. 1:23
"We shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2

"Therefore are they before the throne of God and
serve Him day and night in His temple; and he that
sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them,"

Rev. 7:15

2. "I will behold Thy face in righteousness." Ps. 17:15
(God's) (holiness)

"Those are they which ... have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Rev. 7:14

"When that which is perfect is come." 1 Cor. 13:10

"We shall be like Him."
(God) 1 John 3:2

"Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but
(Jesus)

have

3) everlasting

4) life."

John 3:16

5. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and
there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor
crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for
the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4

"They shall hunger no more neither thirst anymore."

Rev. 7:16

6. "In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right
(God's)

hand there are pleasures forevermore." Ps. 16:11

Who will receive
the greater
reward in heaven?

"My reward is with Me to give every man according as his
work shall be." Rev. 22:12

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;
(sparingly)

and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also
(giving freely)

bountifully."

2 Cor. 9:6

What do we pray in the
Second Petition of
the Lord's Prayer?

"Thy kingdom come."
(heaven)

Matt. 6:10

The Lutheran Church teaches:

"I believe in ... the life everlasting. Amen. I believe that ... the Holy Ghost ... will ... give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true."

Daily Readings: (1) Matt. 25:31-46. (2) Luke 13:24-30; 16:19-31.
(3) 2 Pet. 2:4-9; 3:3-15. (4) 2 Thoss. 1:4-10; Matt. 11:20-24; Heb. 10:26-31;
2 Pet. 2:20-21. (5) Matt. 17:1-9; 22:23-32. (6) Rev. 6:9-17; 7:9-17.
(7) Rev. 20:11-21:7, 22-27.

T h e B o o k s o f t h e B i b l e

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	Gen., Ex., Lev., Num., Deut.	O
Joshua, Judges, Ruth	Josh., Judg., Ruth	l
Samuel, Kings, Chronicles	Sam., Kings, Chron.	d
Ezra, Nēhemiah	Ezra, Neh.	
Esther, Job, Psalms	Esth., Job, Ps.	T
Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	Prov., Eccl., S. of Sol.	e
Isāiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations	Is., Jer., Lam.	s
Ezekiel, Daniel	Ezek., Dan.	t
Hosea, Joel, Amos	Hos., Joel, Amos	a
Obadiah, Jonah, Mica	Ob., Jonah, Mic.	m
Nahum, Habakkuk	Nah., Hab.	e
Zephaniah, Haggai	Zeph., Hag.	n
Zechariah, Malachi	Zech., Mal.	t
Matthew, Mark, Lūke, John	Matt., Mark, Luke, John	N
Acts, Romans, Corinthians	Acts, Rom., Cor.	e
Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians	Gal., Eph., Phil.	w
Colossians, Thessalonians	Col., Thess.	
Timothy, Titus, Philōmon	Tim., Tit., Philom.	Tes
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John, Jude, Revelation	John, Jude, Rev.	ent

Accent the second last syllable in words ending in - fah;
 Isaiāh, Hosea;
 Lamentations, Revelation;
 Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians;
 Ecclesiastes; Philemon;
 Habakkuk (like "tobacco").

otherwise the first in words of two or three syllables;
 the third last in words of more than three syllables.

Helps for Memorizing: Joshua judges Ruth (as a sentence)
 ooooo in Hosea to Jonah
 MN in Micah and Nahum
 aneeiico in Galatians to Colossians
 TTT in Thessalonians to Titus
 aeou in James to Jude

B I B L E T R U T H

S u m m a r y

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For each question--

1. Find the answer in the Word of God which is quoted and state the answer in your own words.
2. Give the statement from the Word of God which shows that your answer is true.

1. The Bible

Who gave us the Bible?	"All Scripture is given by inspiration (the Bible) (breathing into) of God."	(1)* 2 Tim. 3:16
What is the Bible because it is the Word of God?	"Thy Word is truth."	John 17:17
For what purpose did God give us the Bible?	"The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." (heaven)	2 Tim. 3:15
What should we do with God's Word? (4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Search the Scriptures." 2. "Believe the Gospel." (trust that Jesus died for sinners) 3. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only." 4) "We also believe and therefore speak." 	(2) John 5:39 Mark 1:15 James 1:22 2 Cor. 4:13
What should we do about God's Word at church? (2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves (staying away from) (gathering) together." 2. "He that is of God heareth God's Words." 	Hob. 10:25 John 8:47

* Those numbers refer to the corresponding lessons in the full course of Bible Truth.

2. G o d

- What is God? (10) (3)
 1. "God is a Spirit."
 (person without a body) John 4:24
 2. "I am the Lord, I change not." Mal. 3:6
 3. "From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God."
 Ps. 90:2
 4. "'Do not I fill heaven and earth?' saith the Lord."
 Jer. 23:24
 5. "With God all things are possible." Matt. 19:26
 6. "God ... knoweth all things." 1 John 3:20
 7. "Thy Word is truth." John 17:17
 8. "I, the Lord your God, am holy."
 (without sin) Lev. 19:2
 9. "He is ... just."
 (He rewards and punishes
 everyone as he deserves) 1 John 1:9
 10. "God is love." 1 John 4:8
- Which persons are
 there in God? (3) "The name of
 1) the Father and of
 2) the Son and of
 (Jesus)
 3) the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19
- What is the Father?
 Jesus? "God the Father." 1 Pet. 1:2
 the Holy "Jesus ... is the true God." 1 John 5:20
 Ghost? "Peter said, 'Ananias,
 why hath Satan filled thine heart
 (the devil)
 to lie to the Holy Ghost? . . .
 Thou hast not lied unto men but unto God.'" Acts 5:3-4
- How many gods are there?
 "There is one God." 1 Tim. 2:5

*What is the
Apostles' Creed?
(belief)
(3 articles)

- 1) I believe in God the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth. (all-powerful)
- 2) And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
(given human life)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried.--
He descended into hell;
(went down)
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
(went up)
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. (living)
- 3) I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of
saints, (union)
(holy persons)
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
(raising)
and the life everlasting. Amen.

For questions with an asterisk () give only the answer from memory.

- (4)
- How did the world
come into being? "In six days the Lord made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that in them is." Ex. 20:11
- How was the world
when God made it? "God saw everything that He had made,
and behold, it was very good." Gen. 1:31
- How was man after Adam
and Eve had sinned? "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart
(form)
was only evil continually." Gen. 6:5
- (5)
- What do the
evil angels do?
(devils) "He that committeth sin is of the devil." 1 John 3:8
(does)
- What do the good
angels do? "The Lord ... shall give His angels charge over thee
(a command to)
to keep thee in all thy ways." Ps. 91:9, 11
- (6)
- What alone makes
it possible
for us to live? "God ... giveth to all life and breath and all things.
... In Him we live and move and have our being."
Acts 17:24-25,28
- What should we do
with our worries? "Casting all your care upon Him,
(throwing) (worry) (God)
for He careth for you." 1 Pet. 5:7
- (7)
- Over how much
does God rule? "Thou reignest over all."
(rulest) 1 Chron. 29:12
- Why does God
send us sorrow? "They in their trouble did turn unto the Lord."
2 Chron. 15:4
- What does God do
for us in trouble? God says, "I will deliver thee."
(free) Ps. 50:15

3. The Law

- (8)
- *Which is the First Commandment? "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Ex. 20:3
- How should we worship God? (3)
1. "Fear the Lord." Joshua 24:14
 2. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God." Matt. 22:37
 3. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." Prov. 3:5
- (9)
- *Which is the Second Commandment? "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Ex. 20:7
(without a good purpose)
- What do we pray in the Lord's Prayer in regard to God's name? "Hallowed be Thy name." (kept holy) Matt. 6:9
- (10)
- *Which is the Third Commandment? "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Ex. 20:8
(Saturday)
- Does anyone in the New Testament have to keep the Sabbath? "Let no man therefore judge you ... (think you are right or wrong) in respect of ... the Sabbath days." Col. 2:16
- (11)
- *Which is the Fourth Commandment? "Honor thy father and mother ... (think highly of) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:2-3
- Whom also should we obey? "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers." (obey) (government) Rom. 13:1
- What should we do if persons placed over us command us to do something wrong? "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29
- (12)
- *Which is the Fifth Commandment? "Thou shalt not kill." Matt. 5:21
- What is equal to murder before God? "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." 1 John 3:15
- How should we treat our enemies? "Love your enemies." Matt. 5:44

- *Which is the Sixth Commandment? "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Matt. 5:27
(do a sex act outside of marriage)
- What is equal to adultery before God? "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her (desire) hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5:28
- How should we keep ourselves? "Keep thyself pure." 1 Tim. 5:22
- Why should a marriage never be broken? "What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder." Matt. 19:6
(apart)
- *Which is the Seventh Commandment? "Thou shalt not steal." Matt. 19:18 (14)
- How should we use what God gives us? "Let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Eph. 4:28
- *Which is the Eighth Commandment? "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." (tell untrue statements so as to hurt) Ex. 20:16
(other person)
- How should we speak? "Speaking the truth in love." Eph. 4:15 (15)
- *Which is the Ninth Commandment? "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house." (desire) (other person's)
*the Tenth Commandment? Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife nor his man-servant nor his maid-servant nor his ox nor his ass nor anything that is thy neighbor's." Ex. 20:17
- How should we feel about what we have? "Be content with such things as ye have." Heb. 13:5 (16)
- How can we sum up the first three Commandments? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. . . .
the last seven Commandments? Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (other person) Matt. 22:37,39
the whole Law of God? "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." Rom. 13:10 (17)

4. S i n

- That is the purpose
of the Law? (2)
- That is sin?
- That two kinds of
sin are there?
- Is doing nothing wrong?
- Could it help us
to go to heaven
if we partly kept
the Law of God?
- Can we go to heaven
by our works?
- Why can we not go to
heaven by our works?
(2)
- What do we deserve
for our sins? (1:ab)
1. "By the Law is the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20 (17)
2. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that
I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:11 (18)
- "Sin is the transgression of the Law."
(breaking) 1 John 3:4
1. "In sin did my mother conceive me."
(give life to) Ps. 51:5
2. "Their deeds were evil."
(actions) John 3:19
- "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not,
to him it is sin." James 4:17
- "Whoever shall keep the whole Law,
and yet offend in one point,
(sin)
he is guilty of all." James 2:10
- "A man is not justified by the works of the Law."
(made holy) Gal. 2:16
1. "All have sinned." Rom. 3:23
2. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."
(goodnesses) Is. 64:6
- God says, "I will punish you for all your
iniquities."
(sins) Amos 3:2
- a. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."
Ezek. 18:20
- b. "Depart from Me, ye cursed,
(go) (under God's punishment)
everlasting fire."
(holl) Matt. 25:41

5. J e s u s C h r i s t

- That is Jesus? (2) (19-20)
 1. "Jesus ... is the true God." 1 John 5:20
 2. "The man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5
- How was Jesus in His life different from all other men? (21)
 "In Him is no sin." 1 John 3:5
- How did Jesus humble Himself when He became man? (20)
 "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor." 2 Cor. 8:9
- For what purpose did Jesus become man? (2) (20)
 1. "Christ died for our sins." 1 Cor. 15:3
 2. "By the obedience of One shall many be made righteous." (keeping the Law) (Jesus) Rom. 5:19
- That could Jesus do for us because He is God? (2) (19)
 1. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7
 2. Jesus says, "I give unto them eternal life." (endless) John 10:28
- How richly does God for Jesus' sake forgive sins? (3) (20)
 1. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Is. 1:18
 2. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7
 3. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29
- That does the fact that Jesus rose from the dead prove? (2) (22)
 1. "Jesus ... was ... declared to be the Son of God ... by the resurrection from the dead." Rom. 1:3-4
 (dead body becoming alive)
 2. Jesus says, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19
- There is Jesus after He went up to heaven? (22)
 "He ... ascended up far above all heavens (went up) that He might fill all things." Eph. 4:10
- That does Jesus now do at the right hand of God? (3) (22)
 1. "He . . . hath put all things under His foot." (Jesus' rule) Heb. 2:8
 2. "Christ is the head of the church." (all believers) Eph. 5:23
 3. "Christ, ... who is even at the right hand of God who also maketh intercession for us." Rom. 8:34
 (prays)

6. B a p t i s m

What is baptism? (2)

- 1) "The washing of water" (26)
- 2) by the Word." Eph. 5:26

Why may baptism
mean washing?

"He had not first 'baptized Himself' before dinner."
(Jesus) (washed) Luke 11:38
(Washing before meals was called baptism.)

What does Jesus give
us in baptism? (2)

1. "Be baptized and wash away thy sins." Acts 22:16
2. "Baptism doth also now save us." 1 Pet. 3:21
(give us heaven)

What gives baptism
this power? (2)

- 1) Jesus said, "Teach all nations, baptizing them
- 2) in the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19

How must a person take
the gifts of baptism
out of baptism?

"He that believeth and is baptized shall
be saved;
(go to heaven)
but he that believeth not shall be darned."
(punished)
Mark 16:16

Why should we
baptize children? (3)

1. Jesus said, "Teach all nations, baptizing them." (26)
Matt. 28:19
2. "In sin did my mother conceive me." Ps. 51:5
(give life to)
3. "These little ones which believe in Me."
Matt. 18:6

When should we
baptize adults?

"They that gladly received his Word were baptized."
Acts 2:41

7. T h o L o r d ' s S u p p e r

(28).

- *What does the Catholic church teach in regard to the Lord's Supper? The blessing of the priest changes the bread and wine into the Body - Blood body and blood of Christ. Bread and wine are no more present.
- How is the Bible teaching different from that of the Catholic church? "Ye eat this bread." 1 Cor. 11:26
 Jesus said after the Lord's Supper,
 "I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the
vino." (from now on) Matt. 26:29
- *What do churches other than the Catholic and the Lutheran teach in regard to the Lord's Supper? Bread and wine like pictures only remind us of the body and blood of Christ. Bread - Wine
 The body and blood are not present.
- What does Jesus give us in the Lord's Supper with the bread? with the wine? "He took bread ... and gave unto them, saying, 'This is My body which is given for you.'" Luke 22:19
 "He took the cup ... and gave it to them, saying, ... 'This is My blood of the new testament (agreement) which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'" (forgiveness)
 Matt. 26:27-28
- *What does the Bible therefore teach in regard to the Lord's Supper? All four are present. Bread - Wine
 Body - Blood

(29)

What does Jesus
give us with His
body and blood in
the Lord's Supper?

"This is My blood of the new testament
(agreement)
which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
(forgiveness)
Matt. 26:28

When may a Christian
stay away from
the Lord's Supper?

"First be reconciled to thy brother,
(become friends after a quarrel)
and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23-24

What harm is there in
going to the Lord's
Supper unprepared?

"He that eateth and drinketh unworthily
(not as God wants him to)
eateth and drinketh damnation to himself."
(punishment) 1 Cor. 11:29

What should each one
do before he goes to
the Lord's Supper?

"Let a man examine himself,
(test)
and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that
cup." 1 Cor. 11:28

*Which questions do we ask
ourselves before we go
to the Lord's Supper?
(3)

1. Am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe that Jesus died for me
and gives me His body and blood in the Lord's
Supper for the forgiveness of my sins?
3. Do I intend with the help of God
to live a better life?

Why should we go to
the Lord's Supper
as often as we can?
(2)

1. "Jesus ... said, ... 'This do.'" 1 Cor. 11:23-24
2. "Our 'sins' are 'many' before Thee."
(God) Is. 59:12

"This is My blood of the new testament
which is shed for many for the remission of
sins."
Matt. 26:28

8. T h e H o l y G h o s t -- F a i t h
(belief)

- (25)
- Through what does the Holy Spirit work? (2)
1. "The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Eph. 6:17
 2. "By one Spirit are we all baptized." 1 Cor. 12:13
- What does the Holy Ghost do for us? (2)
1. "The Holy Ghost ... shall teach you all things." John 14:26
 2. "Ye are sanctified ... by the Spirit of our God," (made holy) 1 Cor. 6:11
- (30)
- Whom does God want to save?
- "God ... will have all men to be saved."
(go to heaven)
1 Tim. 2:3-4
- Why are men lost?
- "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." Acts 7:51
- Who gets all the credit if a person is saved?
- God says, "In Me is thine help." Hos. 13:9
- (31)
- What is faith? (2)
1. "Ye shall know the truth." John 8:32
 2. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." Prov. 3:5
- What works faith?
- "Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Cor. 2:5
- What do we get by believing in Jesus? (2)
1. "Whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) shall receive remission of sins." Acts 10:43
 2. "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16
- How long must you believe to be saved?
- "He that shall endure unto the end, (continuo) the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13
(go to heaven)

9. Good Works

- (32)
- Who tries to lead us into sin? (3)
1. "Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust." James 1:14
(moved to sin)
 2. "Be unto the world because of offenses." Matt. 18:7
(sinful desire) (traps)
 3. "The devil having now put into the heart of Judas ... to betray Him." John 13:2
(unChristians) (Jesus)
- How can we win the fight against sin? (4)
1. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart (God's) that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:11
 - 2) "Watch and
 - 3) pray that ye enter not into temptation." (danger of sinning) Matt. 26:41
 4. "The desire of the slothful killeth him." (idle) Prov. 21:25
- (33)
- Who works good works in us?
- "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13
- What moves us to do good works?
- "The love of Christ constraineth us. ... (urgos)
- He died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, (No longer) but unto Him which died for them and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:14-15
- What must a person have in order to do good works?
- "Faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6
- How does God want good works to be done? (3)
1. Jesus says, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15
 2. "Do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31
 3. "By love serve one another." Gal. 5:13
(help)

(34)

- How should we grow? "The inward man is renewed day by day." 2 Cor. 4:16
- Does a Christian ever do a perfectly holy work? "Then I would do good, evil is present with me." Rom. 7:21
- How good should we try to be? "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 6:10
- How much of our life should we live in good works? "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31
- By which power can we do great things for God? "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13
- How does God treat our good works? "Thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:4

10. P r a y e r (talking to God)

In which ways should we pray?	1. "Ask." 2. "In everything give thanks."	(35) Matt. 7:7 1 Thess. 5:18
To whom should we pray? (1:abc)	"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, (honor as God) and Him only shalt thou serve." "The name of a) the Father and of b) the Son and of c) the Holy Ghost."	Matt. 4:10 Matt. 28:19
Thy should we not pray to the dead?	"The dead know not anything. ... Neither have they anymore a portion forever (part) in anything that is done under the sun."	Ecc. 9:5-6
For whom should we not pray?	" <u>Then the wicked man dieth,</u> <u>his expectation shall perish.</u> " (hope)	Prov. 11:7
For what may we pray?	"What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."	Mark 11:24 (36)
That moves us to pray? (3)	1) Jesus says, "Ask and 2) it shall be given you." "Call upon Me in the day of 3) trouble."	Matt. 7:7 Ps. 50:15
How should we pray in order that our prayer may be answered? (3)	1. "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father <u>in My</u> <u>name,</u> He will give it you." 2. " <u>Believe</u> that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." 3. "Ye shall seek Me and find Me when ye shall search for Me <u>with all your heart.</u> "	John 16:23 Mark 11:24 Jer. 29:13
Who should decide when and how a prayer is to be answered?	"Not my will but Thine be done." (God's)	Luke 22:42

*What is the
 Lord's Prayer?
 (Introduction,
 7 Petitions,
 Conclusion)

"Our Father 'who' art in heaven,

- 1) Hallowed be Thy name.
 (kept holy)
 - 2) Thy kingdom come.
 (church, heaven)
 - 3) Thy will be done 'on' earth as it is in heaven.
 - 4) Give us this day our daily bread.
 - 5) and forgive us our 'trespasses'
 (sins)
 as we forgive 'those who trespass against us.'
 - 6) And lead us not into temptation.
 (testing)
 - 7) But deliver us from evil.
- For Thine is the kingdom and the power
 and the glory forever 'and ever'. Amen."

Matt. 6:9-13

11. The Church

- (37)
- Why is the church named after Christ the Christian church? "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it." Eph. 5:25
- Why is the church holy? "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7
- Who is a member of the invisible church? (unseen) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31
(go to heaven)
- "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47
- Where is the church? "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17
- How should we help build the church? "Preach the Gospel (Jesus died for sinners) to every creature." Mark 16:15
- Which place should the church have in our life? "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." (church) Matt. 6:33
- When is a church (congregation) as Jesus wants it to be? Jesus says, "Teaching them to observe all things (keep) whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:20
- What is wrong in the false churches? "'I am against the prophets,' saith the Lord, 'that use their tongues and say, "He saith."'" Jer. 23:31
- What should we do with churches which do not in every way teach the Word of God? "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses (different teachings) (traps) contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, (teaching) and avoid them." Rom. 16:17
- What should members do for their church? (3)
1. "Love the brotherhood." 1. Pet. 2:17
 2. "Serve the Lord with gladness." Ps. 100:2
(work for)
 3. "Of Thine own have we given Thee." 1 Chron. 29:14
(God's)
- "Upon the first day of the week (Sunday) let everyone of you lay by him in store (put aside for the collection) as God hath prospered him," 1 Cor. 16:2
(given him success)

- (39)
- Who alone originally has the power to forgive and not to forgive sins? "Who can forgive sins but God only?" Mark 2:7
- To whom does God give this power to forgive and not to forgive sins? Jesus says to the church, "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth (not forgive) shall be bound in heaven; (before God) and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth (forgive) shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 18:18
- What are the steps of warning a church member who does wrong? (4)
- "If thy brother shall trespass against thee (sin)
- 1) go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone.
If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
But if he will not hear thee,
 - 2) then take with thee one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
(stand firm)
And if he shall neglect to hear them,
 - 3) tell it unto the church;
 - 4) let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."
(unchristian, outside of the church)
- Matt. 18:15-17
- (40)
- Who calls a pastor? (2)
1. "God hath set some in the church ... teachers."
(pastors)
1 Cor. 12:28
 2. "The twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them (church)
and said, ... 'Look ye out among you seven men. '"
Acts 6:2-3
- What does God want to do through pastors? "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."
(bring to heaven) 1 Cor. 1:21
- Who speaks through the pastor that preaches the Word of God? Jesus says, "He that hearth you hearth Me, and he that despiseth you despiseth Me,
(rejects)
and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me."
Luke 10:16

How should members
treat their pastor?
(2)

1. "Esteem them very highly in love for their work's
(think of) sake." 1 Thoss. 5:13
2. "Even so hath the Lord ordained
(ordered)
that they which preach the Gospel
should live of the Gospel."
(make a living) 1 Cor. 9:14