

Memory Work for Pastor's Class

September -November

To parents and students:

To help learn your memory work by heart say the lesson for the week *out loud every day*. I suggest reciting it as a family before you eat dinner as well as reciting it out loud three times, line by line, before you go to bed. This will aid storing the lesson in your long term memory instead of your short term memory if you try to learn it in a rush Wednesday afternoon. **Each student has been given a CD of the Catechism to music. Please listen to it while doing homework or relaxing to help memorize.** The date for each section is the date the memory work should be recited to the pastor. God bless your study!

September 28: First Commandment

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Bible Passages: Matthew 22:37-38: Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment."

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

October 5: Second and Third Commandments

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray praise, and give thanks.

Bible Passage: Psalm 50:15, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Bible Passage: Matthew 11:28: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Hebrews 10:25: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

October 12: Fourth Commandment

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Bible Passage: Matthew 22:39: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Ephesians 6:2-3: Honor your father and mother— which is the first commandment with a promise— “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Romans 13:7: Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

October 19: Fifth and Sixth Commandments

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

Bible Passage: Matthew 5:44: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Bible Passages: Mark 10:6-9: From the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female,” “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.

October 26: Seventh and Eighth Commandments

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

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

The Eight Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Bible Passages: Matthew 18:15: If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone.

November 2: Ninth and Tenth Commandments

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

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

November 9: Reformation Lesson

Article IV of The Augsburg Confession: Our churches also teach that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works but are freely justified for Christ’s sake through faith when

they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven on account of Christ, who by his death made satisfaction for our sins. This faith God imputes for righteousness in his sight.” (Rom. 3 and 4).

Bible Passage: Romans 3:23-26a: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

November 16: The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about these commandments? He says, “I the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20:5-6)

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

November 23: Thanksgiving Break! No Class!

November 30: The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles Creed: The First Article: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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

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

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

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

This is most certainly true.

