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CONFIRMATION CLUB

At-Home Class

Memory Work

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The Ten Commandments

and their meanings

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from Luther's Small Catechism.

I You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? *We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.*

II 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.*

III 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.*

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IV 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.*

V 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.*

VI 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, husband and wife love and honor each other.*

This is most certainly true.

VII 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.*

VIII 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.*

IX You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

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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.*

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

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.*

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

and its meaning

from Luther's Small Catechism.

The Introduction – Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

The First Petition – Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? *God's name is most certainly holy in*

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itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? *God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this heavenly Father!*

The Second Petition – Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? *The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without prayer, but we prayer in this petition that it may come to us also.*

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

The Third Petition – Thy will be done on earth as it is

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in heaven.

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

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

The Fourth Petition – Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? *God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.*

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What is meant by daily bread? *Daily bread includes everything*

that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition – And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

The Sixth Petition – And lead us not into temptation.

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

The Seventh Petition
from evil.

– But deliver us

What does this mean?

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

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