

Due Wednesday, February 1:

- ***The Third Article – Due February 1***
 - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
 - *What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.
- **Bible Verse:**

The lightnings lit | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook. (*Psalm 77:18*)

Due Wednesday, February 8:

- ***The Lord's Prayer – The Introduction***
 - Our Father who art in heaven.
 - *What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.
- **Bible Verse:**

The sorrows of Sheol sur- | rounded me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD,*
He heard my voice from His | temple. (*Psalm 18:5-6*)

Due Wednesday, February 15:

- ***The Lord's Prayer – The Third Petition***
 - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 - *What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.
 - *How is God's will done?* God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.
- **Bible Verse:**

Awake! Why do You | sleep, O Lord?*

Arise! Do not cast us off for- | ever.

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust;*

arise for our help and re- | deem us. (*Psalm 44:23, 25-26*)

Due Wednesday, February 22:

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

Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to | save me.*

For You are my rock and my | fortress.

Therefore, for Your | name's sake,*

lead me and | guide me. (*Psalm 31:2-3*)