

## Wednesday, September 13

have read: *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 54-60, the First Commandment

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- Bible verse: The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer. – Psalm 6:9
- **The First Commandment**
  - You shall have no other gods.
  - *What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

## Wednesday, September 20

have read: *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 61-73, the Second and Third Commandments

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel
- Bible verse: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. – Psalm 2:11
- **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.

## Wednesday, September 27

have read: *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 74-76, the Fourth Commandment

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra
- Bible verse: My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. – Psalm 7:10
- **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.

# Wednesday, October 4

have read: *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 77-85, the Fifth and Sixth Commandments

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs
- Bible verse: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. – Psalm 9:1
- **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.

# Wednesday, October 11

have read: *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 85-89, the Seventh and Eighth Commandments

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations
- Bible verse: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. – Psalm 8:1
- **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.

# Wednesday, October 18

have read: Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, pages 89-92, the Ninth and Tenth Commandments

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos
- Bible verse: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.  
– Psalm 9:9
- **The Tenth Commandment**
  - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
  - *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

# Wednesday, October 25

have read: *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 93-101, the Close of the Commandments

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk
- **The Close of the Commandments**
  - *What does God say about all 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.

# Instructions:

Each week we will meet together on Wednesday from 5:10pm to 6:25pm. Be ready to be here, sitting down, and ready to begin discussion at 5:10pm and not after. Each breek, catechumens must bring:

- Their ESV Bible
- Their copy of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation
- A copy of Lutheran Service Book (one from the cabinets in the fellowship hall would be fine)
- Note paper and a pencil

Each session will begin with a brief quiz.

Each quiz will consist of:

- Written recitation of the assigned memory work, including:
  - o Books of the Bible (not merely the five new books assigned each week but the full list from Genesis to the end of the new five books for the week)
  - o Bible verse (if applicable when the catechism recitation is shorter)
  - o Catechism recitation
  - o One or two brief questions covering the assigned reading

After each quiz we will review the answers, sing a hymn, hear a Bible reading, and pray together.

After this brief opening we will discuss the assigned reading for the day.

Catechism memory work can be found printed in the narthex, or online at

**[christlutheranlubbock.org/confirmation](http://christlutheranlubbock.org/confirmation)**

# Expectations:

- Catechumens will be prepared for each session by having the readings done in advance and prepared for the day's recitation
- Catechumens will sit reasonably close enough to the front
- Catechumens will participate in discussions and keep comments and questions relevant to the discussion
- Catechumens will pay attention during discussions, remaining in their seats and not allowing food or food containers to distract themselves or others
- Catechumens will refrain from using electronic devices during catechesis
- Catechumens will complete two sermon note sheets per month from September-May
- Catechumens will be in church each Sunday