

LESSON 1

THE MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LESSON 2

THE EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LESSON 3

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.

LESSON 4

(FIRST ARTICLE CONTINUED--)

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.

LESSON 5

(FIRST ARTICLE CONTINUED--)

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.

LESSON 6

Review the First Article and its meaning.

LESSON 7

THE SECOND ARTICLE

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

LESSON 8

(SECOND ARTICLE CONTINUED--)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

LESSON 9

(SECOND ARTICLE CONTINUED---

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from 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.

LESSON 10

(SECOND ARTICLE CONTINUED--)

That I may be his own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

LESSON 11

Review the entire Second Article

LESSON 12

For this month before Christmas no memory is assigned other than the readings and songs required for the children's Christmas service on December _____. All children in the fourth grade are required to learn these songs and readings even if some will not participate in the service.

LESSON 13

THE THIRD ARTICLE

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.

LESSON 14

(THIRD ARTICLE CONTINUED--)

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.

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(THIRD ARTICLE CONTINUED--)

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.

LESSON 16

(THIRD ARTICLE CONTINUED--)

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.

Lesson 17

Review the entire Third Article

LESSON 18

Recite the first half of the books of the Old Testament

Genesis	1 st & 2 nd Samuel
Exodus	1st & 2nd Kings
Leviticus	1 st & 2 nd Chronicles
Numbers	Ezra
Deuteronomy	Nehemiah
Joshua	Esther
Judges	Job
Ruth	Psalms
	Proverbs

LESSON 19

Recite the second half of the books of the Old Testament

Ecclesiastes	Obadiah
Song of Solomon	Jonah
Isaiah	Micah
Jeremiah	Nahum
Lamentations	Habakkuk
Ezekiel	Zephaniah
Daniel	Haggai
Hosea	Zechariah
Joel	Malachi
Amos	

LESSON 20

Recite the New Testament Books.

Matthew	Galatians	Philemon
Mark	Ephesians	Hebrews
Luke	Philippians	James
John	Colossians	1 st & 2 nd Peter
Acts	1 st & 2 nd Thessalonians	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd John
Romans	1 st & 2 nd Timothy	Jude
1 st & 2 nd Corinthians	Titus	Revelations

LESSON 21

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

What is Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

LESSON 22

(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

What benefit does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

LESSON 23

(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16)

LESSON 24

(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's Word the water is plain water and not Baptism.

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(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus chapter three.

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(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

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(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. (Titus 3:5b-8a)

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(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

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(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: We are therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

LESSON 30

(HOLY BAPTISM CONTINUED--)

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. (1 John 3:8b)

LESSON 31

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith----and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6)

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. (John 15:12)

LESSON 32

Be completely humble and gentle: be patient, bearing with one another in love...Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:2, 32)

(Jesus) Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. (1 Peter 2:24)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

LESSON 33

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us. (Ephesians 4:32—5:2)

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16)

LESSON 34

Learn Psalm 23.