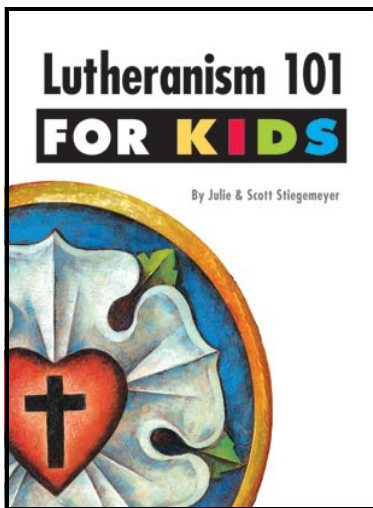


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### Review:

- God tells us about Himself in the book He wrote—the Bible.
- God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Holy Trinity).
- Sin damaged our relationship with God.
- God sent Jesus, our Savior, to save us from sin.
- The Bible shows us that Jesus was human and was also completely God at the same time.

### Connect:

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16–17.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

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

For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily. Colossians 2:9

### Discussion Questions:

How we know about God?

What does sin do?

What has Jesus done for us that we love and trust Him?

### Vocabulary Words:

Creator, Bible, inspiration, Old Testament, New Testament, Holy Trinity, sin, temptation, miracle, forgiveness, Savior, resurrection, heaven, hell

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### Part 2: The Small Catechism, Pages 21-41

#### Review:

- The catechism is a book that teaches us about the Christian faith.
- Through faith, we believe that everything in the Bible is true.
- The gifts of Baptism are forgiveness and eternal life with God.
- Confession is admitting our sins, and Absolution is being forgiven.
- The gifts of the Lord's Supper are forgiveness, life and salvation.
- Prayer is talking to God.

#### Connect:

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

[Jesus said] "For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

Baptism . . . now saves you. 1 Peter 3:21

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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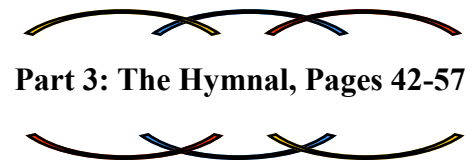
- How do we get faith?
- What are God's gifts to us in the Sacraments?
- What is the right way to pray?

#### Vocabulary Words:

Catechism, faith, church, saint, Baptism, sacrament, font, confession, absolution, Lord's Supper, prayer, pastor

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- A creed is a statement about what a person believes.
- The liturgy gives us the order we do things in church.
- The Church Year is the days and seasons we celebrate in Church and is based on Jesus' life.
- The Divine Service comes from the Bible and is focused on Jesus.

### Connect:

“You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.” Matthew 4:10  
For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.  
Romans 10:10

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26

### Discussion Questions:

- Why do we go to Church?
- Why are creeds important?
- Why do we do good things for other people?

### Vocabulary Words:

Hymn, liturgy, creed, church year, divine service



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3. *What is it within us that tells us right from wrong? We know right from wrong because of how we feel (conscience). God wrote the rules about how to live on our hearts.*

### **What does God tell us about Himself?**

3. *What is the Bible? The holy book that tells about God and what He has done for us.*
4. *Why do we need the Bible? The Bible answers our questions about who God is.*
5. *Who is the author of the Bible? God is the author of the Bible.*
6. *What is inspiration? It is God's work of leading people to know what words to use when writing the Bible.*

7. What is the main message of the Bible? *The main message of the Bible is that God loves us through Jesus Christ.*
8. What are the two divisions in the Bible? *How many books are in the Bible? The Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. There are 66 books in the Bible; 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.*

### **Who is God and what is He like?**

9. What is another term for God? *Another term for God is "Holy Trinity."*
10. List at least five words that describe God. *Some possible answers are: Father, Holy Trinity, everywhere, all-knowing, mighty, powerful, good, kind, eternal, Creator.*
11. Look at the words that describe God. Summarize what we know from the Bible about who He is. *Answers will vary.*
12. Read the following verse: "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well" (Psalm 139:13–14). What does it tell us about how God views us? *It tells us that God made us and that He knows everything about us.*

### **What is sin? What does sin show about our relationship with God?**

13. What are the two types of sin? *The two types of sin are original and actual.*
14. How does sin affect our lives? *Sin hurts us. It separates us from God.*

### **Why do bad things happen, and who's to blame for this mess?**

15. What is a temptation? *Temptation is anything that makes us want to sin.*
16. Why do bad things happen in the world and in our lives? *Bad things happen as a result of sin.*

### **Who is Jesus? What does the Bible show us about Jesus being human?**

17. Was Jesus only God? Describe your answer. *No. Jesus was also human. He was born, grew up, and died. Jesus was not very different from anyone else, except that he never sinned.*

18. What did Jesus do for us? *Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins, and He rose from the dead to take us to heaven one day.*
19. Why did Jesus become human? *Jesus became human to go through all the same human experiences we go through.*

### **What does the Bible show us about Jesus being God?**

20. Describe the two ways Jesus shows He is God: *The two ways Jesus shows us He is God is that He has the power to do miracles, and He has the power to forgive our sins.*

### **What does the Bible show us through Jesus' death?**

21. What does a cross help us do? *A cross helps us remember that Jesus died for our sins.*
22. What was Jesus' most important work? *Jesus most important work was that He did on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.*
23. Why is Jesus called our Savior? *He is called Savior because He saves us from our sins.*

### **What does the Bible show us through Jesus' resurrection?**

24. What did He mean when Jesus said, "It is finished" from the cross? *Jesus meant that He had done everything needed to take our sins away and restore us to God.*
25. Why was it important that Jesus rise from the dead? *Jesus had to be human in order to die for sins. It was important that He rise from the dead to prove that He was God; only God has power over death.*
26. What does the resurrection show us? *The resurrection shows us that Jesus' death paid for our sins.*

### **What are heaven and hell?**

27. What will we experience in heaven? *What will we not experience? Heaven is eternal joy in our Savior Jesus. We will not experience sadness, pain, or loss.*
28. How does the Bible describe hell? *Hell is a place of separation from God and punishment.*
29. Why do some people go to hell? *Some people go to hell because they do not believe in God.*

30. If someone asked if you are going to heaven, what would you say? Why? *With confidence, we can say, "Yes, I will go to heaven because of Jesus' death on my behalf."*

## **Part 2: The Small Catechism, Pages 21–41**

### **What is faith and how do we get it?**

1. What is faith? *Faith is trust or belief in something.*
2. Why is it important to believe what Jesus did for each of us? *Jesus' sacrifice for us cannot benefit us unless we believe, by faith, in His blessings for each one of us.*
3. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." How does this help us understand how we get faith? *Instead of us trying to believe on our own, God himself gives us faith to believe.*

### **What is the Church?**

4. What does the "church" mean? *The Church is the community of believers that receives God's gifts.*
5. What are three things that the Church isn't? *The Church is more than a building, a club, or a social group. It is the gathering of God's people to receive God's gifts.*
6. How does Jesus describe the Church? *In the Bible, Jesus describes the Church as members of a body, of which He is the head.*
7. What does God give us at Church? *God gives us forgiveness and salvation.*

### **What are saints?**

8. What is a saint? *A saint is a believer in Jesus Christ; someone who is baptized, filled with the Holy Spirit, and lives by Jesus' teaching.*
9. How are people made saints, according to the Bible? *God makes us holy through Baptism and the Lord's Supper. All Christians are saints.*



10. How is an angel different from a person? *God made angels different from people in the same way that animals are different from people. People do not become angels when they die because we do not turn into different creatures.*

### **What is Baptism? What is needed for Baptism?**

11. Describe Baptism. *Baptism is a sacrament in which God gives us forgiveness.*

12. What two things are needed for a Baptism? *Water and God's Word.*

13. Is there anything special about the water used for Baptism? Explain your answer. *Nothing is special about the water itself, but combined with God's Word, it works forgiveness and salvation.*

14. In whose name are we baptized? *In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

15. What is a sacrament? *A sacrament gives us God's forgiveness through a physical element. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Sacraments.*

### **What are the benefits of Baptism?**

16. What are the three benefits of Baptism? *Through Baptism, God forgives our sins, rescues us from death, and gives us eternal life.*

17. What does it mean that we are considered saints and sinners at the same time? *We sin every day in our thoughts, words, and actions. But Baptism makes us holy people, loved by God.*

### **What is confession?**

18. What are the two parts of confession? *The two parts are confession and absolution.*

19. What is repentance? *Repentance includes being sorry for the sin, along with a desire to never do that sin again.*

20. When should we consider going to the pastor for private confession and absolution? *When a sin is particularly troubling or difficult.*

### **What is the Lord's Supper?**

21. What are other terms for the Lord's Supper? *Other terms for the Lord's Supper are "Holy Communion," "the Sacrament of the Altar," or "the Eucharist."*

22. What is needed for the Lord's Supper? *The Word of God and the bread and wine.*
23. Who began the Lord's Supper and when? *Jesus began the Lord's Supper on the night before He was crucified (Maundy Thursday).*

### **What are the benefits of the Lord's Supper?**

24. What does the Lord's Supper do for us? *Through the Lord's Supper, God forgives us with Jesus' own body and blood.*
25. What do the words "for you" show? *When Jesus said the words "for you," He wanted us to understand that everything He did, He did for us.*
26. Why do Lutheran churches wait to give the Lord's Supper? *The Lutheran Church waits to give the Lord's Supper until people have learned more about their faith and about Jesus. This is because God tells us that we must be careful with the gift of Jesus' body and blood poured out for us.*

### **What is Prayer?**

27. What is a simple definition of prayer? *Prayer is talking with God.*
28. What should we pray for? *We can pray for anything and at any time. We can pray that God make our faith stronger, that we do His will; we can pray for forgiveness and we should give Him thanks. We should not pray for things that we know are against what He wants.*
29. How does God answer our prayers? *God wants to answer our prayers just like a loving father wants to give his children the best. He answers in different ways. He can say yes, He can say no, or He can say that He has something better in mind for us.*

### **Who are Pastors?**

30. What is a pastor's most important work? *A pastor's most important work is sharing God's Word with people.*
31. What are some of the things a pastor does? *Answers will vary but should include, preach, perform Baptisms, give the Lord's Supper, share God's Word at funerals, perform weddings, teach Bible classes, lead people in prayer, pray with and share God's Word with those who are sick or cannot come to church.*
32. Why do some pastor's wear special clothes? *Some pastors wear robes in church or wear black shirts with white collars to remind us that God has called them to the special job of delivering God's gifts to us.*

## **Who Is Martin Luther?**

33. Where does the word “Lutheran” come from? *The word Lutheran comes from the name of a pastor in Germany in the 1500s.*
34. What did Martin Luther do? *The main things he did were teach, preach, and write about Jesus saving us from our sins.*
35. What is the Reformation? *It was a time in history when the Church was reformed to return to the teachings of the Bible.*

## **Part 3: The Hymnal, Pages 42–57**

### **What are hymns?**

1. What is the definition of hymn? *A hymn is a song of praise to God. A book containing a collection of hymns is called a hymnal.*
2. What is the liturgy? *The liturgy is the order of the hymns, prayers, and other parts of the Divine Service.*
3. What is a canticle? *A canticle is a hymn that is God’s Word set to music.*

### **What Can We Learn from Hymns?**

4. What information does the hymnal give about hymns? *Answers will vary, but should include: the title, information about the music and the text, the season of the Church Year, who wrote it, and who wrote the music.*

### **What is a Creed? What Do I Believe?**

5. Define “creed.” *A creed is a statement about what a person believes.*
6. What three creeds do we say in the Christian Church? *We say the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.*
7. What do we say in these creeds? *Each of these creeds states our common belief in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We say what we believe about each Person in the Trinity.*

## **What Is the Church Year?**

8. Describe the Church Year. *The Church has a calendar that has special days and seasons. Each day and season gives us a reason to celebrate God's work for us.*
9. Describe each of these Church Year seasons:

The Time of Christmas: *The Time of Christmas is made up of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent. This is when we prepare for Jesus, celebrate His birth, remember that He came for everyone in the world, and remember that we are sinners who need Jesus to forgive us.*

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The Time of the Church: *The Time of the Church begins on Pentecost, which was when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples to prepare them to spread the Good News about Jesus to the world. When the Time of the Church ends, the Time of Christmas begins.*

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10. What do we mean by "Divine Service"? *Each part of the Divine Service comes from the Bible and is focused on Jesus.*
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