

## Redeemer 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Work

### Introduction

When in 1529 Dr Martin Luther wrote and published the Small Catechism he had the Christian education of the young specifically in mind. The Small Catechism was designed to be used as an instructional guide (or the memorizations) of Scripture and its chief doctrines. He says in the preface to the Catechism “With the young people stick to one fixed permanent form and manner, and teach them, first of all, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, etc., according to the text, word for words so that they too can repeat it in the same manner after you and commit it to memory. In his writings Luther also repeats that along with the memorization of the Six Chief Parts, Bible verses, hymns and Psalms were to be included in the child’s Christian education. This memorization was to serve as an instrument for knowledge and understanding of God and His will in the lives of His people. Luther understood well, that in order to achieve this goal consistent repetition was necessary. To that end he admonished pastors, teachers and parents to consider the teaching of the Catechism as a task of vital importance, and one to be regularly performed in the church, in the school, and in the home.

Today, perhaps even more than in Luther’s day, the need for a consistent form and pattern for memorization is needed. Never before have there been available so many translations of the Bible and the Small Catechism. It is imperative that the responsible Lutheran congregation and day school adopt a systematic and uniform method for teaching Christian doctrines to its children. To that end this memorization guideline has been written. It is meant to be used with Luther’s Small Catechism. Of the passages contained there, one hundred and forty six have been selected as the minimum requirement for the eighth grade confirmand and graduate. These selected passages contain the chief doctrines of Scripture and so will give the student an overall knowledge and understanding of the Bible and Christianity. Along with the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism, these 146 passages are introduced to the student and repeated through his eight years in our school. It is the goal of the pastor and teachers that a graduate of Redeemer Lutheran School have memorized to the point of perfection these 146 vital passages in conjunction with the Six Chief Parts, so that he will graduate and enter his adult life within the congregation equipped with this knowledge and understanding. In this way the Word of God can and will be a “lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”, and the graduate will have the foundation upon which to further build.

In addition to the Six Chief Parts and the Bible verses there is also appended, to this guide a list of hymns (taken from the Lutheran Hymnal) and a list of select Psalms to be assigned by the teacher to the upper grades and/or to the advanced student. These are to be assigned only when the student has achieved perfection in the required memory work. It is also recommended that these hymns and Psalms be used regularly in class devotions and school chapel services so that all students may at least become familiar with them.

**Memory Work Assignments for Grades 7 & 8**  
Review of all 146 passages and previous catechism work.

Day	Scripture	Catechism	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Day	Scripture	Catechism
<b>Week 1</b>				<b>Week 7</b>		
Mon	1	Commandments	8	Mon	90	5 <sup>th</sup> Petition
Tues	2	8-Jan		Tues	91	“
Wed	9	“		Wed	93	6 <sup>th</sup> Petition
Thurs	10	“		Thurs	94	“
Fri	11	“		Fri	97	“

<b>Week 2</b>				<b>Week 8</b>		
Mon	14	Commandments	20	Mon	101	7 <sup>th</sup> Petition
Tues	18	9, 10 and close		Tues	102	“
Wed	19	“		Wed	103	Concl.
Thurs	21	“		Thurs	104	“
Fri	23	“		Fri	116	“

<b>Week 3</b>				<b>Week 9</b>		
Mon	25	1 <sup>st</sup> Article	29	Mon	117	Bapt. 1
Tues	28	“		Tues	118	“
Wed	30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article		Wed	119	“
Thurs	34	“		Thurs	122	“
Fri	36	“		Fri	124	“

<b>Week 4</b>				<b>Week 10</b>		
Mon	37	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article	44	Mon	127	Bapt. II
Tues	40	“		Tues	128	“
Wed	45	Intro to L.P.		Wed	133	“
Thurs	47	“		Thurs	134	“
Fri	48	“		Fri	136	“

<b>Week 5</b>				<b>Week 11</b>		
Mon	54	1 <sup>st</sup> Petition	57	Mon	139	Bapt. III
Tues	60	“		Tues	142	“
Wed	64	2 <sup>nd</sup> Petition		Wed	143	“
Thurs	66	“		Thurs	146	“
Fri	67	“		Fri	153	“

<b>Week 6</b>				<b>Week 12</b>		
Mon	69	3 <sup>rd</sup> Petition		Mon	157	Bapt. IV
Tues	77	“		Tues	158	“
Wed	81	4 <sup>th</sup> Petition		Wed	1693	“
Thurs	82	“		Thurs	171	“
Fri	85	“		Fri	174	“

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Day	Scripture	Catechism	Day	Scripture	Catechism
<b>Week 13</b>			<b>Week 19</b>		
Mon	176	Office of Keys &	Mon	322	Sacrament of the
Tues	179	Confessions	Tues	337	Altar I -
Wed	184	Part I	Wed	351	new material
Thurs	188	“	Thurs	352	“
Fri	193	“	Fri	359	“

<b>Week 14</b>			<b>Week 20</b>		
Mon	194	Office of Keys &	Mon	368	Sacrament of the
Tues	195	Confessions	Tues	371	Altar II
Wed	196	Part II	Wed	383	“
Thurs	199,205	“	Thurs	389	“
Fri	208	“	Fri	400	“

<b>Week 15</b>			<b>Week 21</b>		
Mon	211	Office of Keys &	Mon	408	Sacrament of the
Tues	217	Confessions	Tues	410	Altar III
Wed	218	Part III	Wed	411	“
Thurs	220	“	Thurs	422	“
Fri	226	“	Fri	423	“

<b>Week 16</b>			<b>Week 22</b>		
Mon	232	Office of Keys &	Mon	428	Sacrament of the
Tues	240	Confessions	Tues	434	Altar IV
Wed	245	Part IV	Wed	440	“
Thurs	255	“	Thurs	441	“
Fri	260	“	Fri	443	“

<b>Week 17</b>			<b>Week 23</b>		
Mon	261	Office of Keys &	Mon	444	Sacrament of the
Tues	267	Confessions	Tues	454	Altar V
Wed	271,275	Part V	Wed	460	“
Thurs	282	“	Thurs	469	“
Fri	286	“	Fri	475	“

<b>Week 18</b>			<b>Week 24</b>		
Mon	292	Office of Keys &	Mon	488	Sacrament of the
Tues	293	Confessions	Tues	490	Altar
Wed	295	Part VI	Wed	492	“
Thurs	304	“	Thurs	551	“
Fri	314	“	Fri	552	“

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Day	Scripture	Catechism	Day	Scripture	Catechism
<b>Week 25</b>			<b>Week 31</b>		
Mon	561	Review Bapt.	Mon	Contents of	17-18
Tues	562	“	Tues	Book of Concord	“
Wed	590	“	Wed	“	“
Thurs	596	“	Thurs	“	“
Fri	605	“	Fri	“	“

<b>Week 26</b>			<b>Week 32</b>		
Mon	614	Christian Questions	Mon	Nicene Creed	19
Tues	619	& their answers	Tues	“	“
Wed	624	New Material	Wed	“	“
Thurs	633	(1-4)	Thurs	“	“
Fri	634	“	Fri	“	“

<b>Week 27</b>			<b>Week 33</b>		
Mon	645	Christian Questions	Mon		20
Tues	669	& their answers	Tues		“
Wed	685	New Material	Wed		“
Thurs	687	(5-10)	Thurs		“
Fri	688	“	Fri		“

<b>Week 28</b>			<b>Week 34</b>		
Mon	691	11 – 12	Mon	Review & Makeup	
Tues	694	“	Tues	“	
Wed	701	“	Wed	“	
Thurs	702	“	Thurs	“	
Fri		“	Fri	“	

<b>Week 29</b>			<b>Week 35</b>		
Mon	Books of O.T.	13-15	Mon	Review & Makeup	
Tues	“	“	Tues	“	
Wed	“	“	Wed	“	
Thurs	“	“	Thurs	“	
Fri	“	“	Fri	“	

<b>Week 30</b>			<b>Week 36</b>		
Mon	Books of N.T.	17-18	Mon	Review & Makeup	
Tues	“	“	Tues	“	
Wed	“	“	Wed	“	
Thurs	“	“	Thurs	“	
Fri	“	“	Fri	“	

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### PSALMS

1, 5, 6, 8, 13, 19, 23, 27, 32,  
41, 46, 47, 49, 51, 53, 62, 66, 67,  
71, 73, 80, 84, 86, 88, 90, 91, 93, 98,  
100, 103, 106, 110, 113, 117,  
119: 22 parts, 120, 121, 122, 127, 128,  
130, 133, 138, 139, 145, 146, 148, 149, 150

### HYMNS

Trinity – 245 (1-4)  
Advent  
Christmas – 85 (vs. 1-3, 9-10, 13)  
Lent – 142 (1, 2, 6); 143 (1-5, 8 & 15); 175; 179  
Easter – 198, 200, 201, 297 (1-2)  
Pentecost – 224  
Baptism – 301  
Lord's Supper – 311 (1, 2, 6-8)  
Worship and Praise – 39, 644  
Law & Gospel – 283, 293  
Redeemer – 347; 366 (1-2); 657  
Faith & Justification – 370; 371; 376; 377 (1-7); 387 (1-6)  
Consecration & New Obedience – 401, 413, 416  
Trust – 429, 436, 648  
Prayer – 457  
Communion of Saints – 463 (1-3, 7-8); 467, 656  
Missions – 496, 500  
Cross & Comfort – 528 (1-3)  
Reformation – 261, 262, 266 (1 & 3)  
Morning – 540  
Evening – 552 (1 – 2, 7 – 8); 554 (1, 5 & 6); 558; 653  
The Nation – 577