

Creeds and Catechisms

As we move towards 2017 and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, now is the perfect time to read the Book of Concord if you haven't before. The Book of Concord is a collection of confessions written in the sixteenth century. They define what it means to be a Lutheran to this day. Grounded in the Scriptures and faithful to the ancient creeds of the Church, this book is a treasure for all Christians.

This issue's readings focus on the catechisms of Martin Luther. You probably studied the Small Catechism in confirmation class. But the teachings in the catechism are something we never truly graduate from.

“People should never assume that they have finished learning the parts of the catechism or know it well enough in all points.... For even if they know and understand the catechism perfectly (which, however, is impossible in this life), there are still many benefits and fruits to be gained, if it is daily read and practiced in thought and speech.”

- Large Catechism, Longer Preface

WEEK 1

The Ecumenical Creeds

- Mon *Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds*

Luther's Small Catechism

- Tues *Preface*
- Wed *I-III*
- Thurs *IV-VI*
- Fri *Prayers-Table of Duties*

WEEK 2

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *Longer Preface 1-10*
- Tues *11-Shorter Preface 6*
- Wed *Summary I 1-III 28*
- Thurs *Part I: Ten Commandments 1-15*
- Fri *16-29*

WEEK 3

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *30-48*
- Tues *49-60*
- Wed *61-74*
- Thurs *75-87*
- Fri *88-102*

WEEK 4

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *103-16*
- Tues *117-33*
- Wed *134-48*
- Thurs *149-65*
- Fri *166-82*

WEEK 5

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *183-98*
- Tues *199-216*
- Wed *217-31*
- Thurs *232-47*
- Fri *248-64*

WEEK 6

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *265-78*
- Tues *279-96*
- Wed *297-310*
- Thurs *311-23*
- Fri *324-Part II: Creed 8*

WEEK 7

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *9-24*
- Tues *25-37*
- Wed *38-54*
- Thurs *55-70*
- Fri *Part III: Lord's Prayer 1-16*

WEEK 8

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *17-34*
- Tues *35-52*
- Wed *53-67*
- Thurs *68-81*
- Fri *82-98*

WEEK 9

Luther's Large Catechism

- Mon *99-124*
- Tues *Part IV: Baptism 1-18*
- Wed *19-34*
- Thurs *32-51*
- Fri *52-70*