

Selections from Luther's Small Catechism

August 29, 2007

The Fifth Commandment.
You shall not murder.

August 30, 2007

The First Article.
Of Creation.
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

September 5, 2007

The First Article.
Of Creation.
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
What does this mean?
I believe that God has made me and every creature and that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, and all my abilities.

September 17, 2007

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me from all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

September 19, 2007

The Fourth Commandment.
Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you, and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

September 20, 2007

The Fourth Commandment.
Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you, and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them in love and respect.

September 26, 2007

The First Commandment.

You shall have no other gods.

September 27, 2007

The First Commandment.

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

October 3, 2007

The Eighth Commandment.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

October 4, 2007

The Eighth Commandment.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

October 22, 2007

The Ninth Commandment.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

November 6, 2007

The Second Article.

Of Redemption.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is sitting at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

November 7, 2007

The Second Article.

Of Redemption.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is sitting at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

November 8, 2007

The Tenth Commandment.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his workers or his animals or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

November 13, 2007

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, 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.

All this he did that I should 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 death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

November 19, 2007

The Second Commandment.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

November 20, 2007

The Second Commandment.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use it superstitiously, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

November 28, 2007

The Third Commandment.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

November 29, 2007

The Third Commandment.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

January 15, 2008

The Seventh Commandment.

You shall not steal.

January 16, 2008

The Seventh Commandment.

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business.

January 22, 2008

The Third Article.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

January 23, 2008

The Third Article.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

January 24, 2008

But the Holy Ghost has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. 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.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead.

And will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

February 11, 2008

The Sixth Commandment.

You shall not commit adultery.

February 12, 2008

The Sixth Commandment.

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

March 4, 2008

The Second Commandment.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

March 5, 2008

The Second Commandment.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

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March 20, 2008

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Of Redemption.

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