Catechism Test Review

Our catechism test will be based on 80 total points. 24 of those points will be designated to a fill in the blank of the Apostle’s Creed (1/2 point for each blank). 14 points will come from writing the Lord’s Prayer from memory. There will be 7 True/False questions (each worth 1 point) and 7 fill in the blank questions (worth 2 points each). Finally, there will be 7 short answer questions (worth 3 points each). The test will also include a few bonus questions (each worth 2 points of extra credit). A passing score will be 80% or higher, and the test can be taken as many times as needed to pass (now that’s grace). Students will need to pass the test prior to their confirmation.

The following statements will make up the true/false and fill-in-the-blank questions on the test. The statements below are all true. There are 2 questions from each of our seven catechism sessions.

True/False and Fill in the blank

- In Baptism, we are brought into God’s family.

- The Bible says that, “The one who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16)

- When Christians take Holy Communion, it is done in remembrance of the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night he was betrayed. The original meal was a celebration of the Jewish festival called Passover.

- The person who has faith in the words “given and shed for you” is prepared to receive Holy Communion and what is promised in it, the forgiveness of sin.

- A theme verse for the Protestant Reformation could be Ephesians 2:8-9, which says, “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

- 3 key Lutheran beliefs are: salvation by grace through faith, priesthood of all believers, and the authority of the Bible.

- The Lord’s Prayer is recorded is in these 2 books of the Bible: Matthew and Luke.
- We call it the “Lord’s Prayer” because it is the way Jesus taught his disciples how to pray.

- All three articles (or sections) of the Apostles’ Creed begin with the words “I believe in.”

- According to the first article of the Apostles’ Creed, Christians must believe in God as “Father, Almighty, and Creator.”

- In explaining how Jesus was conceived and born, the second article of the Apostles’ Creed emphasizes that it is essential for Christians to believe that Jesus is both 100% God and 100% human.

- The second article of the Apostles’ Creed emphasizes the importance of believing in Jesus as both Savior and Lord.

- The third article of the Apostles’ Creed explains what Christians believe about being made holy.

- In the Bible, the Hebrew and Greek words used for “Spirit” can also be translated as “breath.”

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
    on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
    who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.
What follows are the short answer questions for the test. There is one question from each of our seven catechism sessions. You’ll notice that we have included bullet points that should help inform the content of your answer (your welcome😊). On the test, we will expect answers to be written in your own words and in sentence form.

**Short Answer**

- How does “drowning” symbolize what Luther believed happens in Baptism? (In other words, what does it mean that we “drown” in the waters of Baptism?)
  - Our sins are washed away
  - We die to sin and rise to life
  - We are buried with Christ in baptism, and we rise to a new life in Christ

- How is Holy Communion a reminder of the price that Jesus willingly paid for our salvation?
  - Christ offered his body on the cross in our place
  - Christ’s blood washes away our sins
  - Christ purchased/redeemed/paid for our salvation by giving his own life

- In what year and country did the Protestant Reformation begin? What was the title of the document that Martin Luther posted on the church doors in Wittenberg and what major abuse by the Roman Catholic Church was Luther protesting against?
  - 1517 in Germany
  - 95 Theses
  - The sale of indulgences (paying money to the church to reduce the severity of God's punishment for sin)

- If the Lord’s Prayer is an outline for our prayer time, then in your own words, describe at least 3 different types of things for which we should pray.
  - Adoration (expressing how awesome God is or why you adore God)
  - Confession (we are weak & need God; specific sins)
  - Thanksgiving (for everything he is, does, and gives)
  - Supplication (asking God to supply what we need)

- What do Christians believe about how the world began? In what way do you see both science and the Bible attempting to answer this question?
  - God created, designed, and preserves everything
  - Everything was made to give God glory
  - Science attempts to give answers to “how”
  - The Bible explains “who” and “why”
- Describe why it is necessary for our salvation that Jesus both died on the cross and rose from the dead.
  - The price(wage) for sin is death
  - Jesus paid that price because he loves us
  - Through faith, our sin is punished/buried with Christ
  - If Christ would not have risen, then sin/death would be more powerful than Christ
  - We would have no hope of rising to be with God

- What are at least 3 things the Holy Spirit does in the life of a believer?
  - Calls us to faith
  - Convicts of sin
  - Comforts and counsels
  - Unites all believers
  - Gives special gifts to believers

**Potential Bonus Questions**

- What three things must be true in order for something to be considered a sacrament?
  - It is a gift from God; Jesus commands it; there is an earthly element involved

- Why did Martin Luther write the Small Catechism?
  - So families would have a brief summary of the most basic parts of the Christian faith

- How many petitions are there in the Lord’s Prayer?
  - 7… plus an introduction and conclusion (doxology)

- We get our word “creed” from the Latin word “credo,” which literally means what?
  - “I believe”

- What Christian word for God means “three in one?”
  - “Trinity”

- Write a Bible verse you have memorized (site the book, chapter, and verse).
The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in ______, the ______________ ________________

_____________ of ________________ and ____________.

I believe in __________ __________, God's only ______, our ____________,

who was ________________ by the ________ ________________,

_________ of the ________________ ____________,

____________ under ________________ ____________,

was ______________, ______, and was ______________;

he ______________ to __________ ____________.

On the __________ ______ he ________ again;

he ______________ into ________________,

he is __________ at the right ______ of the ____________,

and he will come to __________ the ______ and the ________.

I believe in the ______________ ________________

the __________ ________________ ________________,

the _______________ of _________________,

the _______________ of _________________,

the _______________ of the _______________,

and the ______________ _________________. Amen.
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen