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<u> Unit 1 – God</u>

- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
 Lord, you know everything. John 21:17
 You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve. Matthew 4:10
 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6:3
- God is a spirit. John 4:24
 For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37
 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:18
 And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20
- 3. Review 1-2
- 4. Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Malachi 2:10
 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Hebrews 3:4
 Man and beast you save, O Lord. Psalm 36:6
 He upholds the universe by the word of his power. Hebrews 1:3
- 5. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. Matthew 17:5He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. Acts 10:42
- 6. Review 4-5
- 7. But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. Jeremiah 10:10 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4 But you are the same, and your years have no end. Psalm 102:27
- 8. Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. Genesis 2:7
 - For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Colossians 1:16
- 9. Review 7-8

10. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:14

For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:45

11. All may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

John 5:23

This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD is our righteousness. Jeremiah 23:6

- 12. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath. Matthew 12:8

 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8
- 13. Review 10-12

<u>Unit Two – Prayer</u>

14. Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Luke 11:28

15. 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.

16. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. Psalm 50:15

Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Whoever comes to me I will never cast out. John 6:37

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Psalm 103:1

- 17. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (LSB 805)
- 18. Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Psalm 37:5

19. O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come. Psalm 65:2

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:15-16

- 20. Review 18-19
- 21. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

 Matthew 6:7

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. Isaiah 65:24

22. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 John 5:14

Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

John 16:23

- 23. Review 21-22
- 24. **Morning Prayer:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, That all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.
- 25. **Evening Prayer:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Unit Three - God's Word

26. Scripture cannot be broken. John 10:35

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

All Scripture is breathed out by God. 2 Timothy 3:16

27. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.

John 8:47

28. Review 26-27

29. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:31-32

30. Through the law comes knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20

The word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. Psalm 33:4

31. In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

Matthew 15:9

Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matthew 28:20

32. Review 29-31

<u>Unit Four – Catechism</u>

33. **The First Commandment**: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

- 34. **The Third Commandment**: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.
- 35. **The Fourth Commandment**: Honor your father and your mother, that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.

 What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger

our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

36. Review First-Fourth Commandments with meanings.

37. The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

38. The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

- 39. Review Fifth and Sixth Commandments with meanings.
- 40. **The Seventh Commandment:** You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

- 41. **The Eighth Commandment:** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.
- 42. Review Seventh and Eighth Commandments and meanings.
- 43. **The Ninth Commandment:** You shall not covet your neighbor's house. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.
- 44. **The Tenth Commandment:** You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.
- 45. Review Ninth and Tenth Commandments and meanings.
- 46. **The Close of the Commandments:** What does God say about all these commandments? He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:5-6
- 47. What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what he commands.
- 48. Review 46-47
- 49. The First Article: 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 all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

- 50. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.
- 51. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.
- 52. Review First Article with meaning (49-51)

53. The Second Article: Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- 54. 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, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, 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,
- 55. That I may 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 the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.
- 56. Review 54-55
- 57. Review Second Article and meaning (53-55)

Unit Five – Christmas

58. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

59. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace. (LSB 363:1)

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born! (LSB 363:2)

<u>Unit Six – Faith and Salvation</u>

60. The righteous shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:4

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:16

Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

Take heart, my son your sins are forgiven. Matthew 9:2

61. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32

The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. Matthew 9:6

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

Your faith has saved you; go in peace. Luke 7:50

62. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. Matthew 24:13

God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6

Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name. Acts 22:16

If you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:15

63. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood

From Thy riven side which flowed

Be of sin the double cure,

Cleanse me from its guilt and power. (LSB 761:1)

64. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Romans 3:28

And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? Romans 10:14

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

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

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:3

He who began a good work in you will bring it to the completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

- 66. Review 64-65
- 67. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

 John 3:5-6
- 68. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

 You by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

 1 Peter 1:5
- 69. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17

 Put on the new self, created after the likeness of god in true righteousness and holiness.

 Ephesians 4:24
- 70. Review 68-69

<u>Unit Seven – Sanctification</u>

- 71. **The Third Article:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
- 72. What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
- 73. 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.
- 74. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.
- 75. Review Third Article (71-74)

<u>Unit Eight - Love</u>

76. God is love. 1 John 4:8

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39

Through love serve one another. Galatians 5:13

Love your enemies. Matthew 5:44

77. 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

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13

Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Matthew 5:42

78. Love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.

Romans 12:20

<u>Unit Nine – Trust</u>

79. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

My times are in your hands. Psalm 31:15

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. Psalm 118:8

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

<u>Unit Ten – Baptism</u>

80. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Fourth Chief Part)

What is Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

- 81. Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)
- 82. What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
- 82. Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)
- 83. Review 80-82

- 84. How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.
- 85. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus chapter three:
- 86. "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)
- 87. Review 84-86
- 88. What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- 89. Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)
- 90. Review 88-89

Unit Eleven – Thanks

91. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love and still is ours today. (LSB 895:1)

Unit Twelve – Obedience

- 92. I am God Almighty, walk before me, and be blameless. Genesis 17:1Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. John 14:23
- 93. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God? Genesis 39:9The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Proverbs 8:13My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. Proverbs 1:10

- 94. Review 92-93
- 95. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 7:21

<u>Unit Thirteen – Death and Heaven</u>

96. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. Philippians 1:23

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11

97. Review 95-96

<u>Unit Fourteen – The Judgment</u>

98. He has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed.

Acts 17:31

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

<u>Unit Fifteen – Sin and Punishment</u>

99. For the wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

A false witness will not go unpunished. Proverbs 19:5

You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. Leviticus 19:2

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48

100. The wicked borrows but does not pay back. Psalm 37:21

Do not speak evil against one another. James 4:11

For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Matthew 26:52

If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 2 Thessalonians 3:10

101. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

Ecclesiastes 7:20

The partner of a thief hates his own life; he hears the curse, but discloses nothing.

Proverbs 29:24

102. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Ephesians 4:25

Do not devise evil in your hearts against one another. Zechariah 8:17

Whoever knows the right thing to do fails to do it, for him it is sin. James 4:17

103. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. Romans 7:18

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Psalm 19:12

104. Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

Luke 15:21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

105. Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. Leviticus 24:15

You shall not swear by my name falsely. Leviticus 19:12

106. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.1 John 3:15

A false witness will not go unpunished. Proverbs 19:5

Unit Sixteen – Forgiveness of Sins

- 107. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine. (LSB 611:1)
- 108. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

 Psalm 103:2-3

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

James 5:16

Unit Seventeen – Easter: The Resurrection

109. I know that my Redeemer lives;
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, my ever-living Head. (LSB 461:1)

110. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:17

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

<u>Unit Eighteen – The Sacrament of the Altar</u>

- 111. What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.
- 112. Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- 113. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- 114. Review 111-113
- 115. What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- 116. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."
- 117. Review 115-116
- 118. Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Unit Twenty - The Ascension

- 119. This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come again in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Acts 1:11
 - He has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed.

 Acts 17:31
- 120. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.1 Peter 2:9