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## What is Catechesis?

*Catechesis* is the life-giving teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ which accompanies all who are baptized. Jesus said to the Apostles, **“Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you ...”** The Church continues this saving work today as her ministers baptize and catechize young and old alike in the Christian faith. Those who **“gladly receive”** the saving Word and are baptized into Christ **“continue steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42 NKJV).**

Baptism, confession and absolution, the Lord’s Supper, the Divine Service, ongoing instruction in the Word, daily prayer, and the fruit of loving service to family and neighbor are all part of the baptismal life. This life is lived by faith in Christ as we go about our daily tasks as husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, children, neighbors, and workers of every kind. Living the Christian faith is not merely an “internal thing”; it has very real “external things” by which it is known and sustained. It is about a real faith which is fed and nurtured through preaching and sacraments in real places of worship. It is lived out in the real world where there is real sin and real sorrow, but real forgiveness and consolation through the Gospel of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. This is what catechesis is all about. All this and more is meant by the word of Jesus: **“Make disciples of all nations; baptizing them ... teaching them ...; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

## The Concordia Catechetical Academy

The CCA is an auxiliary organization of Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex, Wisconsin made up of Lutheran pastors and laymen. The Academy is dedicated to the promotion of Luther’s *Small Catechism* and faithful Lutheran catechesis. The CCA produces catechetical materials and sponsors seminars and lectures on subjects related to catechesis. **The Annual Symposium on Catechesis** is an event sponsored by the CCA on the third Thursday and Friday in June. Mark your calendar and plan to attend in future years.

## Ordering Information

### **Ordering Methods**

For your convenience, we offer several ways for you to place your order:

- 1) Fill out and **mail** in the order form to CCA at P. O. Box 123; Sussex WI 53089.
- 2) Fill out and **fax** in the order form to **(262) 246-8455**.
- 3) **Call** in your order to **(262) 246-3200**.
- 4) Place your order **on-line** at the CCA Store: **[www.peacesussex.org/CCA/Store](http://www.peacesussex.org/CCA/Store)**

### **Payment Methods:**

Mail the order with check, money order, or credit-card information enclosed.

Fax or phone in the order with credit-card information.

Email ([cca@peacesussex.org](mailto:cca@peacesussex.org)) the order, and send a check or call in the credit-card information .

### **Shipping Methods**

We use the United States Postal Service for our shipping within the US. We ship orders to Canada by air mail using USPS. We ship by ground to all other countries using USPS. If you wish to have the materials shipped to you more quickly, please indicate that when you order, and we will add the additional shipping to your invoice. We are a small operation and utilize volunteers from our congregation to assemble materials and pack the orders. Therefore, we normally ship out orders only once a week. Orders within the US take about 7-10 shipping days to reach their destination. Orders to Canada normally require 2-3 weeks shipping time. Orders to Australia and Europe usually take 8-12 weeks.

### **Merchandise Exchanges and Returns**

Please contact us if your merchandise is damaged in shipping and we will gladly exchange it for you.

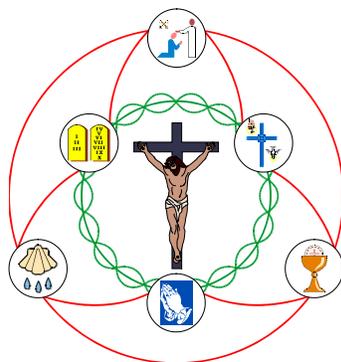
All other returns must be pre-approved and are subject to a 25% restocking fee.

# “A Change of Thinking Regarding Catechesis”

The material in *The Lutheran Catechesis Series* represents “a change of thinking about the task of catechesis” that is summarized in the following points:

- ◆ Faith in Christ is the goal of all catechesis.
- ◆ Catechesis is God’s way of teaching the Word of God by which faith is established. God’s way of teaching always involves the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- ◆ Catechesis establishes preaching and teaching the Word of God as the center of congregational life.
- ◆ Catechesis passes on the language of our holy faith as God’s gift that is received as a gift, rather than as something that is “force fed” into the catechumen.
- ◆ The Christian life of faith is lived from the Word of God that is received and believed.
- ◆ The Christian life of faith has concrete expressions:
  - ✧ in the ongoing reception of God’s gifts in the Divine Service through the hearing of Scripture, the hearing of preaching, and the eating and drinking of the Lord’s body and blood;
  - ✧ in the daily prayer of the Christian;
  - ✧ in the confession of one’s faith in the world;
  - ✧ in the confession of one’s sins to God or a brother;
  - ✧ in forgiving the sins of those who have sinned against him;
  - ✧ and in living “concretely” by faith in Christ in the vocation to which God has called him.
- ◆ God has His own language for learning how to receive God’s gifts in the Divine Service, how to pray, how to confess, and how to live where God has called us.
- ◆ The Small Catechism preserves for us the “pattern of sound words” (2 Timothy 1:13) so that it functions as both a prayer book and a handbook for the Christian faith and life.
- ◆ The chief reason why the catechism is memorized or “learned by heart” is so that it can shape the faith and understanding of the catechumen and be used by him throughout his life as he learns to interpret Scripture, listen to preaching, receive the absolution, pray, confess, and live in his vocation.
- ◆ Catechesis is, therefore, much more comprehensive and involves the actual doing of things that Christians will continue to do for the rest of their lives: attend Divine Service, listen to preaching, receive the Lord’s Supper, confess their sins, receive absolution, pray, confess their faith, forgive one another, live as husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, children, workers of every kind, etc.

# The Lutheran Catechesis Series



## Featuring

<i>Lutheran Catechesis</i> Catechist Edition .....	(LCAT01).....	<b>\$40</b>
<i>Lutheran Catechesis</i> Catechumen Edition .....	(LCAT02).....	<b>\$18</b>
<i>The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther</i> .....	(LCAT12).....	<b>\$1<sup>50</sup></b>
Lutheran Catechesis Learn-by-Heart Edition		
<i>Old Testament Catechesis</i> Catechist Edition, 2nd Edition .....	(LCAT15).....	<b>\$10</b>
<i>Old Testament Catechesis</i> Catechumen Edition, 2nd Edition .....	(LCAT13).....	<b>\$ 3</b>
<i>New Testament Catechesis</i> Catechist Edition, 2nd Edition .....	(LCAT16).....	<b>\$11</b>
<i>New Testament Catechesis</i> Catechumen Edition, 2nd Edition .....	(LCAT14).....	<b>\$ 4</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> Old Testament Stories—Year 1 .....	(LCAT21).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> Old Testament Stories—Year 2 .....	(LCAT22).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> Old Testament Stories—Year 3 .....	(LCAT23).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> New Testament Stories—Year 1 .....	(LCAT24).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> New Testament Stories—Year 2 .....	(LCAT25).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> New Testament Stories—Year 3 .....	(LCAT26).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> Catechism Stories .....	(LCAT27).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> Church Year Stories .....	(LCAT28).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> Additional N. T. Stories - The Gospel of John ..	(LCAT29).....	<b>\$20</b>
<i>Bible Stories for Daily Prayer</i> Additional N. T. Stories - The Book of Acts .....	(LCAT30).....	<b>\$20</b>
Old Testament Term Cards .....	(LCAT03).....	<b>\$ 8</b>
New Testament Term Cards .....	(LCAT04).....	<b>\$ 8</b>
Catechism Term Cards .....	(LCAT05).....	<b>\$ 8</b>
Miracles and Parables of Jesus Study Cards .....	(LCAT06).....	<b>\$ 5</b>
Family Catechism Charts .....	(LCAT08).....	<b>\$ 5</b>
Learn-by-Heart Certificates .....	(LCAT09).....	<b>\$ 6</b>
Christ for Us: Catechism Sermons of Rolf D. Preus .....	(Preus02).....	<b>\$ 15</b>

# The Lutheran Catechesis Series:

## Scope and Sequence

### Day School—Option A

**Divine Service** (weekly)

**Congregation at Prayer**

- ◆ Prayer at home with the family using the Congregation at Prayer
- ◆ Daily Opening Ceremony
- ◆ Daily Morning Prayer in each classroom
- ◆ Daily Vespers at the close of the School Day

**Sunday School and Sunday Morning Catechesis**

- ◆ Pastor introduces Bible Passage, Catechism, and Hymn for the week from the Congregation at Prayer

**Learn by Heart the Catechism** (six chief parts) [LCAT12]

- ◆ Usually by the end of the third grade and the Table of Duties by the end of the fourth grade

**Old Testament Catechesis** [LCAT13]

- ◆ Fourth Grade once a week

**New Testament Catechesis** [LCAT14]

- ◆ Fifth Grade once a week

**Lutheran Catechesis** (Year I) [LCAT02]

- ◆ Sixth Grade twice a week Lessons 1–12
- ◆ Corresponding readings from the Large Catechism

**Lutheran Catechesis** (Year II or III—Seventh and Eighth Grade Combined)

- ◆ Lessons 13–24
- ◆ Corresponding readings from the Large Catechism

**Lutheran Catechesis** (Year II or III—Seventh and Eighth Grade Combined)

- ◆ Table of Duties
- ◆ Parables and Miracles of Jesus (from N.T. Catechesis)
- ◆ Smalcald Articles
- ◆ The Augsburg Confession

### Day School—Option B

**Divine Service** (weekly)

**Congregation at Prayer**

- ◆ Prayer at home with the family using the Congregation at Prayer
- ◆ Daily Opening Ceremony
- ◆ Daily Morning Prayer in each classroom
- ◆ Daily Vespers at the close of the School Day

**Sunday School and Sunday Morning Catechesis**

- ◆ Pastor introduces Bible Passage, Catechism, and Hymn for the week from the Congregation at Prayer

**Learn by Heart the Catechism** (six chief parts) [LCAT12]

- ◆ Usually by the end of the third grade and the Table of Duties by the end of the fourth grade

**Old Testament Catechesis** [LCAT13]

- ◆ Fifth Grade once a week

**New Testament Catechesis** [LCAT14]

- ◆ Sixth Grade once a week

**Lutheran Catechesis** (Year I) [LCAT02]

- ◆ Seventh Grade twice a week Lessons 1–12
- ◆ Corresponding readings from the Large Catechism

**Lutheran Catechesis** (Year II)

- ◆ Lessons 13–24
- ◆ Corresponding readings from the Large Catechism

# “Establishing a Culture of Catechesis and Prayer in the Congregation”

## Scope and Sequence

### Public School Youth

#### Divine Service (weekly)

#### Congregation at Prayer

- ◆ Prayer at home with the family using the Congregation at Prayer

#### Sunday School and Sunday Morning Catechesis

- ◆ Pastor introduces Bible Passage, Catechism, and Hymn for the week from the Congregation at Prayer

#### Learn by Heart the Catechism (six chief parts)

- ◆ At home through the use of the Congregation at Prayer
- ◆ In Sunday School
- ◆ Through O.T. and N.T. Catechesis

#### Old and New Testament Catechesis

- ◆ Run for fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh graders once a week, alternating years

#### Lutheran Catechesis (24 weeks for 90 minutes /session)

- ◆ Youth and adult catechumens are in the same class.
- ◆ At least one parent attends with each youth catechumen.
- ◆ Youth have learned by heart the six chief parts before attending Lutheran Catechesis.
- ◆ Adult Catechumens learn by heart the Primary Texts of the Catechism over the course of the 24 weeks by praying the primary texts of the Catechism at the beginning of each class session.
- ◆ Praying the primary texts at the beginning of each session helps to ground the catechumens in how these texts are used throughout the Christian life. (See page 28 and 29 of Lutheran Catechesis)
- ◆ The Goal of this combined entry level catechesis class is to focus upon establishing the central thought of each lesson around the Biblical narrative and text of the Catechism for the day.
- ◆ Not all of the material in Lutheran Catechesis is used for this class. The binder becomes an ongoing resource for the catechumen in using his Bible, Catechism, and Hymnal.

### Adult Catechumen

#### Divine Service (weekly)

#### Congregation at Prayer

- ◆ Prayer at home with the family using the Congregation at Prayer

#### Sunday School and Sunday Morning Catechesis

- ◆ Pastor introduces Bible Passage, Catechism, and Hymn for the week from the Congregation at Prayer

#### Learn by Heart the Catechism (six chief parts)

- ◆ Learn primary texts first in the context of Lutheran Catechesis class
- ◆ Continue to learn meanings over a lifetime of catechesis and daily prayer

#### Old and New Testament Stories

- ◆ Learn over the course of a lifetime in Sunday morning catechesis

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- ◆ Not all of the material in Lutheran Catechesis is used for this class. The binder becomes an ongoing resource for the catechumen in using his Bible, Catechism, and Hymnal.

# Lutheran Catechesis

## Catechist Edition

### Second Edition

*584 pages printed on 8½” by 11” paper and hard-cover bound.*

#### **Featuring**

The Complete *Lutheran Catechesis, Catechumen Edition*

Notes on each of the Chief Parts of the *Small Catechism*

Commentary on each of the Bible Verses for Meditation

Extended commentary on the Table of Duties

Congregation at Prayer Learn-by-Heart Schedules

    Small Catechism and Bible Verse Learn-by-Heart Schedule

    Hymn of the Week Schedule

    Bible Story Lectionary

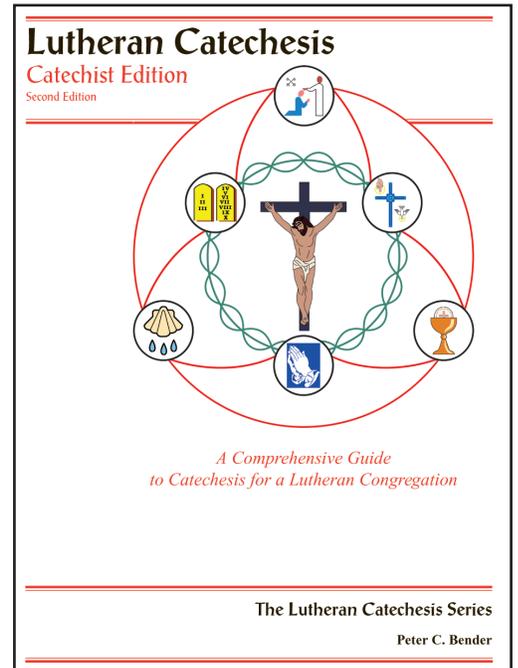
    60-Day Schedule for Praying the Psalter

Personal Prayer Book Schedule

Pastor’s Annual Reading Cycle

Scripture Index for *Lutheran Catechesis, Catechist Edition*

**Catechist Edition, Second Edition (LCAT01-2) \$40**



# Lutheran Catechesis

## Catechumen Edition

### Second Edition

*384 pages printed on 8½” by 11” paper and soft-cover bound.*

## For Every Family and All Adult and Youth Catechumens

### Featuring

Introduction to Lutheran Catechesis

The 24 *Lutheran Catechesis* Lessons

Each Lesson Contains

The Word of Faith

The Catechism in Detail

A Look at the Divine Liturgy

204 Catechism Terms

How to Pray the Small Catechism

“The Congregation at Prayer”

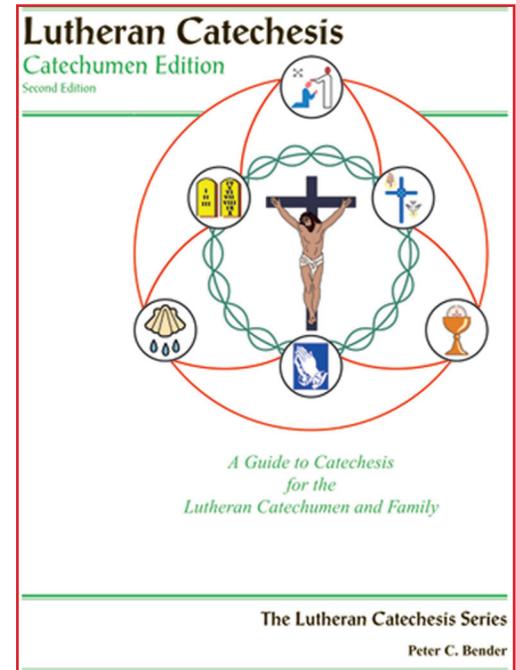
—A Catechetical and Devotional Tool

Hymn Texts and Rites from *Lutheran Service Book*

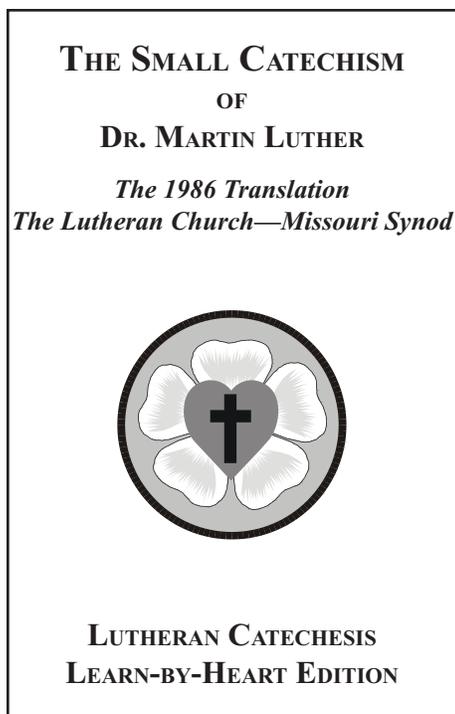
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*The Small Catechism* of Dr. Martin Luther

Lutheran Catechesis Learn-by-Heart Edition



**Catechumen Edition, Second Edition** (LCAT02-2) **\$18**



## THE SMALL CATECHISM OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER

### LUTHERAN CATECHESIS LEARN-BY-HEART EDITION

This 40-page paperback edition uses the text of the 1986 Edition of the Small Catechism of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod published by CPH. The CCA has revised the text formatting of this edition to make it easier for catechumens to learn the text. In the margin next to the text, there are notations indicating the grade level goal for that particular section. This edition also includes Luther’s Preface.

THE SMALL CATECHISM (LCAT12) **\$1<sup>50</sup>**

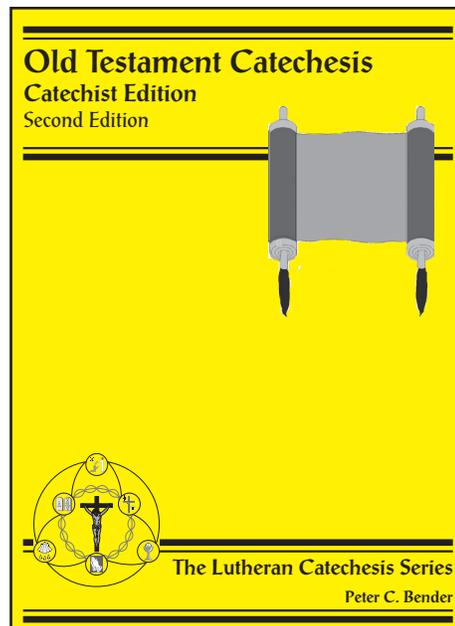
# Old Testament Catechesis Catechumen Edition, Second Edition



*Old Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition* is a survey of Old Testament Bible stories that is intended to build a foundation of Bible knowledge and vocabulary from the Old Testament, and teach the words of the Small Catechism under the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar, and, from the Table of Duties, “To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers,” and “What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors.”

*Old Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition* provides a schedule of thirty-two lessons and 184 Old Testament terms. Each lesson contains three parts: The Bible story to be read for that class session, the section of the catechism to be “learned by heart” in advance of that class session for oral recitation in class, and Old Testament terms which apply to the Bible story that is read for that lesson.

Old Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition (LCAT13) \$3



# Old Testament Catechesis Catechist Edition, Second Edition

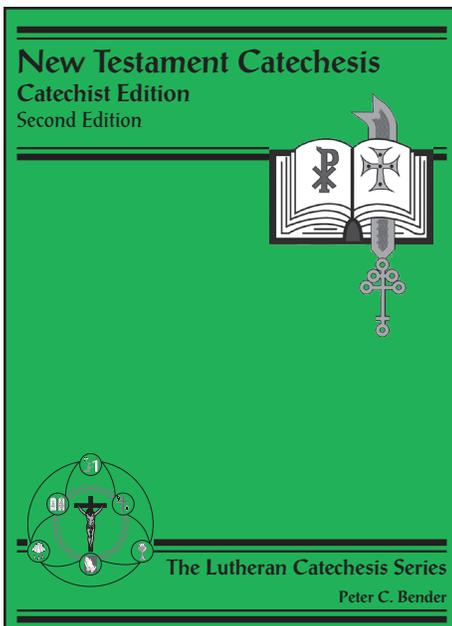
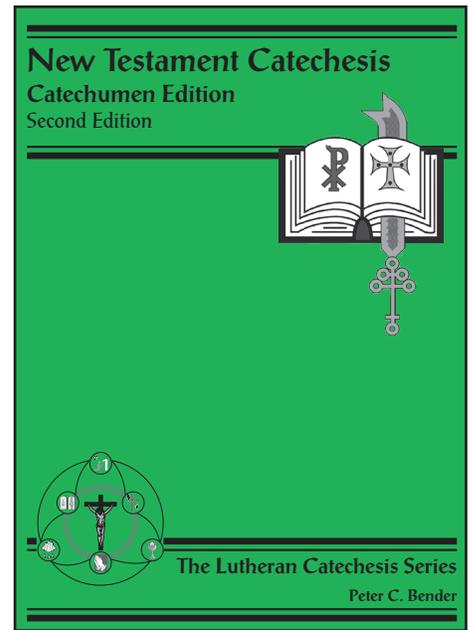
*Old Testament Catechesis, Catechist Edition* includes all of the material in *Lutheran Catechesis, Catechumen Edition*. In addition, it provides a central thought, discussion questions, and summary of the Bible story for each lesson in *Old Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition*. This material will assist the catechist in understanding the basic catechetical material that is to be imparted to the catechumen from each lesson. It provides various suggestions and helps to the pastor, teacher, and homeschooler for structuring the course over an academic year and how the material may be used with either children or adults.

Old Testament Catechesis, Catechist Edition (LCAT15) \$10

# New Testament Catechesis Catechumen Edition, Second Edition

*New Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition* is a survey of New Testament Bible stories that is intended to build a foundation of Bible knowledge and vocabulary from the New Testament, and teach the words of the Small Catechism under the Lord's Prayer, Confession and the Office of the Keys, and, from the Table of Duties, "Of Civil Government" and "Of Citizens." *New Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition* provides a schedule of thirty-two lessons, four additional lessons for optional use, 212 New Testament terms, and notes on twenty-three miracles and twenty-seven parables of Jesus. The structure of the lessons is the same as in *Old Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition*.

New Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition (LCAT14)    \$4



# New Testament Catechesis Catechist Edition, Second Edition

*New Testament Catechesis: Catechist Edition* includes all of the material in *New Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition*. In addition, it provides a central thought, discussion questions, and summary of the Bible story for each lesson in *New Testament Catechesis, Catechumen Edition*. This material will assist the catechist in understanding the basic catechetical material that is to be imparted to the catechumen from each lesson. It provides various suggestions and helps to the pastor, teacher, and homeschooler for structuring the course over an academic year and how the material may be used with either children or adults. *New Testament Catechesis: Catechist Edition* includes an expanded section on teaching the missionary journeys of Paul and a second year of study that focuses on the parables and miracles of Jesus.

New Testament Catechesis, Catechist Edition (LCAT16)    \$11

# Bible Stories for Daily Prayer

## *Meditations and Notes for the Bible Story Lectionary in the Lutheran Catechesis Series*

Karl F. Fabrizio



Old Testament Stories—Year I  
Creation to the Giving of the Law  
on Mount Sinai



New Testament Stories—Year I  
The Gospel of Matthew



Old Testament Stories—Year II  
The Giving of the Law  
to the Establishing of the Monarchy



New Testament Stories—Year II  
The Gospel of Mark



Old Testament Stories—Year III  
The Monarchy to the Return of the Exiles



New Testament Stories—Year III  
The Gospel of Luke



Additional New Testament Stories  
The Gospel of John



Catechism Stories



Additional New Testament Stories  
The Book of Acts



Church Year Stories



**10 Volume Set:**

**\$160** plus shipping

**Individual Volumes:**

**\$ 20** plus shipping

**The Lutheran Catechesis Series**

Peter C. Bender, Editor

# Lutheran Catechesis Resources

## Evangelical Language Term Cards

We have printed the Evangelical Language terms and definitions in a flashcard format for use in class and home. Each card is numbered to correspond with the number in the term list and each set is printed on a different color cardstock. The O.T., N.T., and Catechism Terms are printed on 3"x5" cardstock. The Parables and Miracles are printed on 5½"x8½" cardstock.

Old Testament Terms (184 cards)	(LCAT03)	<b>\$8</b>
New Testament Terms (212 cards)	(LCAT04)	<b>\$8</b>
Catechism Terms (204 cards)	(LCAT05)	<b>\$8</b>
Parables/Miracles Study Cards (50 cards)	(LCAT06)	<b>\$5</b>
Evangelical Language Card Set (LCAT03-06)	(LCAT07)	<b>\$25</b>

## Family Catechism Charts

A set of six 11"x17" laminated charts. Each chart contains the text and explanations for one of the six chief parts of the Catechism. These charts are designed for use by the family or small group around the table.

Family Catechism Charts (set of 6)	(LCAT08)	<b>\$5</b>
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## Learn-by-Heart Certificates

A set of the full-color parchment presentation certificates which are awarded upon confessing by heart each chief part of the Catechism and completion of Old Testament and New Testament Catechesis.

Learn-by-Heart Certificates (set of 9)	(LCAT09)	<b>\$6</b>
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## Learn-by-Heart Completion Charts

Track the progress of your catechumens with these 11"x17" wall charts. Designed to be used with the Learn-by-Heart Certificates. Each set also includes ideas on how to use the charts.

Learn-by-Heart Charts (set of 10)	(LCAT11)	<b>\$3</b>
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# Other CCA Offerings

## DVD

### In the Stead of Christ

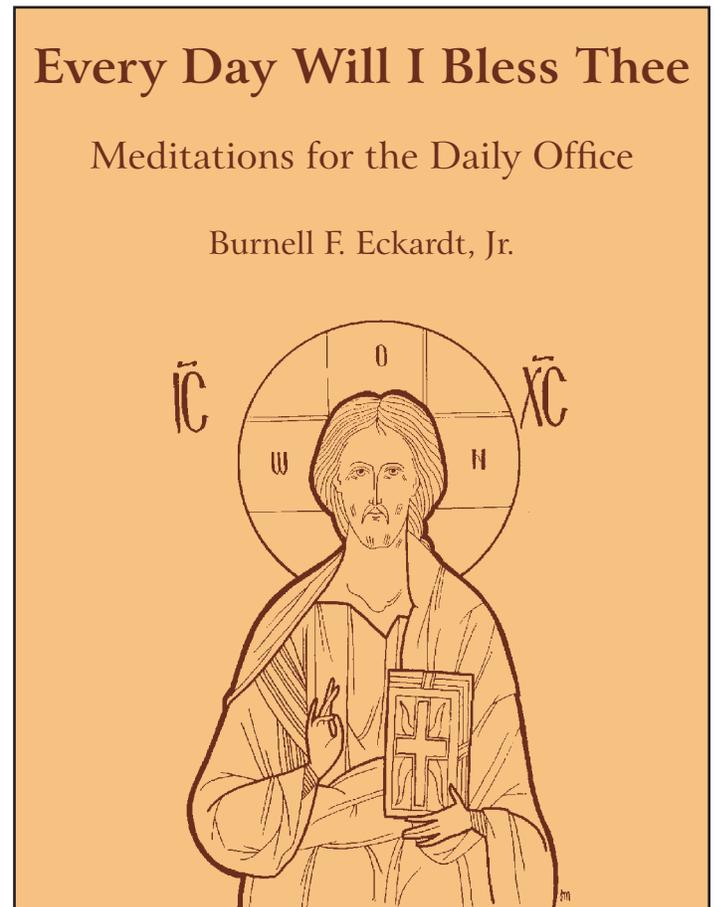
#### A Scriptural Perspective on Women's Ordination

Interviews with various Lutheran pastors and theologians concerning what the Scriptures tell us of the Office of the Holy Ministry. (CCA) (OTM-DVD01) \$4

## Books

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# Explanation of The Congregation at Prayer

*The Lutheran Catechesis Series* recommends the use of a weekly devotional guide, “The Congregation at Prayer” or something similar to it, that is prepared by the pastor and distributed each week to the entire congregation in the Sunday bulletin. A resource such as this is the single most important tool for establishing the culture of prayer and catechesis in the Lutheran home, congregation, and school (see Foreword to *The Lutheran Catechesis Series*, p. ix). The Congregation at Prayer is constructed from the Bible Story Lectionary and the Learn-by-Heart Schedules in *The Lutheran Catechesis Series*, as well as from the Sunday propers from the lectionary of the church year. (See *Lutheran Catechesis Compendium* for a full listing of schedules.)

The example “Congregation at Prayer” on the next two pages is from Peace Lutheran Church and Academy, Sussex, Wisconsin, for the week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, August 25 through September 1, 2002. This example was for the first week of a new academic year in the life of Peace Lutheran Church and Academy. The Bible Story Lectionary and Learn-by-Heart Schedules are from Year II in the series.

- ① **The title**, The Congregation at Prayer, highlights the purpose of the devotional and catechetical guide: it is to be used throughout the parish (home, congregation, and school) for all daily prayer, devotions, chapel services, classroom catechesis, study, and meetings of the congregation and school. The particular setting will determine how much of the material is used at any one time. The “Order of Meditation and Prayer” may be followed as a “stand alone” order for prayer in the home, classroom, or chapel service, or the particular readings, verse, Catechism, and hymn selections may be used as the “propers” for a daily office such as Matins or Vespers. The Congregation at Prayer lives from Sunday to Sunday around the themes of the church year and the Sunday propers. It is also tied to the local calendar of the entire parish.
- ② **Catechesis Notes for the Week** provides devotional and catechetical commentary, written by the pastor, to highlight such things as the Catechism and Bible verse for the week, themes in the Bible stories, the season or festival of the church year, or Christian traditions that have become part of the customs and piety of the church. This section provides an opportunity for the shepherd of the flock to explain apostolic doctrine and apply that doctrine to the congregation.
- ③ **The Theme for the Week** usually highlights the Sunday of the church year for the week in which The Congregation at Prayer is used. The example given was the sermon theme for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, drawn from James 5:20 and based on the Gospel of the Good Samaritan. It should be noted that, in order for a theme to serve devotionally, it is best that it be an assertion, such as the example “The Love of God Covers a Multitude of Sins,” rather than a cute catchy phrase such as “Uplifted Losers.” One theme can be prayed; the other cannot.
- ④ **The Verse for the Week** is taken from the “Bible Verse Learn-by-Heart Schedule” in *The Lutheran Catechesis Series*. The assigned Bible verse for each of the first 25 weeks of every academic year ties in to the theme of the assigned Catechism for the week. The example is from Year II, week 1, and ties in directly to the First and Second Commandments assigned for the week. The verse for the week may serve as an antiphon when praying the Psalter or it may be recited out loud by itself.
- ⑤ **The Psalm for the Week** is one of the psalms assigned to the Sunday in the church year for the week in which The Congregation at Prayer is used, or it may highlight the Catechism theme for the week. (See *Lutheran Catechesis Compendium* for psalm suggestions on the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism.) A prayer, provided from the hymnal or written by the pastor, highlights themes from the psalm for the week. The table of daily psalms is from a schedule for praying through the Psalter over the course of sixty days (see *Lutheran Catechesis Compendium*).
- ⑥ **The Catechism for the Week** is taken from the “Catechism Learn-by-Heart Schedule” in *The Lutheran Catechesis Series*. This schedule calls for praying through the Six Chief Parts and Table of Duties sequentially over a 36-week academic year (see *Lutheran Catechesis Compendium*). A schedule of Catechism readings for the summer is also provided in the compendium.

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A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
August 25 through September 1, 2002

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**Catechesis Notes for the Week** — *A New Academic Year Brings a Renewal in Catechesis* — We begin our annual walk through the Catechism this week with the First and Second Commandments. The First Commandment teaches us that there is only one true God: the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are to trust in Him above all other things. We are to love Him and cling to Him. The First Commandment shows us our faithlessness and the sin of unbelief. It calls us to repentance, that is, to the confession of our sin and to faith in Christ. He feared, loved, and trusted in the Father to the death of the cross for us. We, faithless sinners, must flee to Him for forgiveness. The Second Commandment teaches us that we are to pray to God at all times and in all circumstances of our lives. We are to call upon Him in trouble, not simply to take away the trouble, but to teach us to trust in Him in the midst of the struggle. Our prayers are to call upon God to give us the wisdom to receive the cross of affliction in our lives with rejoicing and thanksgiving. The Second Commandment shows us our unwillingness to pray in this way. We chafe under the cross of affliction. We consider our will to be better than God’s will. Instead of praying that God’s will be done, we demand that He act according to our will. We do not praise Him and give thanks to Him in the midst of suffering; instead we curse Him in unbelief. The Second Commandment, too, calls us to repentance and to faith in our Savior, who prayed faithfully unto death for us. No one suffered a greater evil than our Lord, yet He did not chafe under the cross but accepted it as the Father’s will for our salvation. From His obedience unto death we have salvation and our prayers are heard.

### The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

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**Theme: The Love of God Covers a Multitude of Sins.**

#### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Apostles’ Creed

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**Verse: Psalm 90:1-2**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

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**Psalm 74 or the appointed daily psalms listed below.**

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, strengthen and preserve Your Church from all who rise up against her. Deliver us from false doctrine and misbelief. Teach us to trust in Your Gospel alone for our security and to call upon You in all times of persecution. Turn the hearts of our enemies to repentance and faith in Your Son, that we might dwell together in peace and comfort, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	1, 2	5	8, 9	10	14, 15	18	19, 20	22
Evening	3	4,6	7	11,12	13	16,17	21	23, 24

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**The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—The First and Second Commandments**

What is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods.	Preschool +
What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.	First Grade +
What is the Second Commandment? You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	Preschool +
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.	Second Grade +

**Readings for the Week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Choose from the Readings Below) 7**

Day	First Reading—Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Second Reading
Monday	Moses Receives the Law Upon Tablets—Exodus 24:1-18	1 Thess. 5:12-28
Tuesday	The Ark of the Covenant—Exodus 25:1-22	1 Timothy 1:1-20
Wednesday	The Priestly Garments—Exodus 28:1-43	1 Timothy 2:1-15
Thursday	The Ransom Money—Exodus 30:11-16	1 Timothy 3:1-16
Friday	Sunday's Gospel—Ten Lepers Cleansed—Luke 17:11-19	1 Timothy 4:1-16
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday's Readings.	1 Timothy 5:1-25

**Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace 8**

*Collect for the Week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and as we do obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Daily Themes for Prayer*

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

*In Our Prayers This Week*

*Peace Lutheran Academy and our new Headmaster, Kimberly Hughes;  
Jim and Shirley Weber, celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary;  
Joan Stegemeyer, receiving chemotherapy for cancer;  
Viola Jensen and her family, who mourn the death of Viola's husband Henry.*

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**The Hymn of the Week**

**"To Thy Temple I Repair" (stanzas 1-3)**

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**Looking Forward to the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**September 1, 2002**

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*Hymns: 393 (1-3), 36, 398, 393 (4-6)*

**Proverbs 4:10-23:** *"Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life." This is why we cling to the teachings of the Catechism. These are not idle words but life-giving words. Such is the teaching of the Lord. When it is received by faith, it never fails to bring forth fruit and abundant blessing.*

**Galatians 5:16-24:** *St. Paul describes the characteristics of both the unbelieving Old Adam (the flesh) and the New Man (the Spirit of Christ within us). These are at war with each other. The Old Adam is crucified through daily contrition and repentance. The New Man of the Spirit is refreshed and led by the sweet Word of the Gospel.*

**Luke 17:11-19:** *The cleansing of the ten lepers followed by the lone Samaritan who returns to Jesus in faith and thanksgiving is a sign both of God's overwhelming grace for the unworthy and of how those who are the most ostracized because of their sin are often the ones who delight the most in God's grace. Samaritans were outcast among the Jews because they did not worship at the temple in Jerusalem, even though they accepted the Law of Moses. The Samaritan who returned to Jesus confessed rightly that Jesus is the true Temple of the Lord and the source of cleansing from all sin and new life with God.*

- ⑦ **Readings for the Week** are taken from two sources. The first reading for the family and school is always taken from “Lutheran Catechesis Three-Year Bible Story Lectionary.” The second reading may be one of the assigned readings from the daily prayer lectionary in the hymnal. Most lectionaries for daily prayer utilize an Old and a New Testament reading. It is recommended that the choice of the second reading be from the opposite Testament as the first reading. *Lutheran Catechesis Compendium* reproduces a revised version of the daily prayer lectionary found in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.
- ⑧ **Prayers** include the assigned collect for the week of the church year, daily themes for prayer based on ancient patterns for weekly prayer (these remain the same each week), and “In Our Prayers This Week,” which lists special needs and members for whom the congregation is praying. The prayers are concluded with the Lord’s Prayer and either the Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism.
- ⑨ **The Hymn of the Week** is taken from the “Hymn of the Week Learn-by-Heart Schedule” in *The Lutheran Catechesis Series*. This schedule combines a listing of “general hymns” and hymns for specific weeks of the church year. The number of stanzas listed indicates the specific stanzas to be “learned by heart” by the practice of actually singing the hymn several times each day.
- ⑩ **Looking Forward to Next Sunday** provides the listing of hymns and readings for the upcoming Sunday. The listing of each reading is followed by a brief catechetical or devotional commentary on each reading or, depending on available space, a single commentary could be prepared for all three readings. The commentary is written by the pastor in conjunction with his own meditation and study of the Scriptures in preparation for preaching. This section allows the members to look ahead to the coming Sunday in their devotions at home, as well as provides them with devotional material should they be unable to attend the service for the upcoming Sunday.