

11th - 12th GRADE MEMORY WORK

Teachers & Parents: This year's memory work will be focusing on the fundamental truths of Scripture and our confessions. Your students/child will be learning the memory work on this paper for their Catechism class. We ask that you help your teen with this memory work at home while his/her Catechism teacher will do the same at church. Keep this paper for the entire school year. Here is what they will be learning:

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1-5, 21, 60, 65, 69, 75, 86, 91, 95, 103

Ten Commandments

Heidelberg Catechism:

Memory work *recited* on date listed.

Week 1 (Sept 9) Memory Work handed out.

Q&A 1

Week 2 (Sept 16)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,
but belong--
body and soul,
in life and in death--
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Week 3 (Sept 23)

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Week 4 (Sept 30)

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

Q&A 2

Week 5 (Oct 7)

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things:
first, how great my sin and misery are;
second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;
third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Q&A 3

How do you come to know your misery?

The law of God tells me.

Q&A 4

Week 6 (Oct 14)

What does God's law require of us?

Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22--
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it:
Love your neighbor as yourself.
All the Law and the Prophets hang
on these two commandments.

Q&A 5

Week 7 (Oct 21)

Can you live up to all this perfectly?

No.
I have a natural tendency
to hate God and my neighbor.

Q&A 21

What is true faith?

True faith is
not only a knowledge and conviction
that everything God reveals in his Word is true;

Week 8 (Oct 28)

it is also a deep-rooted assurance,
created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,
that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,
not only others, but I too,
have had my sins forgiven,
have been made forever right with God,
and have been granted salvation.

Q&A 60

Week 9 (Nov 4)

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's
commandments and of never having kept any of them,

Week 10 (Nov 11)

and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of
Christ,

Week 11 (Nov 18)

as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Thanksgiving Break (Nov 25)

Q&A 65

Week 12 (Dec 2)

*It is by faith alone
that we share in Christ and all his blessings:
where then does that faith come from?*

The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts
by the preaching of the holy gospel,
and confirms it
through our use of the holy sacraments.

Q&A 69

Week 13 (Dec 9)

*How does baptism remind you and assure you
that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you
personally?*

In this way:
Christ instituted this outward washing
and with it gave the promise that,
as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body,
so certainly his blood and his Spirit
wash away my soul's impurity,
in other words, all my sins.

Westgate (Dec 16)

Christmas Break (Dec 23 – Jan 6)

Q&A 75

Week 14 (Jan 13)

*How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you
that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross
and in all his gifts?*

In this way:
Christ has commanded me and all believers
to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup.
With this command he gave this promise:

? Winter Retreat (Jan 20)

Week 15 (Jan)

First,
as surely as I see with my eyes
the bread of the Lord broken for me
and the cup given to me,
so surely
his body was offered and broken for me
and his blood poured out for me
on the cross.

Week 16 (Jan /Feb)

Second,
as surely as
I receive from the hand of the one who serves,
and taste with my mouth
the bread and cup of the Lord,
given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood,
so surely
he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life
with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

Q&A 86

Week 17 (Feb)

*We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace
alone through Christ and not because we have earned it:
why then must we still do good?*

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.
But we do good because
Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself,

Week 18 (Feb)

so that in all our living
we may show that we are thankful to God
for all he has done for us,
and so that he may be praised through us.
And we do good
so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,
and so that by our godly living
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

? Winter Retreat (Feb 17)

Mission Emphasis (Feb 24)**Q&A 91****Week 19** (Mar 3)

What do we do that is good?

Only that which
arises out of true faith,
conforms to God's law,
and is done for his glory;
and not that which is based
on what we think is right
or on established human tradition.

Q&A 95**Week 20** (Mar 10)

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is
having or inventing something in which one trusts
in place of or alongside of the only true God,
who has revealed himself in his Word.

Q&A 103**Week 21** (Mar 17)

What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

First,
that the gospel ministry and education for it be
maintained,
and that, especially on the festive day of rest,
I regularly attend the assembly of God's people
to learn what God's Word teaches,
to participate in the sacraments,
to pray to God publicly,
and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.

Week 22 (Mar 24)

Second,
that every day of my life
I rest from my evil ways,
let the Lord work in me through his Spirit,
and so begin already in this life
the eternal Sabbath.

Ten Commandments: Exodus 20**Week 23** (Mar 31)

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Week 24 (Apr 7)

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for 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,

⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Palm Sunday / Easter Break (Apr 14 & 21)**Week 25** (Apr 28)

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Week 26 (May 5)

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."