

9th - 10th 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

Ten Commandments

Heidelberg Catechism:

Memory work recited on date listed.

Week 1 (Sept 10) Memory Work handed out

Q&A 1

Week 2 (Sept 17)

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 24)

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 (Oct 1)

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 8)

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 15)

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 22)

Can you live up to all this perfectly?

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

Q&A 21

Week 8 (Oct 29)

What is true faith?

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

Week 9 (Nov 5)

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 10 (Nov 12)

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,

Westgate (Nov 19)

Thanksgiving Break (Nov 26)

Week 11 (Dec 3)

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 12 (Dec 10)

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.

Christmas Break (Dec 17- Dec 31)

Q&A 65

Week 13 (Jan 7)

*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.

Winter Retreat (Jan 14)

Q&A 69

Week 14 (Jan 21)

*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.

Q&A 75

Week 15 (Jan 28)

*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:

Week 16 (Feb 4)

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 17 (Feb 11)

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 18 (Feb 18)

*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,

Mission Emphasis (Feb 25)

Week 19 (Mar 4)

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.

Week 20 (Mar 11)

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.

Ten Commandments: Exodus 20**Week 21** (Mar 18)

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.

Palm Sunday / Easter Break (Mar 25 & Apr 1)**Week 22** (Apr 8)

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.

Week 23 (Apr 15)

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 24 (Apr 22)

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.”

Week 25 (Apr 29)

Review: Q&A 1

No Catechism Classes:

Westgate.....3rd Sunday - Nov
 Thanksgiving.....1 week - Nov
 Christmas.....3 weeks - Dec/Jan
 Winter Retreat.....1 week -Jan
 Mission Emphasis.....1 week - Feb
 Palm Sunday/Easter.....2 weeks - Mar/Apr
 Last week of classes.....Last Sunday - Apr