

## **Introduction**

To make our way through the catechism we are going to begin where we already are, in some ways. We are going to begin with Worship/Divine Service. Because we all go to church, and it is assumed that after catechism class we will continue to do so, even unto death, or until Christ returns, it is important to understand, at least in part \*what\* we are doing as we gather on Sundays and other days.

Our life together as Church, is centered in the Divine Service, with all the words, hymns, liturgy, colors and rites. We need to come to understand, not only what these things are just for the sake of knowing-a point of information-but also because they are a part of our preaching and teaching. We want to come to have a basic understanding of what our church services consist of, i.e. what things are central, the goals-what we hope to accomplish, as we gather. As we come to understand what is going on in the service we will better be able to understand the sermon and other things that the church carries on in her life together. This will all enable us to come to see and understand how the catechism is integrated into the life of the church.

So, for the first week or so, we will spend some time learning about worship/divine service, liturgy, sermons, Law and Gospel and various other things, in preparation for our study of the catechism proper. We will be using the following worksheets, a video or two, and some hymns to help us understand what we have been/are doing on a Sunday morning.

## **Worship and the Church Year**

1. The worship of the church will be discussed in a number of different places throughout the catechism. What commandments speak directly about worship? \_\_\_\_\_

What articles of the creed? \_\_\_\_\_

What whole parts of the catechism? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Define the word worship? \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Scriptures speak about worship in a number of different ways. Who is the primary actor/giver in worship? \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the receiver? \_\_\_\_\_

The Lutheran church has spoken about worship with this German word "Gottesdienst." It is translated into English by the phrase "Divine Service." Whose "service" is described by this phrase? \_\_\_\_\_ Through what does God "serve" us? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What does the word "Advent" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

When does it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Advent focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is associated with Advent? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What does the word "Epiphany" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

When does it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Epiphany focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is associated with Epiphany? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What does the word "Lent" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

When does it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Lent focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is associated with Lent? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. When does Holy week begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is associated with Maundy Thursday? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What color is associated with Good Friday? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What does the word "Easter" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

When does it begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is associated with Easter? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What does the word "Ascension" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

When does it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What does the word "Pentecost" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

When does it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is associated with Pentecost? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What does the word “Trinity” mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
 When does it happen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What does it focus on? \_\_\_\_\_
12. The season of Pentecost starts when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What does it focus on? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is the color of the Pentecost season? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What is the color of Reformation? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. What do we learn as we follow the church year? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Why is the church year a good tool to teach the church “all things that I have  
 commanded you” (Read Matthew 28:19-20)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. Proper worship will be discussed again, especially with respect to the first three  
 commandments.

**Lutheran Service Book**

Please give the major sections of the Lutheran Service Book in the spaces below

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| 1 _____  | 2 _____  |
| 3 _____  | 4 _____  |
| 5 _____  | 6 _____  |
| 7 _____  | 8 _____  |
| 9 _____  | 10 _____ |
| 11 _____ | 12 _____ |
| 13 _____ | 14 _____ |
| 15 _____ |          |

Why do we include the Psalms in our hymnbook? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you think is the difference between the Daily Office and the Divine Service?  
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Name five other services that are included in Lutheran Service Book \_\_\_\_\_

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Define each major section of hymns---that is, what are they focused on?

The Church Year \_\_\_\_\_

Person and Work of Christ \_\_\_\_\_

The Christian Church \_\_\_\_\_

The Christian Life \_\_\_\_\_

Times and Seasons \_\_\_\_\_

The Service \_\_\_\_\_

Nation and National Songs \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that there is any significance in the order in which they were listed?  
Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hymns**

Please look at the hymn sections/descriptions in the Lutheran Service Book and list here \_\_\_\_\_

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Give an example of one of each of the following hymn and explain what it is trying to say with respect to that part of the service

Opening Hymn-

Sermon Hymn-

Closing Hymn-

Read the Introduction to the Hymnal and please summarize what it is trying to teach us about worship-(on a separate page, be ready to turn this in)

**Notes on Daniel Preus on Divine Service III-LSB pg 184**

What is the one of the central themes that run through the service? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know that? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn from watching this part of the video? \_\_\_\_\_

How will it impact your worship life? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that a service centered in the forgiveness of sins, is easy to construct? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes from Daniel Preus' discussion of Divine Service I-LSB pg 151**

What was the criteria that Dr Preus used in this part of the video? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it important to consider in worship? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn? \_\_\_\_\_

What purpose do you suppose, repetition has in the worship service? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you think that a Christ-centered service is easy to put together? Why or why not?

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Define the Law

Define the Gospel