

Never too *Small*, Never too *Old*: Luther's Small Catechism

Historical Context

1516—
1517—
1521—
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1530—

Contents of Catechism: Six Chief Parts

I.
II.
III.
IV.
V.
VI.

Describe how Luther arranged the different parts? Is this helpful? Would you have done it differently?

Style of Catechism

κατηχέω—*katecho*—to sound again, to teach

Luther on the Importance of the Catechism

“For none do I acknowledge as really my books, except perhaps *The Bondage of the Will* and the Catechism.”

[For some perspective: Of what has been translated into English, there are about 55 volumes (about 25,000 pages), that cost \$1,632.30 +tax]

“This catechism is preaching for children, or, the Bible of the laity, which serves the plain people. Whoever, then, does not know these things, and is unable to recite them and understand them, cannot be considered a Christian.”

“Those who are unwilling to learn it should be told that they deny Christ and are no Christians; neither should they be admitted to the Sacraments, accepted as sponsors at Baptism, nor exercise any part of Christian liberty.”

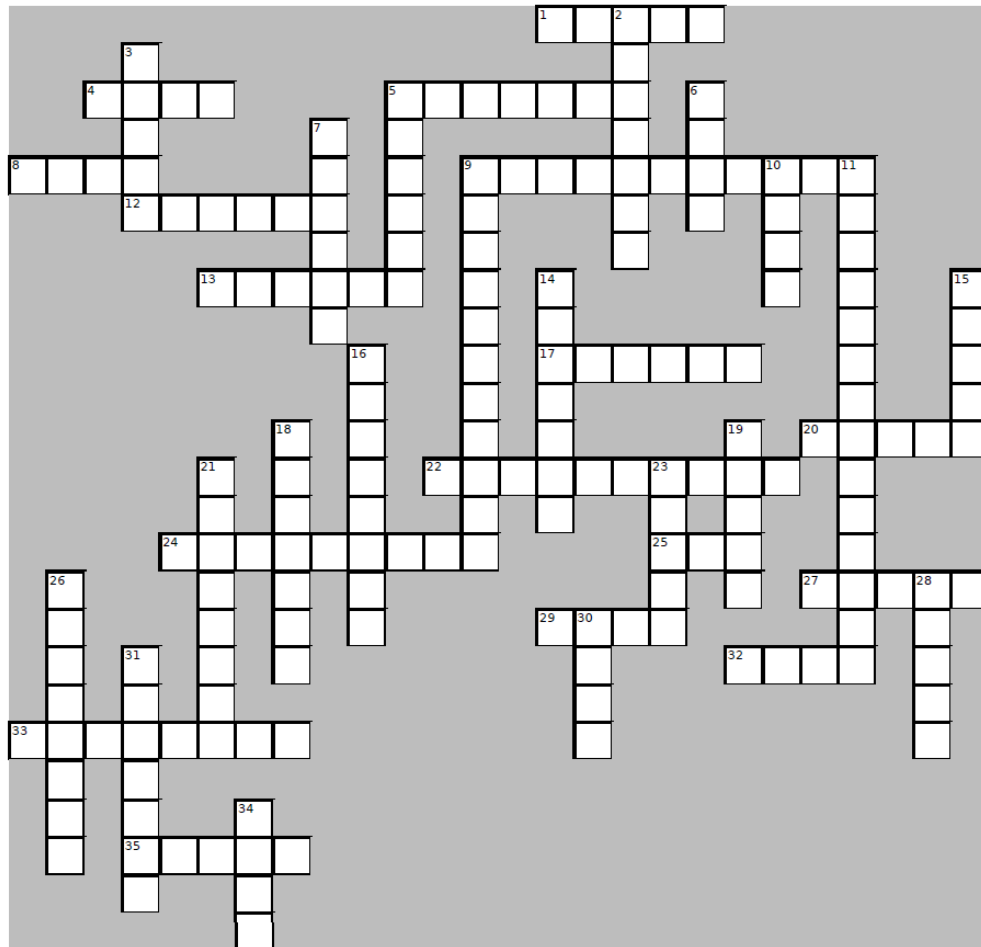
Resources:

- <http://itunes.csl.edu/>
 - (Then “Download” if you don’t have iTunes, then “Visit”. Once you’re there, scroll down to “Lutheran Doctrine.” There you click on “Conversations on the Catechism” and/or “Lutheran Confessions”
- www.CPH.org
 - You can find lots of different editions of the catechism to meet various needs
 - *The Lord Will Answer*—a daily devotional for the whole year, based on the Small Catechism
 - *Currently only \$5.00, while supplies last (regularly \$19.99)
- **Lutheran Service Book—321** and following

Catechism Review

by Pastor Dan

Don't cheat. Don't use your catechism. Try not to ask your neighbor. I apologize if you memorized it differently. Have fun.



Across

- 1 don't murder
- 2 have no other
- 3 Second benefit of Baptism
- 4 Second commandment protects God's
- 5 First benefit of Baptism
- 6 6th pet.--"God _____ no one"
- 7 Table of _____
- 8 Returning _____
- 9 _____ and shed for you.
- 10 Second Article
- 11 "Parts" of the Lord's Prayer
- 12 Confession has how many parts?
- 13 adultery is bad
- 14 Office of the _____
- 15 Which Gospel doesn't have Words of Institution?
- 16 I thank you my _____
- 17 Sabbath commandment

Down

- 1 Example of bodily preparation for Communion
- 2 9/10--don't _____
- 3 Baptism reference-- _____ 6:4
- 4 Yes, yes, it shall be so
- 5 included in false testimony
- 6 First benefit listed under Communion
- 7 God gives daily bread "even to all _____ people"
- 8 Third Article
- 9 28:19
- 10 Baptism is not just _____ water
- 11 Asking a _____
- 12 the words "for you" require all hearts to _____
- 13 ...your father and mother
- 14 First Article
- 15 Baptism reference-- _____ 3:5-8
- 16 How does God invite us to believe?
- 17 We should fear, love and _____
- 18 Deliver us from
- 19 don't still
- 20 Sac. of Altar = _____ body and blood