

What Doctor Martin Luther wrote on these texts:

“Therefore, it is the duty of every father of a family to question and examine his children and servants at least once a week and see what they know or are learning from catechism. And if they do not know the catechism, he should keep them learning it faithfully.” §4

“These are the most necessary parts of Christian teaching that one should first learn to repeat word for word. And our children should be used to reciting them daily when they rise in the morning, when they sit down to their meals, and when they go to bed at night.” §15,16

“Then we would have all together five whole parts of Christian doctrine. These should be taught constantly and be required learning for children. You should hear them recited word for word. For you must not rely on the idea that the young people will learn and retain these things from the sermon alone.” §24

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THE SMALL CATECHISM

—Doctor Martin Luther, 1529—

—1986 Translation—



*As the Head of the Family should teach it
in a simple way to his household.*

The Lutheran Parish of
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DAILY PRAYER—MORNING

*In the morning when you get up,
make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

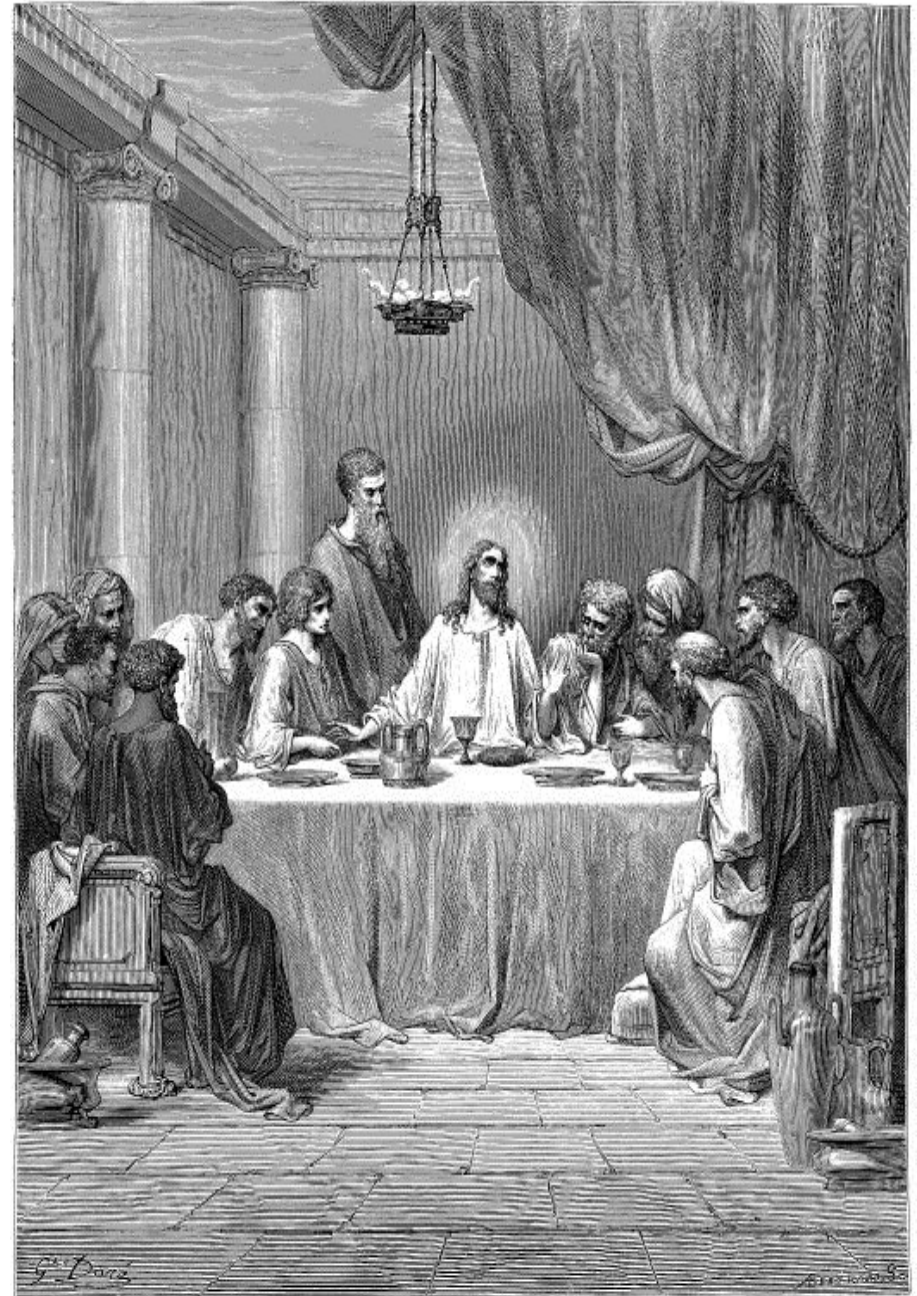
**In the name of the Father and of the † Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's
Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

**I thank you my Heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night from all harm
and danger; and I pray that You would keep me
this day also from sin and every evil,
that all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Then, go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn,
like that of the Ten Commandments,
or whatever your devotion may suggest.*

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Mar 14:22-24 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, ... This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

THE SACRAMENT [OF THE ALTAR]

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
on the night when He was betrayed,
took bread,
and when He had given thanks,
He broke it and gave it to the disciples
and said: “Take, eat; this is My Body,
which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of Me.”**

**In the same way also,
He took the cup after supper,
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them, saying:
“Drink of it, all of you; this cup
is the New Testament in My Blood,
which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of Me.”**

DAILY PRAYER—EVENING

*In the evening when you go to bed,
make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

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

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's
Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

**I thank you my Heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive me
all my sins where I have done wrong,
and graciously keep me this night.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.**

Then, go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

BAPTISM

"Moses Coming Down From Mt. Sinai" by Gustave Doré



**“Therefore go and make disciples
of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

**“Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved,
but whoever does not believe
will be condemned.”**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father,
Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power
And the glory
Forever and ever
Amen.**



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1
You shall have no other gods.
- 2
You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
- 3
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- 4
Honor your father and your mother.
- 5
You shall not murder
- 6
You shall not commit adultery.
- 7
You shall not steal.
- 8
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- 9
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

THE CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty,
from thence He will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

