

Responsive Prayer for Catechesis

L. Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
C. have mercy and hear us.

1. The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance

**You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
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.
He says: "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,
but showing love to a thousand generations
of those who love Me and keep My commandments."**

2. The Apostles' Creed Preaches the Faith

**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.**

3. The Lord's Prayer Preaches the Holy Life

**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.**

Psalm Tone V – Psalm 107:31-38, 43



OH, THAT || men would give thanks to the Lord for His | good- | ness,*
And for His wonderful works to the | child- | ren | of | men!
|| **32 Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the | peo- | ple, ***
And praise Him in the company | of | the | el- | ders.
|| **33 He turns rivers into a | wild-er- · | ness, ***
And the watersprings | in- | to | dry | ground;
|| **34 A fruitful land into | bar-ren- · | ness, ***
For the wickedness of those | who | dwell | in | it.
|| **35 He turns a wilderness into pools of | wa- | ter, ***
And dry land in- | to | wa- | ter- | springs.
|| **36 There He makes the hungry | dwell, | - ***
That they may establish a city for | a | dwell- | ing | place,
|| **37 And sow fields and plant | vine- | yards, ***
That they may yield a | fruit- | ful | har- | vest.



|| 38 He also blesses them, and they multiply | great- | ly; *

And He does not let their | cat- | tle | de- | crease.

|| 43 Whoever is wise will observe these | things, | - *

And they will understand the lovingkind- | ness | of | the | Lord.

GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: *

world with- | out | end. | A- | men.

|| Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His | good- | ness,*

And for His wonderful works to the | child- | ren | of | men!

L. The Lord be with you.

C. And with your spirit.

L. Let us pray.

Various petitions based on the reading just expounded.

--Confession of our sins and sinfulness.

--Requests for things that we now know we need.

--Praise and Thanksgiving for who God is and what He has done.

--The final petition

O GOD, Who hast sounded into our ears Thy divine and salutary oracles; illuminate the souls of us sinners to the comprehension of that which has been read, so that we may not only be seen to be hearers of spiritual things, but doers of good works, following after faith without guile, blameless life, conversation without charge of guilt; in Christ Jesus our Lord, with Whom Thou are blessed, with Thy most Holy and Good and Quickening Spirit, now and ever and to ages of ages. Amen.

[“After the Holy Gospel,” *Oremus*, p. 137]

L. Let us bless the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

L. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C. Amen.

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The Luther Bible 1534:
David Chanting the Psalter, p.18.

The Freedom of a Christian by Dr. Martin Luther

On the other hand, there is no more terrible disaster with which the wrath of God can afflict men than a famine of the hearing of his Word, as he says in Amos [8:11]. Likewise there is no greater mercy than when he sends forth his Word, as we read in Psalm 107[:20]: “He sent forth his word, and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.” Nor was Christ sent into the world for any other ministry except that of the Word. Moreover, the entire spiritual estate—all the apostles, bishops, and priests—has been called and instituted only for the ministry of the Word” (Luther’s Works, v.31, p.345).

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