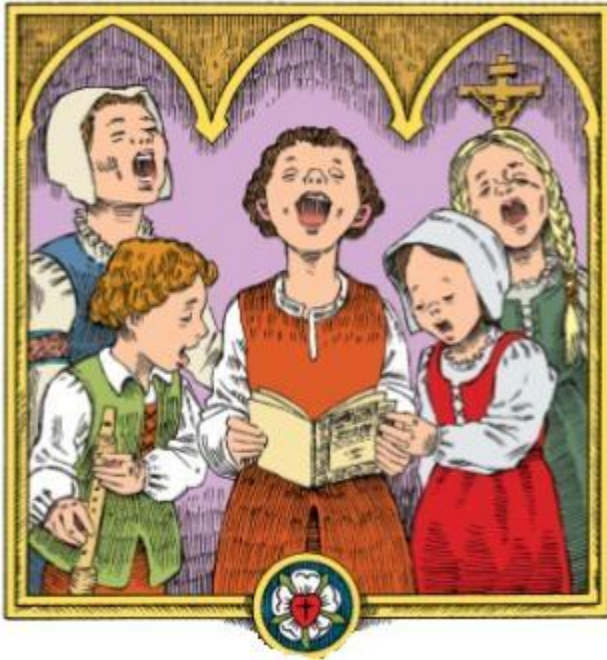


“My Soul, Adore Him!”

**Hymns of the Season,
Learn by Heart Bible Memory,
& Catechetical Schedule**

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Our Catechetical Approach

For over 15 years, St. Paul's Congregation has utilized a **hymns of the season strategy** for learning and relearning the hymns of the faith. St. Paul exhorts us in Colossians 3:16, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God."* Christians have a song to sing because Christ has redeemed us through His cross and empty tomb. There is no greater message to sing about in all the world!

When we sing, we proclaim this truth one to another. We teach and encourage one another even as we look forward to joining in the heavenly song to come!

One of the blessings of music is that it helps us remember and internalize the teachings of Scripture. For example, it is often observed that those who struggle with memory later in life will long remember the hymns they learned to love as children. Rather than giving our children music that they will grow out of, we at St. Paul's strive to give them music that they will grow into, music that will give them rich comfort and sound instruction throughout their lives.

The hymns of the season strategy is designed so that all, young and old, will have the opportunity to learn and reflect upon a thoughtfully selected set of hymns more deeply. The hymn for each season is used congregationally, chorally, and/or instrumentally in some way at each Divine Service. The hymns are sung regularly at Sunday School and Christ Academy. Ultimately, their use is encouraged daily within the home as families gather for their home devotions. During the course of each season, we encourage all of our members to challenge themselves to learn at least the first stanza of each hymn. To assist in this endeavor, we will provide simple audio recordings of each hymn to be accessed digitally by our members on our website. (www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns)

In addition to learning hymns of the season, we also encourage one another to **learn by heart** key texts of Scripture. These include the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism, as well as other Biblical passages. Learn by heart passages are included with the hymns in the pages that follow.

Finally, you will find the **catechetical schedule** for both Sunday School and Christ Academy. We encourage you to use this schedule as a guide in your home as you read and discuss the appointed Biblical texts as a family.

Feel free to take home as many copies of this booklet as are needed for your household. Grow together with your friends at St. Paul's as we read, meditate upon, pray, sing, and confess God's precious Word!

Theme Hymn (September 3-October 12)

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Trinity C (October 13-November 29)

For All the Saints

LSB 677



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Advent (November 30-December 24)
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

Tune: Charles Wesley, 1727-86, alt.
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Christmas (December 25 – January 5)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Epiphany/Prelent (January 6-February 17)
 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 △ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,

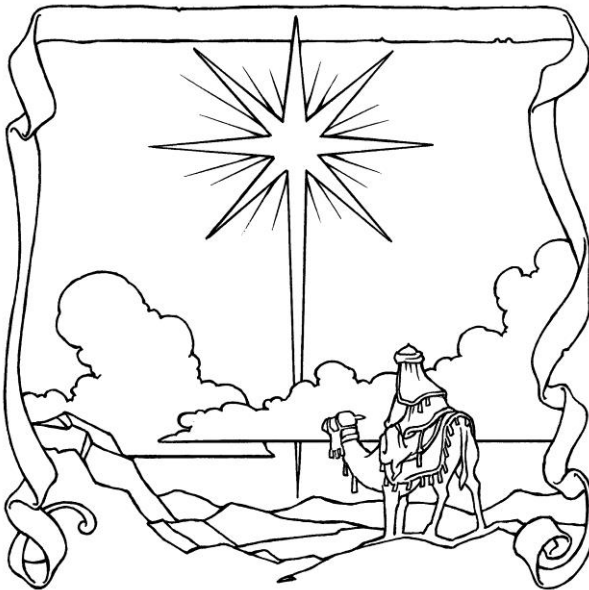


why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Lent (February 18-April 4)
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers shall
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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Easter (April 5-May 23)

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

LSB 548



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on
3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter

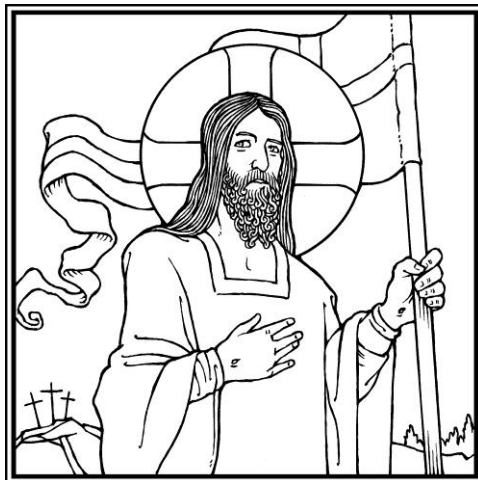


rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

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Trinity A (May 24 – July 11)
 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

LSB 498



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



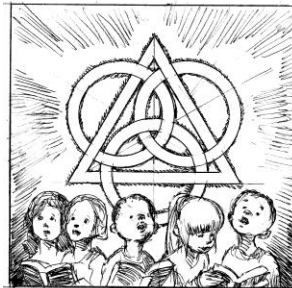
heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,
 And Your abiding peace bestow;
 With You as our protecting guide,
 No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 And You, from both, as Three in One
 That we Your name may ever bless
 And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Trinity B (July 12 – August 31)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Learn by Heart Bible Memory

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Revelation 1:5b-7

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Luke 2:13-14

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Matthew 2:1-8 (9-12)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ " And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way.

And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Isaiah 53:1-6 Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 51-57 ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive....

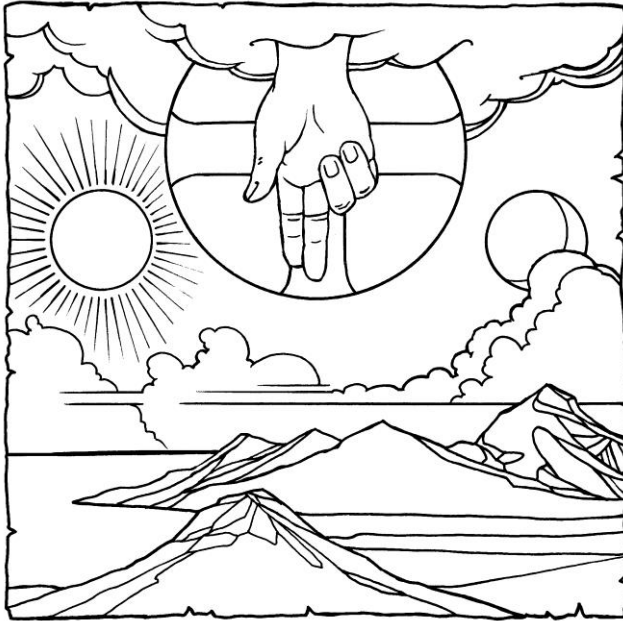
⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:15-17

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ²
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise
him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the
heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were
created. ⁶ And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not
pass away. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, ⁸
fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! ⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹² Young men
and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴ He has raised up
a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to
him. Praise the LORD!



Sunday School & Christ Academy Lessons and Memory 2025-26

Week	Sunday School Lesson	Scripture ESV	Catechism (1st-adult)	Christ Academy Lesson
1 (Aug 31)	Fishers Follow— Jesus Calls Disciples (Luke 5:1–11) U5:L7	Psalm 146:1-2	First Commandment (and meaning)	FIRST CHRIST ACADEMY A Mighty Wonder— Creation (Genesis 1:1–2:3) U1:L1
2 (Sept 7*)	RALLY SUNDAY BEGIN NEW CLASSES An Angel Announces— Jesus’ Birth Foretold (Luke 1:26–56) U7:L1	Psalm 146:1-3	Second Commandment (and meaning)	The Fall and a Promise— Fall into Sin (Genesis 3) U1:L2
3 (Sep 14)	Silence before a Son— John Is Born (Luke 1:5–25, 57–67) U7:L2	Psalm 146:1-4	Third Commandment (and meaning)	A New Beginning— Noah (Genesis 6:11–22; 7:11–24; 8:13–22) U1:L3
4 (Sep 21)	The Temple Testimonies— Jesus’ Birth and Presentation (Luke 2:1–40) U7:L3	Psalm 146:1-5	Fourth Commandment (and meaning)	A Call to Action— Abram (Genesis 12:1–9) U1:L4
5 (Sep 28)	His Father’s House— Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–52) U7:L4	Psalm 146:1-6	Review Commandments 1-4	A Promising Dream— Jacob (Genesis 28:10–22) U1:L5
6 (Oct 5)	The Pointing Prophet— John Points to Jesus (Matthew 3) U7:L5	Psalm 146:1-7	Fifth Commandment (and meaning)	Hope in Hardship— Joseph (Genesis 37; 45:1–10; 50:20) U1:L6
7 (Oct 12)	A Temple Cleansing— Jesus Clears the Temple (John 2:13–22) U7:L6	Psalm 146:1-8	Sixth Commandment (and meaning)	Fiery Directions— Moses (Exodus 2:23–3:22) U1:L7
8 (Oct 19)	The Born-Again Truth— Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1–21) U7:L7	Psalm 146:1-9	Seventh Commandment (and meaning)	The Egypt Exit — Exodus (Exodus 14) U1:L8
9 (Oct 26)	Living Water— Jesus Teaches the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1–42) U7:L8	Psalm 146:1-10	Eighth Commandment (and meaning)	A Loving Law — Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1–21) U1:L9
10 (Nov 2)	The Poolside Sign— Jesus Heals at Bethesda (John 5:1–17)	Psalm 146:1-10	Ninth Commandment (and meaning)	The Land at Last — Joshua (Joshua 3:1–4:18)

	U7:L9			U1:L10
11 (Nov 9)	The Matthew Matter— Jesus Calls Matthew (Matthew 9:9–13) U7:L10	Hebrews 12:1-2	Review Commandments 5-9	A Judge Leads— Gideon (Judges 7:1–23) U1:L11
12 (Nov 16)	A Water Wonder— Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22–33) U7:L11	Hebrews 12:1-2	Tenth Commandment (and meaning)	A Prophet Serves— Samuel (1 Samuel 3) U1:L12
13 (Nov 23)	A Confident Confession— Peter Confesses Christ (Matthew 16:13–23) U7:L12	Hebrews 12:1-2	Closing of Commandments (and meaning)	NO CLASS
14 (Nov 30)	Christmas 1 Mary's Christmas Story: God Promises a Savior (Luke 1:26–56; 2: 1–20)	Rev 1:5b-6 Luke 2:13	Review Tenth Commandment and Closing	Christmas 1 Mary's Christmas Story: God Promises a Savior (Luke 1:26–56; 2: 1–20)
15 (Dec 7)	Christmas 2 Baby Jesus is Born: The Nativity of Our Lord (Luke 2: 1–20)	Rev 1:5b-7 Luke 2:13-14	Lord's Prayer Introduction (and meaning)	Christmas 2 Baby Jesus is Born: The Nativity of Our Lord (Luke 2: 1–20)
16 (Dec 14)	Christmas 3 The Songs of Christmas: Rejoicing in God, Our Savior! (Luke 1:46–56; 2: 1–40)	Rev 1:5b-7 Luke 2:13-14	Lord's Prayer First Petition (and meaning)	Christmas 3 The Songs of Christmas: Rejoicing in God, Our Savior! (Luke 1:46–56; 2: 1–40)
17 (Dec 21)	NO CLASS			NO CLASS
18 (Dec 28)	NO CLASS			NO CLASS
19 (Jan 4)	Christmas 4 Once Upon a Clear, Dark Night: The Visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1–12)	Matthew 2:1	Lord's Prayer Second Petition (and meaning)	Christmas 4 Once Upon a Clear, Dark Night: The Visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1–12)
20 (Jan 11)	A Mountain Wonder— Jesus' Transfiguration (Luke 9:28–36) U7:L13	Matthew 2:1-2	Lord's Prayer Third Petition (and meaning)	A King Forever— David (1 Samuel 16:1–13; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4–17) U1:L13
21 (Jan 18)	Mission Wonders— Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two (Luke 10:1–12, 17–20) U7:L14	Matthew 2:1-4	Lord's Prayer Fourth Petition (and meaning)	The King's Table — Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1–13) U1:L14
22 (Jan 25)	A Welcome Truth— Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38–42) U8:L1	Matthew 2:1-6	Review Introduction - Fourth Petition	A Divided Kingdom — Jeroboam and Rehoboam (1 Kings 11:9–13, 26–40; 12:1–24) U2:L1

23 (Feb 1)	Lost-and-Found— Jesus Seeks the Lost (Luke 15) U8:L2	Matthew 2:1-8	Lord's Prayer Fifth Petition (and meaning)	Comfort in Captivity— Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4–10; 29:1–14; 31:31–34; 33:14–16) U2:L2
24 (Feb 8)	The Seeing Sign— Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind (John 9) U8:L3	Matthew 2:1-8	Lord's Prayer Sixth Petition (and meaning)	A Trap and a Release— Daniel (Daniel 6) U2:L3
25 (Feb 15)	A Resurrection Sign— Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11:1-44) U8:L4	Isaiah 53:1	Lord's Prayer Seventh Petition (and meaning)	Homecoming Hopes — Return from Exile (Ezra 1:1–2; 7:11–28; Nehemiah 2:1–8; 12:27–43) U2:L4
26 (Feb 22)	The Thankful One— Jesus Heals Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19) U8:L5	Isaiah 53:1-2	Lord's Prayer Conclusion (and meaning)	Claimed and Tested — Jesus' Baptism and Temptation (Luke 3:15–22; 4:1–13) U2:L7
27 (Mar 1)	The Kingdom of Children— Jesus Blesses the Children (Luke 18:15-17) U8:L6	Isaiah 53:1-3	Review The Lord's Prayer	Fishers Follow — Jesus Calls Disciples (Luke 5:1–11) U2:L8
28 (Mar 8)	The Passion Prediction— Mary Anoints Jesus (John 12:1-8) U8:L7	Isaiah 53:1-4	Apostle's Creed First Article (and meaning)	The Wine Sign— A Wedding at Cana (John 2:1–11) U2:L9
29 (Mar 15)	The King Arrives— Jesus Rides into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24:7-10) U8:L8	Isaiah 53:1-5	"	Mountain Message — Jesus Preaches on the Mount (Matthew 6:25–34) U2:L10
30 (Mar 22)	A Trusting Widow— Jesus Teaches About Offerings (Mark 12:41-44) U8:L9	Isaiah 53:1-6	Apostle's Creed Second Article (and meaning)	A Weather Wonder — Jesus Calms a Storm (Mark 4:35–41) U2:L11
31 (Mar 29)	Forever Food— The Lord's Supper (Luke 22:7-23) U8:L10	Isaiah 53:1-6	"	NO CLASS
32 (Apr 5)	EASTER	1 Cor 15:20	Apostle's Creed Third Article (and meaning)	A Life Restored — Jairus's Daughter (Mark 5:21–24, 35–43) U2:L12
33 (Apr 12)	Easter 1 Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1–11)	1 Cor 15:20-22	"	7th & 8th Grade Papers
34	Easter 2	1 Cor	Review	FINALE- NO REGULAR CLASS

(Apr 19)	The Week That Led to Easter (Matthew 27:11–26)	15:20-22, 51	Apostle's Creed	
35 (Apr 26)	Confirmation Easter 3 The Easter Surprise (John 20:1–20)	1 Cor 15:20-22, 51-52	Baptism Questions 1-2	
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Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn: Hymn of the Season

Memory:

Learn by Heart Passages, Small Catechism

Bible Reading:

Bible, 101 Bible Stories, A Bible History, etc.

Prayers for others and ourselves:

Daily guide for prayer on page 294 in hymnal.

Closing Prayer:

***Morning:* 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.**

***Evening:* 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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