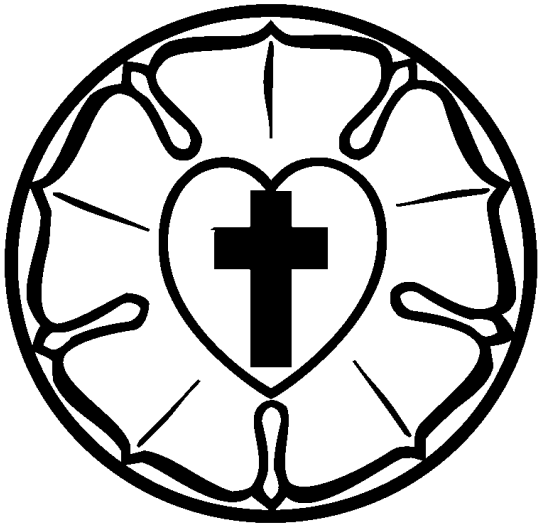
# 2026-27 Memory Work for Trinity Lutheran School - Grades 7-8

Memory Work assignments for grades 7-8 at Trinity Lutheran School primarily come from selected passages of the Holy Bible and Luther's Small Catechism, a question and answer book written for families. Our catechism is all based on Holy Scripture and contains good explanations and summaries of the Christian faith according to Lutheran Theology.

This packet may be best kept under a magnet on the refrigerator in plain sight of all family members or maybe in a special folder in a special place in your home. We are happy to provide you with an extra copy for the car rides to and from school. You could also take a picture of each page with your device or we could send you a digital copy to store on your devices. You are welcome to assist your child as much as needed with memory work assignments. Some students are better at memorizing while seeing the words. Others like to hear the passage. Others like to use hand motions connected with the meanings of the words. Others like to put the memory passage to a beat or a tune to help them. Others like to write it out and erase a word at a time until mastery. Others like to play pictionary to help them memorize. Some like to cut up the words like a puzzle and assemble them like a game. You can experiment with some of these strategies or invent some of your own. Memory work assignments will be heard on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We ask that your child practice memory work assignments regularly. Some of the passages are rather lengthy and may require more practice than just the night before. Students will have a personal copy of this packet in their desks at school and are invited to review it and practice during the school day as well.

If a student does not know their memory work when assigned, he or she will be asked to study during recess time. If a student does not know their memory due to a death in the family, family emergency, illness, or other unforeseen circumstance, the student will be given ample time to complete the assignment.

The section of Luther's Small Catechism appears as the title. The date that each assignment is due appears first, and the passage to be said is listed next to the date. The goal is that each assignment be recited from memory word for word. The memory work grade on the report card will appear as an E (Excellent), G (Good), S (Satisfactory), or U (Unsatisfactory). When it is mutually agreed upon by the teacher and the student, the student is welcome to work ahead. The goal is not only to receive a grade in the grade book, but, more importantly, to achieve a deepened understanding of God's Holy Word. Memorizing Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism will help prepare a student for Confirmation in the Lutheran confession of faith and will prepare him or her to give the best answers to life's most important questions.



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**1st Quarter**

T - 8/18 - **The First and Second Commandments with Meanings**
**The First Commandment**
**You shall have no other gods.**
*What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.
**The Second Commandment**
**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

**Th - 8/20 - Catechism Questions #19 and #23**
#19 *Who is the only true God?*
The only true God is the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one divine being (the Holy Trinity).
#23 - *Who is able to keep these commandments and the other commandments?*
No person can keep any or all commandments perfectly, except Jesus Christ. All those who have faith in Him by the power of His Spirit willingly strive to keep these commandments.

T - 8/25 - **The Third and Fourth Commandments with Meanings**
**The Third Commandment**
**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.
**The Fourth Commandment**
**Honor your father and your mother.**
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

**Th - 8/27 - Catechism Questions #36 and #48**
#36 - *Does God require us to observe the Sabbath and other holy days of the Old Testament?*
The Sabbath was a sign pointing to Jesus, who is our rest. Since Jesus has come as our Savior and Lord, God no longer requires us to observe the Sabbath day and other holy days of the Old Testament.
# 48 - *Who are parents and other authorities?*
Parents are fathers, mothers, and guardians; other authorities are all those whom God has placed over us at home, in government, at school, at the place where we work, and in the church.

T - 9/1 - **The Fifth and Sixth Commandments with Meanings**
**The Fifth Commandment**
**You shall not murder.**
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.
**The Sixth Commandment**
**You shall not commit adultery.**
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we do and say, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

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**Th - 9/3** - **Jeremiah 1:5** " Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."

**Philippians 4:8** "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

**Th -9/10** - **The Seventh and Eighth Commandments with Meanings**

**The Seventh Commandment**

**You shall not steal.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

**The Eighth Commandment**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

T - 9/15 - **Hebrews 13:16** "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

**Ephesians 4:25 "**Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another."

**Th - 9/17** - **2 Corinthians 5:7** "For we walk by faith, not by sight. "

T - 9/22 - **The Ninth and Tenth Commandments with Meanings**

**The Ninth Commandment**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

**The Tenth Commandment**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Th - 9/24 - **Philippians 4:11 "**Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."

**Luke 12:15** "And He said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

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**T - 9/29 The Close of the Commandments with Meaning**

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

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." [Exodus 20:5-6]

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

## The Apostles' Creed
## The Three Articles of the Apostles' Creed with Meanings

Th - 10/1 - **The First Article with Meaning - Creation**

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

*What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

**T - 10/6 - The Second Article with Meaning - Redemption**

**[I believe] 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.**

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He has risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Th - 10/8 - **The Third Article with Meaning - Sanctification**

**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.**

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*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

T - 10/13 - **Romans 10:10** "For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

**1 Peter 2:24** "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Th - 10/15** - **The Introduction with Meaning**

**Our Father who art in heaven.**

*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

## 2nd Quarter

T - 10/20 - **1 John 3:1** "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

**Psalm 103:13 "**As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

**T - 10/27** - **The First Petition with Meaning**

**Hallowed be Thy name.**

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in Heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, Heavenly Father!

Th - 10/29 - **Psalm 103:1** "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!"

**Matthew 5:16** "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

**Th - 11/5** - **The Second Petition with Meaning**

**Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

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T - 11/10 - **Philippians 3:20** "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ…"

**Psalm 103:19** "The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all."

**Th - 11/12** - **The Third Petition with Meaning**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?* God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

T - 11/17 - **1 Peter 5:8** "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

**1 Timothy 2:4** "[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

**Th - 11/19** - **The Fourth Petition with Meaning**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

**December is reserved for Advent music and Christmas service memorization and practice.**

**3rd Quarter**

Th - 1/7 - **The Fifth Petition with Meaning**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

**T - 1/12** - **Psalm 130:3-4** "If you, O Lord, kept a record of wrongs, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared."

**Ephesians 4:32** "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

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Th - 1/14 - **The Sixth Petition with Meaning**

**And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?* God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

**Th - 1/21** - **Mark 14:38** "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**Ephesians 6:11** "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

T - 1/26 and Th - 1/28 - Happy National Lutheran Schools Week! (No memory work this week.)

T - 2/2 - **The Seventh Petition with Meaning**

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

**Th - 2/4** - **2 Thessalonians 3:3** "The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."

**2 Corinthians 12:9** "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."

T - 2/9 - **The Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer with Meaning**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*What does this mean?* This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, which means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

**Th - 2/11** - Pick a Hymn - Choose a hymn from the LSB or other hymnal that you would want played at your funeral and memorize two verses of that hymn. Say those for memory.

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

FIRST

**Th - 2/18** - *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

*Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "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."

SECOND

T - 2/23 - *What benefits does Baptism give?*

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It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
*Which are these words and promises of God?*
Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

THIRD
**Th - 2/25** - *How can water do such great things?*
Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.

As St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

FOURTH
**T - 3/2** - *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*
It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*
St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

### Confession

Th - 3/4 - *What is confession?*
Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

**T - 3/9** - *What sins should we confess?*
Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Th - 3/11 - *Which are these?*
Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

## 4th Quarter

**T - 3/16** - *What is the Office of the Keys?*

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The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.
*Where is this written?*
This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: "The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

Th - 3/18 - *What do you believe according to these words?*
I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian Congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

**T - 3/23** - **Psalm 103:12** "As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us."

**Psalm 51:1**- "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!"

## The Sacrament of the Altar

T - 4/6 - *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*
It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

**Th - 4/8** - *Where is this written?*
The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."

**T - 4/13** - *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*
These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Th - 4/15 - *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*
Certainly not just eating and drinking does these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. "These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

**T - 4/20** - *Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*
Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

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Th - 4/22 - Please say all the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in order.

## The Books of the Bible

### The Books of the Old Testament

(Historical Books)
Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

(Poetic Books)
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

(Major Prophets)
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

(Minor Prophets)
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

### The Books of the New Testament

(Historical Books)
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts

(Epistles)
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

(Prophetic Book)
Revelation

**T - 4/27** - **Luther's Morning 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.

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Th - 4/29 - **Luther's Evening 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.

The rest of the school year will be devoted to making up any missed assignments and memorizing closing program parts. You did it!