



# Christian Wisdom

SPRING 2019: PSALMS, LITURGY, CATECHISM

# ▶ Hit Record



# Scheme of Maneuver

## **Student Commitment**

- ▶ Pray through entire Psalter over the next 9 weeks
- ▶ Learn the Vocab from the glossaries and also the Books of the Bible
- ▶ Read the Catechism and Appendix Sections for each week

# Example – see handout

## February 13

- ▶ Psalms 1-18
- ▶ Catechism: “Introduction,” 43-51; “Baptism”, 285-305; “Who is Jesus,” 351-353; “Lutheran’s Preface,” 363-367.
- ▶ Vocab: A-H “Terms Relating to Worship and God’s House,” 383-384.
- ▶ Topics: Invocation, Baptism, Confession and Absolution, Office of the Keys

**35 pages of reading, plus the Psalms and vocab.**

Class time 7:00 *sharp* – 8:00 *sharp*



- ▶ Vocab Quiz (Books of the Bible final week) w/ discussion
- ▶ Highlights of the Catechism readings
- ▶ Presentation/Discussion of the structure of the Liturgy, its Biblical background, and the attendant ceremonies

# Example – Monday Feb 13

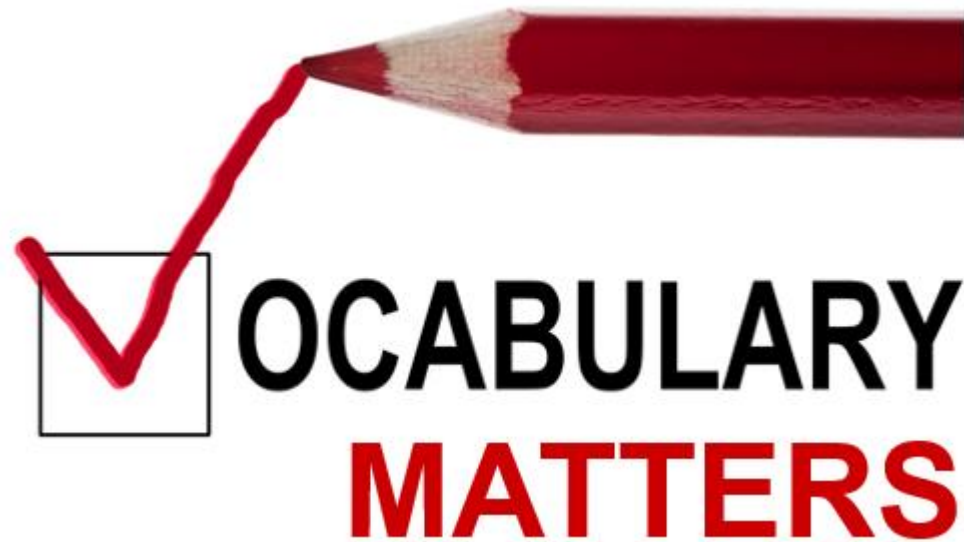
- ▶ Vocab quiz on A-H “Terms Relating to Worship and God’s House,” 383-384.
- ▶ Brief highlights of discussion of the week’s readings
- ▶ Presentation on the beginning of the Divine Service including:
  - ▶ Texts behind the Invocation and its relationship to Baptism
  - ▶ Texts behind the Absolution
  - ▶ The sign of the cross, kneeling, standing, and the word “Amen”

# Help for Praying the Psalms

1. Take your time. Don't rush. Don't simply read for facts. Experience the Psalm. Feel the emotion, see the imagery, etc.
2. Watch for parallelism. Ponder the effect of the parallelism in the narrow context and the larger context of the Psalm. Try to determine a plot in or for the Psalm. What is the point?
3. Think of how the Psalm might have come out of Jesus' mouth during His ministry or on the cross. Think also how it points to Christ or promises Christ.
4. Pray the Psalm a second or third time.

# Ordinaries and Propers

- ▶ It is ordinary to sing the Kyrie every week.
- ▶ It is proper to hear Luke 2 on Christmas Eve.





# Rites, Rubrics, and Ceremonies

- ▶ **Rites = Words**
- ▶ **Rubrics = Instructions**
- ▶ **Ceremonies = Action**

# The Lutheran Position on Ceremonial

