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
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
Catechism: Intro and Baptism
“Who is Jesus?”
Luther’s Preface

Martin Luther

When I am angry I can write, pray, and preach well, for then my whole temperament is quickened, my understanding sharpened, and all mundane vexations and temptations depart.
Preparatory Rite

- Hymn and Procession
- Invocation
- Confession and Absolution
Three Fundamental Ceremonies

- Stand – praise, confess doc
- Sit - learn
- Kneel – confess sins, pray, receive blessing
Triune Name

- Baptism
- Exodus 3
Ceremonies of the Invocation

- Pastor faces Congo to match the Benediction and make the mis-named “Invocation” a Naming or a Blessing instead of a calling upon.

- Sign of the Cross – connects to the Atonement. Indicates a blessing because all blessings flow from the Cross.
  - Baptism ceremony connects to Atonement also.

- “Amen” makes the Triune Name a Confession. We don’t say “truth” to names.
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

1. Beloved in the Lord – sets the stage.

2. A true heart is one that has the full assurance of faith and trusts in Baptism: Hebrews 10:22 (ESV) “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

3. “Beseecching” is begging. But in asking God to forgive us we are simply asking Him to be Himself.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord / Who made heaven and earth.

That is the Name we are using to beseech the Father for forgiveness – the Name of the Lord is Jesus.

The God we beseech is the God of history and the Creator.

This is the last verse of Psalm 124 (of David) which is about escaping human enemies with a demonic purpose. Creation itself is subdued for us and put to our service.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. / And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Read Psalm 32 (also of David).

V. 5b “I said” has the force of a vow.
O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my Office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
1 John 1:9–10 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Matthew 16:17–19 (ESV) And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

John 20:22–23 (ESV) And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”