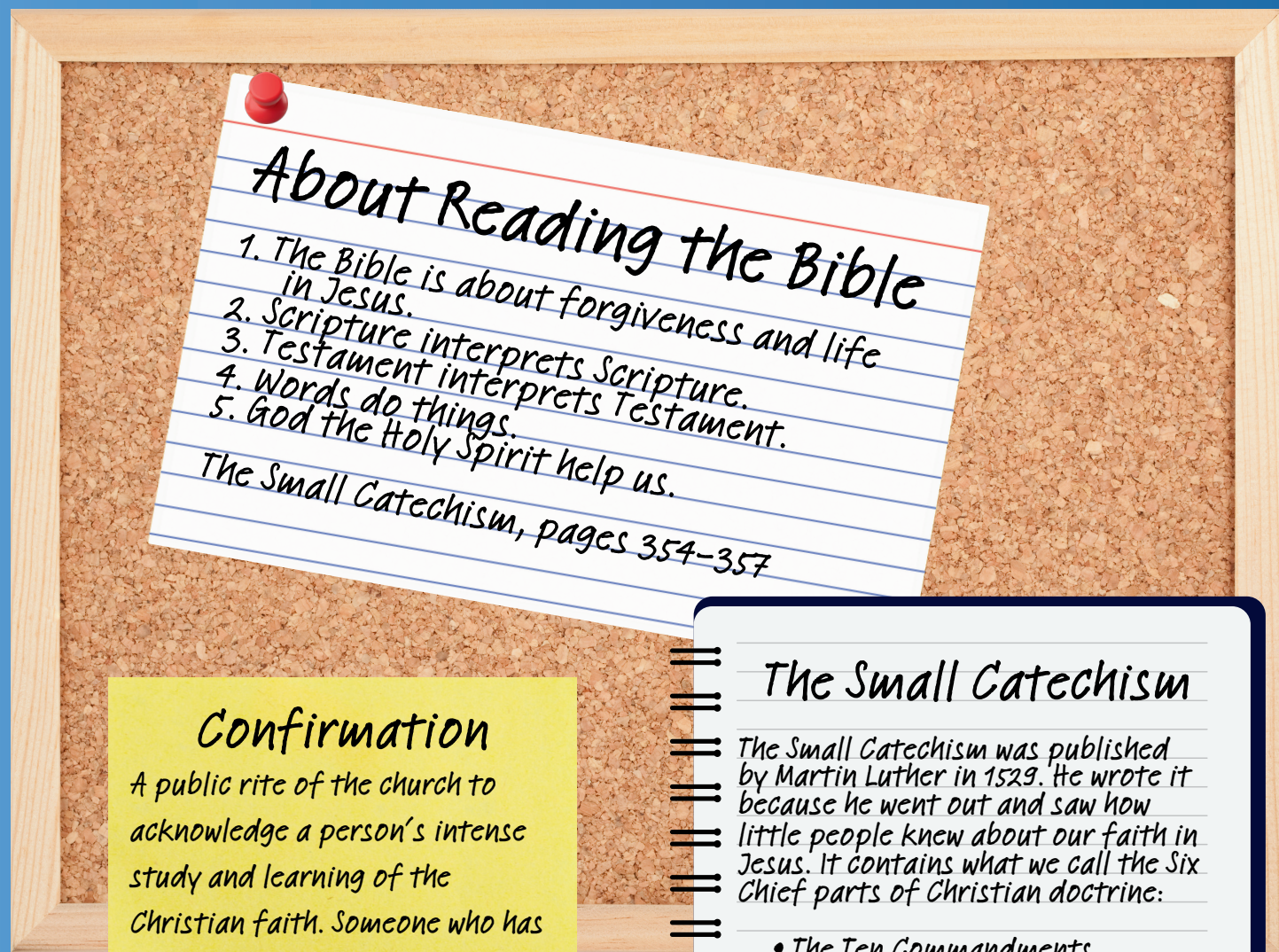


The Learning Center



Confirmation

A public rite of the church to acknowledge a person's intense study and learning of the Christian faith. Someone who has been confirmed is considered ready to take responsibility for their own growing in faith.

Let a man who would hear God speak read Holy Scripture.

The Small Catechism

The Small Catechism was published by Martin Luther in 1529. He wrote it because he went out and saw how little people knew about our faith in Jesus. It contains what we call the Six Chief parts of Christian doctrine:

- The Ten Commandments
- The Apostles' Creed
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- Confession
- The Sacrament of the Altar

These are the most essential parts of the Christian faith that every believer should know. The Small Catechism is the most simple of the Lutheran Confessions, an expression of what the Bible teaches.

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Table Talk

Bible & Catechism

Who are we? Where do we come from? Where are we going? How do we find the answers to these questions? We find the in the Bible, God's very own Word given to us.



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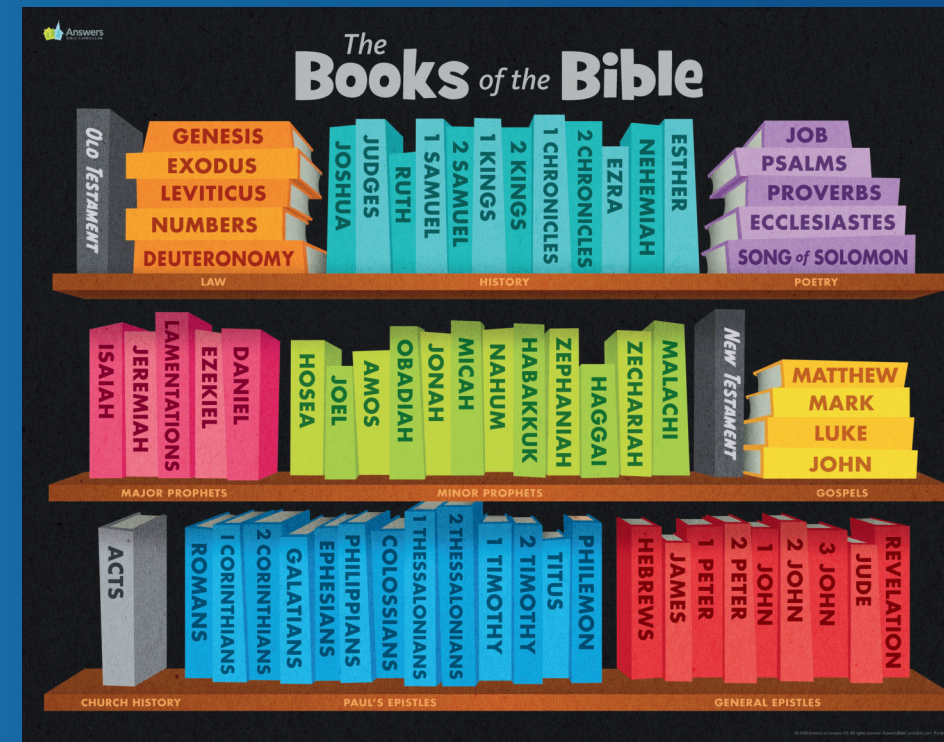


Table Talk Notes

The Bible is God's Word

Who are we? Where do we come from? Where are we going? These are big questions, and to have a good life we need answers to them. Unfortunately, they are bigger than we are. We can't possibly discover the answers on our own. We need someone bigger than us, someone bigger than anything in all creation, to tell us the answers to such questions. Fortunately, we have already been told all we need to know! God has given us the answers to these questions and more in the Bible. But the Bible really isn't so much about us as it's about Him. We are His creatures and the Bible reveals His will for us. Ultimately, it's the story of how He saves us from ourselves in Jesus.

So who wrote the Bible? Well, the Bible was written by several human authors, but ultimately God wrote it though **verbal inspiration**. That means the Holy Spirit moved the authors how to write, giving them not only the message, but even the very words. It truly is God's Word. Yet we can see each human author's own unique style and personality in each book.



The Bible is...

- Inerrant** — Without error or mistake
- Efficacious** — Has the power to accomplish its goal
- Sufficient** — Contains everything we need to know for salvation
- Clear** — Can be understood by the average person
- Supreme** — The highest authority in matters of teaching and behavior

- a collection of **66 books**, divided into the **Old Testament** (39 books), telling of the coming Savior, and the **New Testament** (27 books), telling of the Savior who has come.
- teaches **Law**, or God's commands, and **Gospel**, or God's promises.

Table Talk Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant us Your Holy Spirit, so that by Your grace we may believe Your Holy Word and lead a godly life, here in time and there in eternity. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

	Table Talk Readings	Read-through-the-Bible
Monday	2 Timothy 3:10-17	1 Samuel 19:1-24
Tuesday	Hebrews 4:12-16	1 Samuel 20:1-23
Wednesday	Ezekiel 2:1-7	1 Samuel 20:24-42
Thursday	2 Peter 1:16-21	1 Samuel 21:1-22:2
Friday	2 Timothy 4:1-5	1 Samuel 22:3-23

Daily Psalm Readings

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	23, 24	26, 27	30, 32	33	35	37	39, 41	42, 43
Evening	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38	40	44

Looking Forward to "Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost"

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 | Psalm 119:129-136 | Ephesians 6:10-20 | Mark 7:14-23

We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God

Wickedness and evil come "from within, out of the heart," and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21-23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus "declared all foods clean" (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, "listen to the statutes and the rules" of the Lord, "and do them, that you may live" (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is "your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples" (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it "to your children and your children's children" (Deut. 4:9). Put on this "armor of God" by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may "stand firm" in the evil day (Eph. 6:11-13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the "gospel of peace," and take up "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," by confessing Christ Jesus and "praying at all times in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:14-18).

Catechism Memory Work

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. —John 20:31

3rd Grade+

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. —2 Timothy 3:16

6th Grade+

Hymn: LSB 728 | "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."