

Friedens Lutheran Church + Profession of Faith Questions

1. Who is the author of the Small Catechism?
2. When did he live?
3. What are the six chief parts of the Catechism?
4. Where did Luther learn the truths that he wrote in the Catechism?
5. What do we confess about Scripture's origin and nature?
6. What does it mean to say "Scripture is inspired and inerrant"?
7. What are the two main doctrines of the Bible? Define them.
8. What is the chief purpose of the Bible?
9. What are the two ways in which God has given his Law?
10. What is the First Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
11. What is meant by "open idolatry"? by "secret idolatry"?
12. What is the Second Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
13. May a Christian ever swear? Under what circumstances?
14. What is the Third Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
15. Why does the Christian Church worship on Sunday?
16. Starting with Advent, what are the seasons of the Church Year? Why do we observe such special times and days?
17. What is the Fourth Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
18. Why is the discipline of parents and teachers a blessing?
19. What is the Fifth Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
20. What is God protecting by this commandment? Why is life so important?
21. Explain what is meant by "help and befriend" in this commandment?
22. What is the Sixth Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
23. What is God protecting by this commandment?

24. What is marriage according to God's Word?
25. What is the duty of husbands toward their wives under this commandment?
26. What is the duty of wives toward their husbands under this commandment?
27. Why will a Christian young man or woman abstain from sex before marriage?
28. What is the Seventh Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
29. What is the Eighth Commandment? How does Luther explain it?
30. Why is gossip and slander so wrong?
31. If someone wrongs us, what does our Savior tell us to do?
32. What are the Ninth and Tenth Commandments? How does Luther explain them?
33. What does it mean, to "covet"?
34. What do sinful desires reveal about ourselves?
35. What do all the commandments reveal about ourselves?
36. Who only kept all the commandments perfectly? Why did he do this?
37. What is meant by the "Old Adam" (or Old Eve)?
38. Recite the Apostles' Creed. Why is it called by this name?
39. What is the name of the other Ecumenical Creed commonly used at Communion services?
40. Why do we call God the Triune God? What is meant by the name "Holy Tr'i'n_ity"?
41. Can we understand how God can be three Persons, yet One? Why does that not bother you?
42. How does Luther explain the First Article about God the Father and our creation and preservation?
43. What does it mean to say, "I believe. . ."?
44. What do you believe about the origin of all things?
45. Why do you believe this and not the theory of evolution? Can creation be proven by the methods of science? Can evolution?
46. What does the Bible mean by the term "image of God"? What happened to this in the fall into sin?

47. In whom is the image being restored? What is meant by the “New Man”?
48. What do you believe when you say with Luther that God “preserves” you? Give an example of how God does this.
49. How does God protect us? \What special creatures does the Bible teach about in th.is regard?
50. Why does God preserve and protect us? What should be our response?
51. What is the Second Article of the Creed? How does Luther explain it?
52. Who is Jesus Christ?
53. Why do you believe that Jesus Christ is true God?
54. Why do you believe that Jesus Christ is true man?
55. When did the Son of God become man? Can you understand the mystery of the Incarnation of Christ? What does the Holy Spirit lead us rather to do?
56. What happened to God’s perfect creation? \Who lead Adam and Eve to sin? (What is Satan?)
57. Why did the Son of God become a man?
58. What is meant by Jesus’ active obedience?
59. What is meant by Jesus’ passive obedience?
60. Why are these both important to us?
61. What does the name Christ mean? What is it in Hebrew?
62. What is the three-fold office of Christ?
63. What did Jesus do as Prophet on earth? How does he continue this work today?
64. What did Jesus do as Priest on earth? How does he continue this work today?
65. What did Jesus do as King on earth? How does he continue as King today?
66. Jesus is confessed as our Redeemer. What does it mean that Christ redeemed us?
67. From what have we been redeemed?
68. Name the steps the creed speaks of in regard to Jesus’ humiliation.
69. Name the steps the creed speaks of in regard to Jesus’ exaltation.
70. What does Jesus’ descent to hell declare?

71. What happened on Easter?
72. What does the Resurrection assure us about with regard to Christ? What does it assure us about ourselves?
73. When will Jesus return?
74. How does the redemption that Christ won for me become my own?
75. Who creates this saving faith?
76. How does Luther explain the Third Article of the Creed?
77. What is our spiritual condition as We come into this world?
78. Why can we not choose to believe in Jesus Christ on our own? Bible passage?
79. Through what means has God revealed that he creates saving faith by the Spirit?
80. Who alone saves us?
81. Whose fault alone is it if we are lost?
82. Can these be harmonized?
83. Why is this true: "Good works are NOT necessary for salvation." Yet, why is this true: "Good works are necessary"?
84. Why do we gladly follow God's commands in our New Man?
85. How does the Spirit keep us in the true faith?
86. Define what the Bible means by the Church.
87. What are the marks of the Church (how do we know where the "church" is)?
88. What should we look for in a congregation?
89. Why do confessional Lutherans not join with other denominations in joint worship and communion? Why is this actually a practice born of love?
90. When the creed speaks of forgiveness, whose sins have been forgiven by the work of Christ?
91. If all sins have been atoned for, why will not all be saved?
92. Why can you be certain of salvation?
93. When did the Holy Spirit bring you to Christ? What is Baptism? Give Luther's explanation.

94. What is special about the water in Holy Baptism?
95. What does the word “baptize” mean?
96. Why do we baptize infants as well as adults?
97. What does baptism do for us?
98. What does Jesus say in this regard in the last chapter of Mark?
99. Where does baptism get its power to forgive sins? How does Luther teach us to confess?
100. What does St. Paul say in Titus 3?
101. When were you baptized?
102. How should we use our baptism on a daily basis?
103. How may Christians remember their baptism in prayer and at worship and other times?
104. What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?
105. When did Jesus institute the Sacrament?
106. What is present on the altar during the celebration of Holy Communion?
107. What blessing do we receive by receiving Christ’s body and blood in the Sacrament?
108. Why is this so comforting?
109. From what does Holy Communion receive its power to forgive sins and strengthen faith?
110. Who is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?
111. How have you been prepared to receive this sacrament?
112. What do we confess when we receive communion in Church with other Christians?
113. Who should not receive? Why?
114. What are the other two main parts of the Catechism we have not covered yet?
115. Why will a Christian pray, especially the Lord’s Prayer?
116. When you pray the Lord’s Prayer, of what do the words “Our Father” assure you?
117. What are the words of the Lord’s Prayer?
118. What do we pray for in the seven Petitions of the Lord’s Prayer?

119. Why may we be assured that God hears our prayers?

120. With what does the Ministry of the Keys and Confession deal?

121. How is the authority of the keys to be used?

122. Which sins should We confess?

123. How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness?

124. Do you desire to be confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church and to take your place among the communicants of this altar and confession?