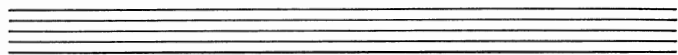


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MEMORY BOOK



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FOREWORD

≡≡≡ **M**EMORY WORK in religion has been part of the curriculum in Lutheran elementary schools since their organization. Because of spiritual ignorance among the people Martin Luther already in the year 1529 called upon the bishops, pastors, and preachers to adopt a fixed form of the Catechism and to inculcate it “word for word” on the young. In addition to the word memorization Luther emphasized the teaching of “the sense also, that they may know what it means.” He declared that every Christian should know by memory a certain minimum of Christian fundamentals, or a brief summary of Christian doctrine, upon which “a richer and fuller knowledge” might be built. Luther himself had memorized not only the Catechism, but large portions of Scripture, and is said to have quoted Scripture largely from memory in his writings. In Lutheran schools today pupils memorize, as a rule, all of Luther’s Small Catechism and selected hymn stanzas, Scripture passages, and prayers. Often a number of psalms are memorized in their entirety.

THE PLACE OF MEMORY WORK IN LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

The objectives of memory work, method of memorizing, manner of conducting the recitation, and procedures of evaluating outcomes have been extensively

treated in the *General Course of Study for Lutheran Elementary Schools* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1943, pp. 45–54) and need not be repeated here. The reader is referred to this source for a full discussion of the place of memory work in Lutheran schools. It will suffice here to state that, besides providing a solid foundation of Christian doctrine, religious memory selections serve Christians as a defense against temptation, comfort in sorrow, and reassurance in time of danger, and thus provide a source of spiritual strength at times when strength is most needed. Many pastors have testified that their ministrations are made easier among members who are fortified with a rich store of religious memory selections.

CONTENT OF MEMORY BOOK

In content, this memory course does not differ radically from older courses that have been published and used extensively, though it is based largely on the newer textbooks of religious instruction as they are listed later in the Foreword. Of the total of 703 Scripture passages in the 1943 synodical Catechism, 325 have been included. This number covers adequately the chief doctrines and life situations for which Christians need ready reference to Scripture. All of Luther's Small Catechism, including the Table of Duties and the Christian Questions, has been included. Hymns and prayers have been selected with a view toward supplying gems for important life situations, worship occasions, and the chief festivals of the Christian church year. A number of selected psalms have been added. Among the older courses consulted for content and grading of materials, *Graded*

Memory Material for Lutheran Schools, by Herman Voigt, deserves special mention. Grateful acknowledgment is herewith made of assistance obtained from this and other sources.

ORGANIZATION OF COURSE

The organization of the present course is entirely new. All materials have been arranged in logical units, and Bible passages, hymn stanzas, and prayers do not appear separately as in the typical older courses. Only the Catechism units have been kept separate, because it seemed advisable to preserve the proper sequence in memorizing the Chief Parts. New selections are introduced by appropriate statements intended to give meaning to the selections. Bible passages are numbered as in the Catechism, and the Scripture references are also listed. All selections in Grades I to IV and the hymns in all grades are printed out in full. Selections printed out in full are phrased or paragraphed to make learning easier. Reviews are frequent. At the beginning of each unit, selections of similar content memorized in previous grades are reviewed. Each grade reviews all the work of the three previous years. At the end of each year the current year's work is reviewed. In the seventh grade, the work of Grades I and II is reviewed in addition, and in the eighth grade, the work of Grades III and IV. The work for each grade is divided into 180 lessons to correspond with a nine-month school year.

The course listed for Grade VIII offers a number of alternatives. In schools of eight grades, it may be used in confirmation instruction; or it may be omitted entirely in favor of a thorough review of all materials memorized

during the previous seven years. In schools of nine grades, the materials listed for Grade VIII may be used in confirmation instruction, and Grade IX may review all selections of the previous eight years; or if the pastor prefers to use a separate course in confirmation instruction, the course suggested for Grade VIII may be taught in Grade IX.

CORRELATION SCHEDULE

A correlation schedule is added to aid the teacher in providing for frequent practical and meaningful use of memorized materials. Its use is explained in the introduction to the schedule which appears in the Teacher's Edition.

PROVISIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Generally speaking, this course represents a maximum of materials to be memorized. In order to provide for differences of individual schools and pupils, a number of selections which may be dropped without disturbing the unity of the course have been marked for possible omission. Asterisks are used to indicate these selections. Their number may be increased or decreased according to the needs of the class or the individual. A few Catechism selections may appear rather difficult for the grade to which they have been assigned. Reference is especially to Grade II, Lessons 42–49; 59–66, and Grade IV, Lessons 85–95; 141, 142, 144–147, which were included in these grades to keep the sequence of the Chief Parts. In some schools and in the case of certain

pupils in every school it will be advisable to postpone the teaching of these materials to the next higher grade. The same applies to parts of the Table of Duties and the Christian Questions listed in Grades VI–VIII. In no case should memory work be made an undue burden for the child. A smaller amount of material well learned is preferable to a great amount half learned. In cases where the school year is shorter than 180 days, it is suggested to reduce the amount of material rather than to slight systematic review.

HOME STUDY COURSE

While the memory materials in this book have been selected with the Lutheran schools primarily in mind, the arrangement of the book makes it suitable also for home study. Tens of thousands of Lutheran children have no opportunity to attend Lutheran schools, yet the duty of their parents to have them thoroughly grounded in the Word of God is the same as of children who have better opportunities. To such parents it is recommended to set aside fifteen to thirty minutes each day for study with their children, following the outline of the memory course during the school year. The arrangement of the course is simple, and the study of one lesson on every school day will enable the child to complete a year's work during a period of approximately nine months. A copy of the 1943 synodical Catechism will be necessary in the upper grades, for beginning with the fifth grade, Catechism selection and Scripture passages are merely indicated and have to be studied from the source. To be successful, this home work must be done conscientiously and consistently every day. The review lessons are as

important as the first learning of the selections. Parents will discuss the selections with their children, explain whenever necessary, and hear the children recite. Great blessings will come to the Church if all parents whose children's opportunities for Christian education are limited will do this. But the greatest blessings will come to the parents and children themselves.

SOURCE BOOKS USED

The materials contained in this book have been selected chiefly from the following sources, which are listed with the abbreviations used to designate them:

- Luther's Small Catechism*
(Concordia, 1943) Catechism
The Lutheran Hymnal (Concordia, 1941) --- L. H.
The Bible (King James Version)
Reference to book, chapter, and verse

Minor sources used are listed below:

- Educational Guide and Course of Study*
(Texas District) Texas Guide
Arcadia Camp Songs (Walther League) --- A. C. S.
Kirchengesangbuch (Concordia) Kg.
Little Folded Hands (Concordia) L. F. H.
Ev. Luth. Hymn-book (Concordia) H. B.
Music Reader for Lutheran Schools
(Concordia) M. R.
Select Songs for School and Home
(Concordia) S. S.

SUGGESTIONS FROM FIELD

A prospectus of this Memory Course was submitted to all teachers in the Lutheran schools of the Missouri Synod in February, 1943, and their comment,

criticism, and suggestions were solicited. Replies were received from individuals, teaching staffs, and conferences, and their encouragement and assistance are herewith gratefully acknowledged.

AUTHORSHIP

THE MEMORY BOOK FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS was prepared under the auspices of Synod's Board of Parish Education by a committee of teachers. Members of the committee were H. C. Gruber, E. G. Luepke, Wm. A. Kramer, E. F. Sagehorn, and George C. Stohlmann, chairman. The work was undertaken chiefly to improve the techniques by which the memorizing of religious material might be made meaningful, permanent, pleasant, and generally effective. It is the hope and prayer of the Board of Parish Education and the authors that this purpose may have been attained to a substantial degree. May God's blessing rest on the work of the committee and of others who have contributed in any manner to the effort.

WM. A. KRAMER

HOW TO MEMORIZE

≡≡≡ SUGGESTIONS TO THE PUPIL:

1. Be sure you know exactly what and how much you are to memorize before you begin.
2. Make every effort to understand the material that is to be memorized.
 - a. Read the entire lesson several times and see its meaning as a whole. Reading aloud will help.
 - b. State the meaning in your own words. If necessary, outline the lesson.
 - c. Try to see the memory gem in your book with your eyes closed.
 - d. Write the lesson if you have difficulty in learning it from the printed page.
3. Think of the benefit of the material you are learning.
4. Memorize in a quiet place, where you can concentrate on the lesson.
5. Memorize short selections as wholes rather than as parts.

6. Memorize long selections by parts which have a single general thought; then memorize the connections between the parts. But read the entire selection carefully and thoughtfully several times before studying the parts.
 7. Memorize exactly (carelessly memorized material is quickly forgotten; exactness in all things aids character growth).
 8. Begin early and memorize in short periods, avoiding a last-minute cramming effort.
 9. Review frequently the material you have memorized, even after you know it perfectly ("overlearning" aids the retention of memorized materials).
 10. Let someone test you before you recite in school, or test yourself by writing the lesson from memory.
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MEMORY SELECTIONS

Grade 1

Unit I — God

LESSONS

1. God made all things.
245. In the beginning God created
the heaven and the earth.
Gen. 1:1.
2. God knows all things.
296. Lord, Thou knowest all things.
John 21:17.
3. *Review Lesson 1, 2.*
4. We should worship God.
54. Thou shalt worship the Lord,
thy God,
and Him only shalt thou serve.
Matt. 4:10.
5. *Review Lesson 1—4.*

Unit II — Prayer

6. Christians must pray.
556. Pray without ceasing. *1 Thess. 5:17.*

7, 8. Morning Prayer.

The morning bright with rosy light
Hath waked me up from sleep;
Father, Thy own great love alone
Thy little one doth keep. S. S., 247:1.

9, 10. All through the day, I humbly pray,
Be Thou my Guard and Guide;
My sins forgive and let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side.
S. S., 247:2.

11. *Review Lessons 7–10.*

12. *Review Lessons 6–10.*

13. *Review Lessons 1–10.*

14, 15. Evening Prayer.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take;
And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.
M. R., 11.

16, 17. Evening Prayer.

Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me:
Bless Thy little lamb tonight;
Through the darkness be Thou near me;
Keep me safe till morning light.
S. S., 262:1.

- 18, 19. All this day Thy hand has led me,
And I thank Thee for Thy care;
Thou hast clothed me, warmed and
fed me;
Listen to my evening prayer.
S. S., 262:2.
- 20, 21. May my sins be all forgiven;
Bless the friends I love so well;
Take us all at last to heaven,
Happy there with Thee to dwell.
S. S., 262:3.
22. *Review Lessons 16–21.*
23. *Review Lessons 14–21.*
24. Prayer before Meals.
Heavenly Father, bless this food
To Thy glory and our good. Amen.
25. Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest,
And let Thy gifts to us be blest. Amen.
26. *Review Lessons 24, 25.*
- 27, 28. Prayer after Meals.
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord,
for He is good;
Because His mercy endureth forever.
Amen. *Ps. 118:1.*
29. *Review Lessons 24–28.*
30. *Review Lessons 1–10.*
31. *Review Lessons 14–28.*

MEMORY SELECTIONS

Grade 2

Unit 1 — God

LESSONS

1. Review *Grade I, Lessons 1-4.*
2. God is holy.
39. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts.
Is. 6:3.
3. God has no body.
God is a spirit. *John 4:24.*
4. God can do anything.
33. With God nothing shall be
impossible. *Luke 1:37.*
5. 297. All power is given unto Me in heaven
and in earth. *Matt. 28:18.*
6. God is always with us.
295. Lo, I am with you alway, even unto
the end of the world. *Matt. 28:20.*
7. Review *Lessons 2-6.*

Unit II — Prayer

8. Review *Grade I, Lessons 6-10.*
9. Review *Grade I, Lessons 14-17.*
10. Review *Grade I, Lessons 14-21.*

11. *Review Grade I, Lessons 24–28.*
12. *Review Grade I, Lessons 99–102.*
13. *Review Grade I, Lessons 104–108.*
14. *Review Grade I, Lessons 110–115.*
15. *Review Grade I, Lessons 118–122.*
16. God will hear us in trouble.
 93. Call upon Me in the day of trouble.
I will deliver thee,
and thou shalt glorify Me. *Ps. 50:15.*
17. ²⁷¹. Cast all your care upon Him;
for He careth for you. *1 Pet. 5:7.*
18. ⁶⁹⁶. Him that cometh to Me I will in no
wise cast out. *John 6:37.*
19. *Review Lessons 16–18.*
20. We must speak of God's goodness.
 95. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His
holy name. *Ps. 103:1.*
21. We must thank God for His goodness.
 96. O give thanks unto the Lord,
for He is good;
because His mercy endureth forever.
Ps. 118:1.

Unit XVI — Review

- 139. *Review Lessons 2–4.*
- 140. *Review Lessons 2–6.*
- 141. *Review Lessons 16–18.*
- 142. *Review Lessons 20, 21.*
- 143. *Review Lessons 24–27.*
- 144. *Review Lessons 29–31.*
- 145. *Review Lessons 35, 36, 96, 97.*
- 146–148. *Review Lessons 42–49.*
- 149. *Review Lessons 51–53.*
- 150. *Review Lessons 51–56.*
- 151–153. *Review Lessons 59–66.*
- 154. *Review Lessons 70–72.*
- 155. *Review Lessons 75, 76.*
- 156. *Review Lessons 79, 80.*
- 157. *Review Lessons 81, 82.*
- 158. *Review Lessons 83, 84.*
- 159. *Review Lessons 79–84.*
- 160–162. *Review Lessons 87–94.*
- 163. *Review Lessons 99, 100.*
- 164. *Review Lessons 102, 103.*
- 165. *Review Lessons 102–105.*
- 166. *Review Lessons 107, 108.*
- 167. *Review Lessons 110, 111.*
- 168. *Review Lessons 113, 114.*

Unit XVII — The End of the World

169. The end of the world is near.

403. The end of all things is at hand.
1 Peter 4:7.

Unit XVIII — Pentecost: Mission Work

170. *Review Grade I, Lessons 141–143.*

171. *Review Grade I, Lessons 144–146.*

172. Christians must show others the way to heaven.

48. Go ye, therefore, and teach
all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Ghost. *Matt. 28:19.*

173. *Review Lessons 169, 172.*

Unit XIX — Review

174. *Review Lessons 99–105.*

175. *Review Lessons 107–114.*

176. *Review Lessons 123–126.*

177. *Review Lessons 123–130.*

178. *Review Lessons 135, 136.*

179. *Review Lessons 135–137.*

180. *Review Lessons 169, 172.*

MEMORY SELECTIONS

Grade 7

Unit I — God

LESSONS

1. Review *Grade IV, Lessons 3–8.*
2. Review *Grade V, Lessons 4, 5;*
Grade VI, Lesson 3.
3. Review *Grade VI, Lessons 4, 6.*
4. God is eternal.
 29. Lord, Thou hast been our Dwelling
Place. . . . *Ps. 90:1, 2.*
God created heaven and earth.
 416. By the word of the Lord. . . . *Ps. 33:6.*

Unit II — God's Word

5. Review *Grade IV, Lessons 28, 29;*
Grade V, Lessons 9–11.
6. Review *Grade VI, Lessons 10, 11.*
7. We are brought to faith through the Gospel.
 19. I am not ashamed of the Gospel. . . .
Rom. 1:16.
Man dare not change God's Word.
 90. What thing soever I command you. . . .
Deut. 12:32.
God demands diligent use of His Word.
 111. This Book of the Law. . . . *Josh. 1:8.*
8. Review *Lessons 4, 7.*

Unit V — The Reformation

35. *Review Grade V, Lessons 30–34.*

36. A Reformation Hymn.

Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

L. H., 261:1.

Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

L. H., 261:2.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

L. H., 261:3.

Unit VI — Catechism Review

First Chief Part.

37. *Commandments 1–4.*

38. *Commandments 5–8.*

39. *Commandment 9 to Close of Commandments.*

40. *Entire First Chief Part.*

Second Chief Part.

41. *First and Second Article.*

42. *Entire Second Chief Part.*

Third Chief Part.

43. *Introduction to Second Petition.*

44. *Third to Fifth Petition.*

45. *Sixth Petition to Conclusion.*

46. *Entire Third Chief Part.*

Fourth Chief Part.

47. *Baptism, first five questions.*

48. *Baptism, last two questions.*

49. *Entire Fourth Chief Part.*

Unit VII — Salvation and Faith

50. *Review Grade IV, Lessons 53–59.*

51. *Review Grade V, Lessons 55–59.*

52. *Review Grade VI, Lessons 58–60.*

53. *Review Grade VI, Lessons 62, 63.*

54. Christ wants us to be saved.

521. Father, I will that they also. . . .

John 17:24.

Faith in Christ saves.

525. He that believeth on the Son. . . .

John 3:36.

55. We have eternal life in Christ.

17. In this was manifested the love of God. . . .

1 John 4:9.

486. God was in Christ. . . . *2 Cor. 5:19.*

56. We can and must be sure of our salvation.

499. I am persuaded that neither death. . . .

Rom. 8:38, 39.

57. *Review Lessons 54–56.*

Unit VIII — Catechism Review

Fifth Chief Part.

58. *Office of the Keys, three questions.*

59. *Confession, three questions.*

60. *Entire Fifth Chief Part.*

159. *Review Lessons 71–74.*
 160. *Review Lessons 80–82.*
 161. *Review Lessons 85–87.*
 162. *Review Lessons 85–88.*
 163. *Review Lessons 98, 100, 101, 105.*
 164. *Review Lessons 107, 113, 114.*
 165. *Review Lessons 36, 118, 119.*

Unit XXV — The Ascension

166. *Review Grade IV, Lessons 166–169.*

Unit XXVI — Pentecost; Mission Work

167. *Review Grade V, Lesson 172.*
 *The Holy Ghost works faith in us.
 428. Ye are a chosen generation. . . .
1 Peter 2:9.

168. Pentecost Hymn.

O Holy Spirit, enter in
 And in our hearts Thy work begin,
 Thy temple deign to make us;
 Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,
 Around and in us brightly shine,
 To joy and gladness wake us
 That we, In Thee
 Truly living, To Thee giving
 Prayer unceasing,
 May in love be still increasing. *L. H., 235:L*

169. Give to Thy Word impressive power
That in our hearts, from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing;
That we confess the Father, Son,
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,
Thy glory ever showing.
Stay Thou, Guide now
Our souls ever That they never
May forsake Thee,
But by faith their Refuge make Thee.
L. H., 235:2
170. *Review Lessons 167–169.*
171. We must preach God's Word in truth.
472. He that hath My Word. . . . *Jer. 23:28.*
The Church has power to forgive and retain sins.
646. Verily I say unto you. . . . *Matt. 18:18.*
172. Christians must support the Church cheerfully.
114. Let him that is taught. . . . *Gal. 6:6, 7.*
The invisible Church will remain until Judgment Day.
463. Thou art Peter. . . . *Matt. 16:18.*
173. *Review Lessons 167–172.*

Unit XXVII — Review

174. *Review Lessons 124–127.*
175. *Review Lessons 129–131.*
176. *Review Lessons 135–138.*
177. *Review Lessons 142–146.*
178. *Review Lessons 148–150.*
179. *Review Lessons 167–169.*
180. *Review Lessons 171, 172.*