

## **1) THE CATECHISM (and Luther Writings)**

**Name of Resource:** Luther's Small Catechism, Study Edition: with Evangelical Lutheran Worship texts(print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther, edited by Timothy Wengert

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7572/Luther-Small-Catechism-Study-Edition-with-Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-texts>

**Description:** A translation of Luther's explanations along with other catechetical study helps, such as prayers, worship rites, and Luther's introduction. NRSV and *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* texts are used for the wording of the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, and the included worship rites. As the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, this version also includes a letter from Bishop Eaton and an introduction to "With New Voices: Luther's Small Catechism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

**Name of Resource:** Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/273/The-Small-Catechism>

**Description:** A variety of versions of Luther's Small Catechism are available from Augsburg Fortress. This includes regular and pocket editions, using either the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) or LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship) text.

**Name of Resource:** Luther's Small Catechism Mobile App (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** [https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/luthers-small-catechism/id1114077769?utm\\_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm\\_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS\\_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm\\_medium=Apple%20iOS%20App%20Store%20CTA&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_term=Marketing](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/luthers-small-catechism/id1114077769?utm_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm_medium=Apple%20iOS%20App%20Store%20CTA&utm_source=email&utm_term=Marketing) and [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.augsburgfortress.smallcatechism&utm\\_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm\\_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS\\_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm\\_medium=Google%20Play%20CTA&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_term=Marketing](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.augsburgfortress.smallcatechism&utm_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm_medium=Google%20Play%20CTA&utm_source=email&utm_term=Marketing)

**Description:** Luther's Small Catechism and Spanish El Catecismo Menor de Lutero are both included in a free mobile app, available from the Apple iOS App Store and on Google Play. Content from the Study Edition is also available as an in-app purchase. Search "Catechism" in the Apple or Google app stores, or download through one of the links to iTunes or Google Play. Perfect for youth education and confirmation classes, individuals, adults, congregations, church leaders—anyone who wants easy access to Martin Luther's guide to the basics of Christian faith.

**Name of Resource:** Luther's Small Catechism in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/worship/evangelicallutheranworship/pewedition.jsp> and <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/2423/Lutheran-Book-of-Worship-Pew-Edition>

**Description:** The Small Catechism can be found in the back of your hymnals: pages 1160-68 in ELW Pew Edition (the Catechism was not included in the LBW).

**Name of Resource:** Indonesian version of Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Northwestern Publishing House

**Link:** <http://online.nph.net/p-6172-small-catechism-indonesian.aspx>

**Description:** A version of Luther's Small Catechism in Indonesian is available from Northwestern Publishing House.

**Name of Resource:** Spanish version of Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7398/El-Catecismo-Menor-de-Lutero-Luther-Small-Catechism-Spanish-English-Edition-Quantity-per-package-5>

**Description:** The Small Catechism is available in Spanish from Augsburg Fortress. The English and Spanish texts are conveniently laid out in a readable 4"x 6" side-by-side page format. The Spanish translation is sensitive to texts used in Spanish liturgies, Bibles currently used in classrooms, traditional order of the parts of the Catechism, and Luther's German translation of biblical texts.

El Catecismo Menor de Lutero / Luther's Small Catechism presenta textos en inglés y español convenientemente colocados lado a lado en un formato legible de 4" x 6". La traducción española es sensible a textos utilizados en liturgia en español, las Biblias utilizadas actualmente en los salones de clases, el orden tradicional de las partes del Catecismo y la traducción hecha por Martin Lutero de los textos bíblicos en alemán.

**Name of Resource:** Japanese version of Luther's Small Catechism (Digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** [www.hyuki.com](http://www.hyuki.com)

**Link:** <http://www.hyuki.com/trans/smallct.html>

**Description:** Read the Small Catechism in Japanese online, for free, at the following link.

**Name of Resource:** Swedish version of Luther's Small Catechism (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Project Runeberg

**Link:** <http://runeberg.org/katekes/>

**Description:** Read the Small Catechism in Swedish online, for free, at the following link.

**Name of Resource:** French version of Luther's Small Catechism (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutheran Church—Canada

**Link:** <http://www.lutheranchurch.ca/francais.php?s=catechisme>

**Description:** Read the Small Catechism in French, for free, at the following link.

**Name of Resource:** *The 1529 Holy Week and Easter Sermons of Dr. Martin Luther* (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** translated by Irving L. Sandberg (Concordia Publishing House)

**Link:** <https://www.cph.org/p-24348-the-1529-holy-week-and-easter-sermons-of-dr-martin-luther.aspx>

**Description:** This collection of sermons shows Luther at the height of his expository power, demonstrating the depth of his pastoral concern. Intended as a preaching help, this book gives insights into both biblical text and the human condition. It addresses the Lord's Supper, the passion and resurrection of Christ, and the challenge of Christian proclamation today. This book may aid you in deepening your own understanding of Luther, especially in relation to such Catechism topics as Holy Communion, or in incorporating the Small Catechism into your own preaching. Includes annotations and introduction by Timothy J. Wengert.

**Name of Resource:** "Ten Sermons on the Catechism," "A Simple Way to Pray," "Personal Prayer Book," Luther's catechetical hymns (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** Buy Luther's Works from Augsburg Fortress:

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/285/Luther-Works-Series>

**Description:** We recommend these sermons, hymns, and other pieces of Luther's writing which are relevant to the study of the Small Catechism. Here is where you can find them in Luther's Works (LW), Amer. Ed.: "Ten Sermons on the Catechism" (LW 51:133-193), "A Simple Way to Pray" (LW 43:187-211), "Personal Prayer Book" (LW 43:3-45), Luther's catechetical hymns (LW 53:249f., 271f., 277f., 280f. 295f., 299f.). "A Simple Way to Pray" is also available for free on the website of the LCMS:

[http://www.se.lcms.org/uploads/simple\\_way\\_pray\\_luther.pdf](http://www.se.lcms.org/uploads/simple_way_pray_luther.pdf)

## **2) AUDIENCE/PARTICIPANTS**

### A) Adults

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther, the Catechism, and Music (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** from the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 113-120) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans of Wartburg College created this curriculum based on Luther's Small Catechism hymns. The five lessons include Luther's hymns on the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Communion. You may choose to study all five hymns as a single lesson; to study each hymn with the corresponding part of the Small Catechism; or to use some but not all of the hymn studies. Each participant should have access to a copy of the *ELW*.

**Name of Resource:** Connections: Faith and Life

**Author and/or Organization:** Dr. Norma Cook Everist and Nelvin Vos (Wartburg Theological Seminary)

**Link:** <http://www.wartburgseminary.edu/resources/connections-resource-congregations/>

**Description:** *Connections* is an experiential adult education resource using the Catechism. The four units of six sessions each walk through: Living Faithfully (The Ten Commandments), Living Confidently (The Apostles' Creed), Living Spiritually (The Lord's Prayers), and Living Freely (The Sacraments). *Connections* can be used a variety of settings, including a small group ministry, Sunday morning adult group, new member class, or with adults who want to re-visit the catechisms in lifelong learning.

**Name of Resource:** Ecological Christianity through Luther's Small Catechism

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutherans Restoring Creation

**Link:** <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/lutheran-ecological-theology/ecological-christianity-through-luther-s-small-catechism>

**Description:** Lutherans Restoring Creation has produced a resource called "Ecological Christianity through Luther's Small Catechism" which sets the Catechism in a broader ecological perspective. Here, each piece of Luther's Small Catechism is followed by a learning question, then by a suggested participatory action. You may use this personally, or print one section each week in your bulletin, or adapt it for confirmation classes. The resource is available for free in both Word and PDF formats.

**Name of Resource:** Small Catechism Memory Cards (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** <http://lutherancatechism.com>

**Link:** <http://lutherancatechism.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2004-Robert-E-Smith-Small-Catechism-Memory-Cards.pdf>

**Description:** Free flashcards in PDF form for learning the Small Catechism from memory. Translation by Robert E. Smith.

**Name of Resource:** "Big look at Small Catechism" (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (The Lutheran)

**Link:** <http://ministrylink.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Eaton-June-2014-column.pdf>

**Description:** In this short article, Bishop Eaton writes of the importance of the Small Catechism. Given the Catechism's ongoing significance, she invites us to use the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation as an opportunity for us to study it together anew. This resource helps lay the groundwork for why the Catechism is still important and worth studying in 2017.

**Name of Resource:** A Large Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Jenson (American Lutheran Publicity Bureau)

**Link:** <https://alpb.org/books/a-large-catechism/>

**Description:** In this book, Jenson provides his rich explication of the *Large Catechism*, with chapters on the Ten Commandments, Creed, Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Lord's Prayer, reminding us that we should always remain children and pupils of the Catechism, as Luther said. This book would be especially helpful for leaders who are preparing to teach the Catechism.

**Name of Resource:** "Ten Sermons on the Catechism," "A Simple Way to Pray," "Personal Prayer Book," Luther's catechetical hymns (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther (Augsburg Fortress)

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**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther's Catechism: Forming the Faith (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/1792/Martin-Luther-Catechisms-Forming-the-Faith>

**Description:** In this book, Wengert follows the traditional catechism order to demonstrate the dynamic faith exhibited in the catechisms in their original context and ours. An ideal resource for college and seminary classes, as well as individual and group reading, this volume will be a valued vehicle for understanding Reformation faith for many years to come.

**Name of Resource:** Study of Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** [Todd Nichol](#) (participant book) and [Eugene C. Kreider](#) (leader guide) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** Participant Book: <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5185/Study-of-Luther-Small-Catechism-Participant> Leader guide: <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5186/Study-of-Luther-Small-Catechism-Leader-Guide>

**Description:** Participant book and Leader Guide published by Augsburg Fortress for the study of the Small Catechism. Especially for those new to the Lutheran church or wanting to understand the Catechism. Consists of six sessions.

**Name of Resource:** "What Does This Mean?" Discussion Videos (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir Rhyne University

**Link:** <http://ltss.lr.edu/wdtm>

**Description:** "What does this mean?" is the emblematic question from Luther's Small Catechism, yet is applicable to Christians of all traditions. This series of videos is for use by individuals, churches, and other groups who are interested in engaging in dialogue about issues of the day. Each video is approximately 5 minutes in length. An accompanying study guide is available below each video. These are great for use with a Bible study group or Sunday school class.

**Name of Resource:** Teaching God's Children His Teaching: A Guide for the Study of Luther's Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Kolb (Concordia Seminary)

**Link:** Book: <https://store.csl.edu/teaching-gods-children/> Study guide:

<http://store.csl.edu/files/2012/08/TeachingGodsChildren-studyguide1.pdf>

**Description:** In this new edition, Robert Kolb has updated and revised this classic guide into the study and teaching of Luther's "marvelous little book," the Small Catechism. Designed for educators, pastors, parents, and all who are involved in Christian faith formation, this book is an indispensable resource for understanding and teaching the lifelong adventure of faith. There is also a study guide available, which can be downloaded for free. It provides discussion questions to accompany each chapter.

**Name of Resource:** "Luther's Small Catechism: Tasting it again for the first time" (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Living Lutheran)

**Link:** <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/10/luthers-small-catechism-tasting-again-for-first-time/>

**Description:** In this short article, Timothy Wengert speaks to some of the history of the Catechism and the continual significance of it. Wengert, an ELCA pastor, is author and editor of more than 20 books and his translation of the Small Catechism is used extensively throughout the ELCA. You can read the article for free online and may want to share it with congregations or incorporate into an adults class or discussion.

**Name of Resource:** "The Small Catechism: A Simple Guide for the Book of Faith" and "Luther's Seal and Daily Blessings" (digital and print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Book of Faith Initiative courtesy of Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** Free PDFs of articles: <http://www.bookoffaith.org/pdf/SmallCatechism.pdf> Full *Lutheran Study Bible*: <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8222/Lutheran-Study-Bible>

**Description:** Short articles on the Small Catechism from the *Lutheran Study Bible* via the Book of Faith Initiative ([www.bookoffaith.org](http://www.bookoffaith.org)). The first article, "The Small Catechism: A Simple Guide for the Book of Faith," discusses how the Catechism helps us to read the Bible. The second article, "Luther's Seal and Daily Blessings," discusses the Luther Rose and morning and evening blessings. Share these with your congregation or incorporate into a study group.

**Name of Resource:** The Annotated Luther, Volume 4 (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/20895/The-Annotated-Luther-Volume-4-Pastoral-Writings>

**Description:** *Volume 4* of The Annotated Luther series presents an array of Luther's writings related to pastoral work, including sermons, hymn texts, the Small Catechism, and several pieces on prayer. It also includes the woodcuts from the 1536 edition of the Catechism. This volume is in production and is available for preorder online; it will become available August 1, 2016.

**Name of Resource:** The Small Catechism and Stewardship

**Author and/or Organization:** The Center for Stewardship Leaders (Luther Seminary)

**Link:** <http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/>

**Description:** This series of reflections on the Small Catechism and stewardship is available online for free through Luther Seminary's website (follow the link and search "catechism"). There are five articles in the series, which connect stewardship to such topics as baptism, communion, confession, and the Lord's Prayer. You could develop these into a small group series or incorporate them into your own preaching and teaching on stewardship.

## B) Young Adults

**Name of Resource:** Ecological Christianity through Luther's Small Catechism

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutherans Restoring Creation

**Link:** <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/lutheran-ecological-theology/ecological-christianity-through-luther-s-small-catechism>

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**Name of Resource:** Emoji Theology With Our Confirmation Class (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Keith Anderson

**Link:** <http://pastorkeithanderson.net/writing/blog/item/emoji-theology-with-our-confirmation-class>

**Description:** This article comes from the blog of Pastor Keith Anderson, an ELCA Pastor and author of *The Digital Cathedral*, who writes about digital ministry, church leadership, extending ministry into local and digital gathering spaces, and practical stories from his own parish experience. In this article, he writes about his implementation of "emoji theology" into his confirmation class, through which Bible stories and social media creatively intersect. You can find guides and downloadable material to try this out in your setting. Consider implementing it with the Small Catechism as well.

**Name of Resource:** Keeping Sabbath With My Confirmation Class (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Keith Anderson

**Link:** <http://pastorkeithanderson.net/writing/blog/item/keeping-sabbath-with-my-confirmation-class-2>

**Description:** This article comes from the blog of Pastor Keith Anderson, who writes about digital ministry, church leadership, extending ministry into local and digital gathering spaces, and practical stories from his own parish experience. In this article, he shares an experiential learning lesson he created for his confirmation class based on the Third Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath and Keep It Holy." You can find guides and downloadable material to try this out in your setting.

**Name of Resource:** Helping Our Youth Become Digital Disciples (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Keith Anderson



**Link:** <http://pastorkeithanderson.net/writing/blog/item/helping-our-youth-become-digital-disciples>

**Description:** In this article, Pr. Keith Anderson writes of the need for churches "to take seriously and engage in conversation at the intersection of faith and technology for all ages, but especially youth." He also shares resources his congregation used to host two conversations with 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders about technology, social media, and faith. Materials you can access through the article include videos, a lesson outline, and discussions questions. Consider how the Catechism might speak to or inform how youth live out their lives on social media.

**Name of Resource:** Digital Disciples (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith and Leadership (Duke Divinity School)

**Link:** <https://www.faithandleadership.com/digital-disciples>

**Description:** This article discusses the work of Lutheran Pastor Keith Anderson, who uses social media to "engage youth in the ancient teachings of the church, a reflection of his deep belief that God is everywhere, including online." Of particular relevance to the Catechism, Anderson writes about how technology can intersect with the 10 Commandments, such as "Remember the Sabbath," and introduces "The 10 Commandments on Instagram" project, which you could try out with your youth as you study the Catechism.

**Name of Resource:** Living in the Kingdom: Reflections on Luther's Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Alvin N. Rogness (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7064/Living-in-the-Kingdom-Reflections-on-Luther-Catechism-Revised-Edition?c=244865>

**Description:** This revised and updated classic by beloved theologian Alvin N. Rogness explores questions like, "What does it mean to be a responsible citizen of God's kingdom? And how do the teachings of the Bible and the church help us meet the often perplexing problems of life?" Presenting clear and concise responses to dozens of questions, this resource is equally valuable for adults and youth. May be used in adult education, confirmation, and new member classes.

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**Name of Resource:** *Luther House of Study Videos* (digital/vimeo)

**Author and/or Organization:** Luther House of Study

**Link:** <https://www.lutherhouseofstudy.org/category/index.php?Category=Catechism>

**Description:** *Luther House of Study* is doing an inter-Lutheran study on the Catechism in the form of a free online video series. Individuals may utilize these resources in self study while congregations or ministry professionals may find them beneficial for larger groups. The director of *Luther House of Study*, Chris Croghan, is an ordained pastor of the ELCA and a professor at Sioux Falls Seminary.

**Name of Resource:** Free to Be: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5230/Free-to-Be-Student-Book>

**Description:** This book reflects on each section of the Catechism over the course of thirty short chapters. This revised version uses updated activities and examples to explore the Catechism and relate powerful Reformation truths to today's world. Suitable for high school students or young adults, this handbook would be appropriate for individual or group study (a teacher guide is available from Augsburg Fortress as well).

## C) Jr/Sr High

**Name of Resource:** Faith Inkubators (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith Inkubators

**Link:** <http://www.faithink.com/>

**Description:** Faith Inkubators seeks to make the home the primary inkubator of faith for disciples of all ages by replacing classroom models of education with parent-involved small group models. This is not unlike the original goal of the Catechism, which was also intended to empower families and serve as a

teacher's guide for the household. Faith Inkubators produces programs for confirmation, intergenerational, and family ministries. You can learn more about these resources on their website and use them in conjunction with study of the Small Catechism in your home.

**Name of Resource:** "Confirm Not Conform" Confirmation Program (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Confirm Not Conform

**Link:** Main page: <http://www.confirmnotconform.com/> Table of Contents: [http://www.confirmnotconform.com/sites/confirmnotconform.com/files/Table%20of%20Contents%20Lutheran\\_FA.pdf](http://www.confirmnotconform.com/sites/confirmnotconform.com/files/Table%20of%20Contents%20Lutheran_FA.pdf)

**Description:** "Confirm not Conform" is a confirmation program that "provides a safe place for people to explore the breadth of the Christian tradition, to ask questions and express their doubts, and to discover what they truly believe." Developed by Episcopalians (full communion partners of the ELCA), they produce a version of the curriculum catered to Lutherans as well (view the Table of Contents and sample session on their website) which can be purchased online. Sessions cover many topics relevant to the Catechism, such as the Lord's Prayer and Sacraments. Confirm not Conform Lutheran can be used on its own or in conjunction with the Small Catechism to supplement your confirmation program.

**Name of Resource:** Luther Resources Created by Faith Inkubators for the 500<sup>th</sup> (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith Inkubators

**Link:** <http://lutherstudy.com/>

**Description:** Faith Inkubators seeks to make the home the primary inkubator of faith, which is not unlike Luther's goal in creating the Small Catechism for faith formation in the household. The website <http://lutherstudy.com> houses the resources created by Faith Inkubator specifically for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Resources youth may enjoy using in collaboration with their study of the Small Catechism include "Luther: The Graphic Novel" and "Luther: Color Books." These items can be purchased through the website.

**Name of Resource:** Small Catechism Memory Cards (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** <http://lutherancatechism.com>

**Link:** <http://lutherancatechism.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2004-Robert-E-Smith-Small-Catechism-Memory-Cards.pdf>

**Description:** Free flashcards in PDF form for learning the Small Catechism from memory. Translation by Robert E. Smith.

**Name of Resource:** Emoji Theology With Our Confirmation Class (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Keith Anderson

**Link:** <http://pastorkeithanderson.net/writing/blog/item/emoji-theology-with-our-confirmation-class>

**Description:** This article comes from the blog of Pastor Keith Anderson, an ELCA Pastor and author of *The Digital Cathedral*, who writes about digital ministry, church leadership, extending ministry into local and digital gathering spaces, and practical stories from his own parish experience. In this article, he writes about his implementation of "emoji theology" into his confirmation class, through which Bible

stories and social media creatively intersect. You can find guides and downloadable material to try this out in your setting. Consider implementing it with the Small Catechism as well!

**Name of Resource:** Keeping Sabbath With My Confirmation Class (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Keith Anderson

**Link:** <http://pastorkeithanderson.net/writing/blog/item/keeping-sabbath-with-my-confirmation-class-2>

**Description:** This article comes from the blog of Pastor Keith Anderson, who writes about digital ministry, church leadership, extending ministry into local and digital gathering spaces, and practical stories from his own parish experience. In this article, he shares an experiential learning lesson he created for his confirmation class based on the Third Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath and Keep It Holy." You can find guides and downloadable material to try this out in your setting.

**Name of Resource:** Helping Our Youth Become Digital Disciples (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Keith Anderson

**Link:** <http://pastorkeithanderson.net/writing/blog/item/helping-our-youth-become-digital-disciples>

**Description:** In this article, Pr. Keith Anderson writes of the need for churches "to take seriously and engage in conversation at the intersection of faith and technology for all ages, but especially youth." He also shares resources his congregation used to host two conversations with 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders about technology, social media, and faith. Materials you can access through the article include videos, a lesson outline, and discussions questions. Consider how the Catechism might speak to or inform how youth live out their lives on social media.

**Name of Resource:** Digital Disciples (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith and Leadership (Duke Divinity School)

**Link:** <https://www.faithandleadership.com/digital-disciples>

**Description:** This article discusses the work of Lutheran Pastor Keith Anderson, who uses social media to "engage youth in the ancient teachings of the church, a reflection of his deep belief that God is everywhere, including online." Of particular relevance to the Catechism, Anderson writes about how technology can intersect with the 10 Commandments, such as "Remember the Sabbath," and introduces "The 10 Commandments on Instagram" project, which you could try out with your youth as you study the Catechism.

**Name of Resource:** *Here We Stand* Confirmation Program

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/herewestand> and <http://www.herewestandconfirmation.org>

**Description:** *Here We Stand* is a multi-year curriculum that helps effectively prepare students for Lutheran confirmation. They provide materials to help leaders prepare, along with a student book and study bible. The program includes 31 lessons on the Small Catechism.

**Name of Resource:** Colaborate: Lutheran Confirmation

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/356/Colaborate>

**Description:** *Colaborate* is a Lutheran confirmation program produced by Augsburg Fortress. The program includes four units: Lutheran History & Catechism, Lutheran Living, Old Testament, New Testament. Student handbooks, leader guides, and DVDs are available for each unit. Consider using this resource to teach the Catechism to your youth.

**Name of Resource:** Free to Be: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5230/Free-to-Be-Student-Book>

**Description:** This book reflects on each section of the Catechism over the course of thirty short chapters. This revised version uses updated activities and examples to explore the Catechism and relate powerful Reformation truths to today's world. Suitable for high school students or young adults, this handbook would be appropriate for individual or group study (a teacher guide is available from Augsburg Fortress as well).

## D) Elementary

**Name of Resource:** "Exploring Luther's Small Catechism" Series (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/184/Exploring-Luther-Small-Catechism>

**Description:** "Exploring Luther's Small Catechism" is a series of lesson books published by Augsburg Fortress. Topics covered include the Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, and Sacraments. Intended for youth from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. The Leader Guides are available as free downloads through the website.

## E) Intergenerational

**Name of Resource:** Faith Inkubators (print and digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith Inkubators

**Link:** <http://www.faithink.com/> and <http://lutherstudy.com/crossgen-catechism/>

**Description:** "Bible Song Cross+Gen" is an intergenerational resource created by Faith Inkubators. It is intended to provide you with tools to help you create a time and space where people of all generations come together in faith, which parallels the intention of the Small Catechism to aid in the faith formation of all members of the household. "Cross+Gen Catechism" is another intergenerational resource by Faith Inkubators, created for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which specifically helps you to engage with the Small Catechism throughout the entire year of 2017. You can learn more about these resources (and purchase a membership) on their website.

**Name of Resource:** FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) (Digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith5

**Link:** <http://faith5.org/>

**Description:** A simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for five to fifteen minutes a night for families. The process involves: SHARE your highs and lows; READ a Bible verse or story; TALK about how the Bible reading might related to your highs and lows; PRAY for one another's highs and lows; BLESS one another. Learn more about how to implement Faith5 by visiting their website. The Small Catechism would fit well into the reading, discussion, or prayer sections of this practice.

### **3) PRIMARY CONTEXT**

#### **A) Worship**

**Name of Resource:** Cantor Connection Hymn Festival Series (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

**Link:** <http://www.alcm.org/news-events/cantor-connection/>

**Description:** *ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection*, the central Ohio chapter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM), has put together a series of five hymn festival events focusing on Martin Luther in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The programs from these events have been made available through their website to be used as models for those interested in planning their own hymn festival.

**Name of Resource:** A Midweek Lenten Series Based on Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 77-82) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** This guide for planning a Lenten Series focuses on one major section of the Catechism for each week of Lent: the 10 Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Includes suggestions for scripture readings (from either the daily lectionary or passages referred to in the Small Catechism itself), opening dialogue, and songs. Congregations could supplement this with a weekly study of that portion of the Catechism or use each portion in turn as part of the reflection, if desired.

#### **B) Preaching**

**Name of Resource** Preaching the Catechism (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** James Arne Nestigen (Word & World, Luther Seminary)

**Link:** [https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/content/pdfs/10-1\\_Catechism/10-1\\_Nestigen.pdf](https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/content/pdfs/10-1_Catechism/10-1_Nestigen.pdf)

**Description:** This article by James Nestigen on preaching the Catechism was published in *Word & World* from Luther Seminary. The essay considers the preaching of the catechism itself and reflects on ways in which the Catechism can serve current preaching. Available for free at the link above.

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**Author and/or Organization:** *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 77-82) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** This guide for planning a Lenten Series based on the Small Catechism is available in the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* from Augsburg Fortress. It focuses on one major section of the Catechism for each week of Lent: the 10 Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Includes suggestions for scripture readings (from either the daily lectionary or passages referred to in the Small Catechism itself), opening dialogue, and songs. Consider using this format to create sermons or reflections based on the Small Catechism for the season of Lent.

**Name of Resource:** *The 1529 Holy Week and Easter Sermons of Dr. Martin Luther* (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** translated by Irving L. Sandberg (Concordia Publishing House)

**Link:** <https://www.cph.org/p-24348-the-1529-holy-week-and-easter-sermons-of-dr-martin-luther.aspx>

**Description:** This collection of sermons shows Luther at the height of his expository power, demonstrating the depth of his pastoral concern. Intended as a preaching help, this book gives insights into both biblical text and the human condition. It addresses the Lord's Supper, the passion and resurrection of Christ, and the challenge of Christian proclamation today. This book may aid you in deepening your own understanding of Luther, especially in relation to such Catechism topics as Holy Communion, or in incorporating the Small Catechism into your own preaching. Includes annotations and introduction by Timothy J. Wengert.

**Name of Resource:** "Ten Sermons on the Catechism," "A Simple Way to Pray," "Personal Prayer Book," Luther's catechetical hymns (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** Buy Luther's Works from Augsburg Fortress:

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/285/Luther-Works-Series>

**Description:** We recommend these sermons, hymns, and other pieces of Luther's writing which are relevant to the study of the Small Catechism. Here is where you can find them in Luther's Works (LW), Amer. Ed.: "Ten Sermons on the Catechism" (LW 51:133-193), "A Simple Way to Pray" (LW 43:187-211), "Personal Prayer Book" (LW 43:3-45), Luther's catechetical hymns (LW 53:249f., 271f., 277f., 280f. 295f., 299f.). "A Simple Way to Pray" is also available for free on the website of the LCMS:

[http://www.se.lcms.org/uploads/simple\\_way\\_pray\\_luther.pdf](http://www.se.lcms.org/uploads/simple_way_pray_luther.pdf)

## C) Classroom

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther's Catechism: Forming the Faith (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/1792/Martin-Luther-Catechisms-Forming-the-Faith>

**Description:** In this book, Wengert follows the traditional catechism order to demonstrate the dynamic faith exhibited in the catechisms in their original context and ours. An ideal resource for college and seminary classes, as well as individual and group reading, this volume will be a valued vehicle for understanding Reformation faith for many years to come.

**Name of Resource:** *Here We Stand* Confirmation Program

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/herewestand> and <http://www.herewestandconfirmation.org>

**Description:** *Here We Stand* is a multi-year curriculum that helps effectively prepare students for Lutheran confirmation. They provide materials to help leaders prepare, along with a student book and study bible. The program includes 31 lessons on the Small Catechism.

**Name of Resource:** Colaborate: Lutheran Confirmation

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/356/Colaborate>

**Description:** *Colaborate* is a Lutheran confirmation program produced by Augsburg Fortress. The program includes four units: Lutheran History & Catechism, Lutheran Living, Old Testament, New Testament. Student handbooks, leader guides, and DVDs are available for each unit. Consider using this resource to teach the Catechism to your youth.

**Name of Resource:** *Luther House of Study* Videos (digital/vimeo)

**Author and/or Organization:** Luther House of Study

**Link:** <https://www.lutherhouseofstudy.org/category/index.php?Category=Catechism>

**Description:** *Luther House of Study* is doing an inter-Lutheran study on the Catechism in the form of a free online video series. Individuals may utilize these resources in self study while congregations or ministry professionals may find them beneficial for larger groups. The director of *Luther House of Study*, Chris Croghan, is an ordained pastor of the ELCA and a professor at Sioux Falls Seminary.

## D) Individual

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther's Catechism: Forming the Faith (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/1792/Martin-Luther-Catechisms-Forming-the-Faith>

**Description:** In this book, Wengert follows the traditional catechism order to demonstrate the dynamic faith exhibited in the catechisms in their original context and ours. An ideal resource for college and seminary classes, as well as individual and group reading, this volume will be a valued vehicle for understanding Reformation faith for many years to come.



**Name of Resource:** The Annotated Luther, Volume 4 (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/20895/The-Annotated-Luther-Volume-4-Pastoral-Writings>

**Description:** *Volume 4* of The Annotated Luther series presents an array of Luther's writings related to pastoral work, including sermons, hymn texts, the Small Catechism, and several pieces on prayer. It also includes the woodcuts from the 1536 edition of the Catechism. This volume is in production and is available for preorder online; it will become available August 1, 2016.

**Name of Resource:** Living in the Kingdom: Reflections on Luther's Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Alvin N. Rogness (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7064/Living-in-the-Kingdom-Reflections-on-Luther-Catechism-Revised-Edition?c=244865>

**Description:** This revised and updated classic by beloved theologian Alvin N. Rogness explores questions like, "What does it mean to be a responsible citizen of God's kingdom? And how do the teachings of the Bible and the church help us meet the often perplexing problems of life?" Presenting clear and concise responses to dozens of questions, this resource is equally valuable for adults and youth. May be used in adult education, confirmation, and new member classes.

**Name of Resource:** A Large Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Jenson (American Lutheran Publicity Bureau)

**Link:** <https://alpb.org/books/a-large-catechism/>

**Description:** In this book, Jenson provides his rich explication of the *Large Catechism*, with chapters on the Ten Commandments, Creed, Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Lord's Prayer, reminding us that we should always remain children and pupils of the Catechism, as Luther said. This book would be especially helpful for leaders who are preparing to teach the Catechism.

**Name of Resource:** Teaching God's Children His Teaching: A Guide for the Study of Luther's Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Kolb (Concordia Seminary)

**Link:** Book: <https://store.csl.edu/teaching-gods-children/> Study guide:

<http://store.csl.edu/files/2012/08/TeachingGodsChildren-studyguide1.pdf>

**Description:** In this new edition, Robert Kolb has updated and revised this classic guide into the study and teaching of Luther's "marvelous little book," the Small Catechism. Designed for educators, pastors, parents, and all who are involved in Christian faith formation, this book is an indispensable resource for understanding and teaching the lifelong adventure of faith. There is also a study guide available, which can be downloaded for free. It provides discussion questions to accompany each chapter.

**Name of Resource:** Luther's Small Catechism Mobile App (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** [https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/luthers-small-catechism/id1114077769?utm\\_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm\\_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS\\_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm\\_medium=Apple%20iOS%20App%20Store%20CTA&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_term=Marketing](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/luthers-small-catechism/id1114077769?utm_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm_medium=Apple%20iOS%20App%20Store%20CTA&utm_source=email&utm_term=Marketing) and [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.augsburgfortress.smallcatechism&utm\\_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm\\_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS\\_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm\\_medium=Google%20Play%20CTA&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_term=Marketing](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.augsburgfortress.smallcatechism&utm_campaign=AF%20Luther%27s%20Small%20Catechism%20App&utm_content=AF%20PRJ063016DS_0487%20Small%20Catechism%20App%20Email&utm_medium=Google%20Play%20CTA&utm_source=email&utm_term=Marketing)

**Description:** Luther's Small Catechism and Spanish El Catecismo Menor de Lutero are both included in a free mobile app, available from the Apple iOS App Store and on Google Play. Content from the Study Edition is also available as an in-app purchase. Search "Catechism" in the Apple or Google app stores, or download through one of the links to iTunes or Google Play. Perfect for youth education and confirmation classes, individuals, adults, congregations, church leaders—anyone who wants easy access to Martin Luther's guide to the basics of Christian faith.

**Name of Resource:** "Ten Sermons on the Catechism," "A Simple Way to Pray," "Personal Prayer Book," Luther's catechetical hymns (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** Buy Luther's Works from Augsburg Fortress:

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/productfamily/285/Luther-Works-Series>

**Description:** We recommend these sermons, hymns, and other pieces of Luther's writing which are relevant to the study of the Small Catechism. Here is where you can find them in Luther's Works (LW), Amer. Ed.: "Ten Sermons on the Catechism" (LW 51:133-193), "A Simple Way to Pray" (LW 43:187-211), "Personal Prayer Book" (LW 43:3-45), Luther's catechetical hymns (LW 53:249f., 271f., 277f., 280f. 295f., 299f.). "A Simple Way to Pray" is also available for free on the website of the LCMS: [http://www.se.lcms.org/uploads/simple\\_way\\_pray\\_luther.pdf](http://www.se.lcms.org/uploads/simple_way_pray_luther.pdf)

**Name of Resource:** Sources and Contexts of The Book of Concord (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Kolb and James Nestingen, editors (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/2413/Sources-and-Contexts-of-the-Book-of-Concord>

**Description:** This book contains newly translated documents – by Luther, Melancthon, Chemnitz, and others – which serve as a companion to the Lutheran Confessional writings of *The Book of Concord*. This

is a useful resource for those interested in a more in-depth study of the historical context in which the Small Catechism arose.

**Name of Resource:** "Luther's Small Catechism: Tasting it again for the first time" (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Living Lutheran)

**Link:** <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/10/luthers-small-catechism-tasting-again-for-first-time/>

**Description:** In this short article, Timothy Wengert speaks to some of the history of the Catechism and the continual significance of it. Wengert, an ELCA pastor, is author and editor of more than 20 books and his translation of the Small Catechism is used extensively throughout the ELCA. You can read the article for free online and may want to share it with congregations or incorporate into an adults class or discussion.

**Name of Resource:** "The Small Catechism: A Simple Guide for the Book of Faith" and "Luther's Seal and Daily Blessings" (digital and print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Book of Faith Initiative courtesy of Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** Free PDFs of articles: <http://www.bookoffaith.org/pdf/SmallCatechism.pdf> Full *Lutheran Study Bible*: <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8222/Lutheran-Study-Bible>

**Description:** Short articles on the Small Catechism from the *Lutheran Study Bible* via the Book of Faith Initiative ([www.bookoffaith.org](http://www.bookoffaith.org)). The first article, "The Small Catechism: A Simple Guide for the Book of Faith," discusses how the Catechism helps us to read the Bible. The second article, "Luther's Seal and Daily Blessings," discusses the Luther Rose and morning and evening blessings. Share these with your congregation or incorporate into a study group.

**Name of Resource:** Free to Be: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5230/Free-to-Be-Student-Book>

**Description:** This book reflects on each section of the Catechism over the course of thirty short chapters. This revised version uses updated activities and examples to explore the Catechism and relate powerful Reformation truths to today's world. Suitable for high school students or young adults, this handbook would be appropriate for individual or group study (a teacher guide is available from Augsburg Fortress as well).

## E) Small Group

**Name of Resource:** Study of Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Todd Nichol (participant book) and Eugene C. Kreider (leader guide) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** Participant Book: <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5185/Study-of-Luther-Small-Catechism-Participant> Leader guide: <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5186/Study-of-Luther-Small-Catechism-Leader-Guide>

**Description:** Participant book and Leader Guide published by Augsburg Fortress for the study of the Small Catechism. Especially for those new to the Lutheran church or wanting to understand the Catechism. Consists of six sessions.

**Name of Resource:** "What Does This Mean?" Discussion Videos (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir Rhyne University

**Link:** <http://ltss.lr.edu/wdtm>

**Description:** "What does this mean?" is the emblematic question from Luther's Small Catechism, yet is applicable to Christians of all traditions. This series of videos is for use by individuals, churches, and other groups who are interested in engaging in dialogue about issues of the day. Each video is approximately 5 minutes in length. An accompanying study guide is available below each video. These are great for use with a Bible study group or Sunday school class.

**Name of Resource:** Teaching God's Children His Teaching: A Guide for the Study of Luther's Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Kolb (Concordia Seminary)

**Link:** Book: <https://store.csl.edu/teaching-gods-children/> Study guide: <http://store.csl.edu/files/2012/08/TeachingGodsChildren-studyguide1.pdf>

**Description:** In this new edition, Robert Kolb has updated and revised this classic guide into the study and teaching of Luther's "marvelous little book," the Small Catechism. Designed for educators, pastors, parents, and all who are involved in Christian faith formation, this book is an indispensable resource for understanding and teaching the lifelong adventure of faith. There is also a study guide available, which can be downloaded for free. It provides discussion questions to accompany each chapter.

**Name of Resource:** Connections: Faith and Life

**Author and/or Organization:** Dr. Norma Cook Everist and Nelvin Vos (Wartburg Theological Seminary)

**Link:** <http://www.wartburgseminary.edu/resources/connections-resource-congregations/>

**Description:** *Connections* is an experiential adult education resource using the Catechism. The four units of six sessions each walk through: Living Faithfully (The Ten Commandments), Living Confidently (The Apostles' Creed), Living Spiritually (The Lord's Prayers), and Living Freely (The Sacraments). *Connections* can be used a variety of settings, including a small group ministry, Sunday morning adult group, new member class, or with adults who want to re-visit the catechisms in lifelong learning.

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther, the Catechism, and Music (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** from the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 113-120) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans of Wartburg College created this curriculum based on Luther's Small Catechism hymns. The five lessons include Luther's hymns on the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Communion. You may choose to study all five hymns as a single lesson; to study each hymn with the corresponding part of the Small Catechism; or to use some but not all of the hymn studies. Each participant should have access to a copy of the *ELW*.

**Name of Resource:** Ecological Christianity through Luther's Small Catechism

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutherans Restoring Creation

**Link:** <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/lutheran-ecological-theology/ecological-christianity-through-luther-s-small-catechism>

**Description:** Lutherans Restoring Creation has produced a resource called "Ecological Christianity through Luther's Small Catechism" which sets the Catechism in a broader ecological perspective. Here, each piece of Luther's Small Catechism is followed by a learning question, then by a suggested participatory action. You may use this personally, or print one section each week in your bulletin, or adapt it for confirmation classes. The resource is available for free in both Word and PDF formats.

## F) Family

**Name of Resource:** FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) (Digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith5

**Link:** <http://faith5.org/>

**Description:** A simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for five to fifteen minutes a night for families. The process involves: SHARE your highs and lows; READ a Bible verse or story; TALK about how the Bible reading might related to your highs and lows; PRAY for one another's highs and lows; BLESS one another. Learn more about how to implement Faith5 by visiting their website. The Small Catechism would fit well into the reading, discussion, or prayer sections of this practice.

**Name of Resource:** Family Stepping Stones (Digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith Inkubators

**Link:** <http://www.faithink.com/>

**Description:** Faith Stepping Stones is a family ministry program that pulls parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night in every home. It provides faith-based parenting education from cradle to graduation through a series of eight courses. Several elements of the Catechism are incorporated into this program, such as prayer and Holy Communion. You can learn more about these resources (and purchase a membership) on their website.

## 4) CONTENT

### A) Context, History & Other Helps

**Name of Resource:** Sources and Contexts of The Book of Concord (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Kolb and James Nestingen, editors (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/2413/Sources-and-Contexts-of-the-Book-of-Concord>

**Description:** This book contains newly translated documents – by Luther, Melanchthon, Chemnitz, and others – which serve as a companion to the Lutheran Confessional writings of *The Book of Concord*. This is a useful resource for those interested in a more in-depth study of the historical context in which the Small Catechism arose.

**Name of Resource:** "Luther's Small Catechism: Tasting it again for the first time" (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Living Lutheran)

**Link:** <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/10/luthers-small-catechism-tasting-again-for-first-time/>

**Description:** In this short article, Timothy Wengert speaks to some of the history of the Catechism and the continual significance of it. Wengert, an ELCA pastor, is author and editor of more than 20 books and his translation of the Small Catechism is used extensively throughout the ELCA. You can read the article for free online and may want to share it with congregations or incorporate into an adults class or discussion.

**Name of Resource:** "The Small Catechism: A Simple Guide for the Book of Faith" and "Luther's Seal and Daily Blessings" (digital and print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Book of Faith Initiative courtesy of Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** Free PDFs of articles: <http://www.bookoffaith.org/pdf/SmallCatechism.pdf> Full *Lutheran Study Bible*: <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8222/Lutheran-Study-Bible>

**Description:** Short articles on the Small Catechism from the *Lutheran Study Bible* via the Book of Faith Initiative ([www.bookoffaith.org](http://www.bookoffaith.org)). The first article, "The Small Catechism: A Simple Guide for the Book of Faith," discusses how the Catechism helps us to read the Bible. The second article, "Luther's Seal and Daily Blessings," discusses the Luther Rose and morning and evening blessings. Share these with your congregation or incorporate into a study group.

**Name of Resource:** The Annotated Luther, Volume 4 (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/20895/The-Annotated-Luther-Volume-4-Pastoral-Writings>

**Description:** *Volume 4* of The Annotated Luther series presents an array of Luther's writings related to pastoral work, including sermons, hymn texts, the Small Catechism, and several pieces on prayer. It also includes the woodcuts from the 1536 edition of the Catechism. This volume is in production and is available for preorder online; it will become available August 1, 2016.

**Name of Resource:** An Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism Together with Four Supplements (print and digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** J. Michael Reu

**Link:** Journal of Lutheran Ethics article on Reu: [http://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/279#\\_ftn15](http://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/279#_ftn15) Buy the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Explanation-Luthers-Catechism-Together->

[Supplements/dp/B00005LD6Q/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1467990938&sr=8-1&keywords=An+Explanation+of+Dr.+Martin+Luther%27s+Small+Catechism%3A+Together+with+Four+Supplements](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00005LD6Q/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1467990938&sr=8-1&keywords=An+Explanation+of+Dr.+Martin+Luther%27s+Small+Catechism%3A+Together+with+Four+Supplements)

**Description:** This book on the Small Catechism was published by Warburg Press in 1947. Reu was a prolific and renowned professor and theologian, whom you can learn more about in the article "J. Michael Reu on the Christian Life" from the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*. The book is available from amazon.com.

**Name of Resource:** "Big look at Small Catechism" (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (The Lutheran)

**Link:** <http://ministrylink.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Eaton-June-2014-column.pdf>

**Description:** In this short article, Bishop Eaton writes of the importance of the Small Catechism. Given the Catechism's ongoing significance, she invites us to use the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation as an opportunity for us to study it together anew. This resource helps lay the groundwork for why the Catechism is still important and worth studying in 2017.

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther's Catechism: Forming the Faith (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/1792/Martin-Luther-Catechisms-Forming-the-Faith>

**Description:** In this book, Wengert follows the traditional catechism order to demonstrate the dynamic faith exhibited in the catechisms in their original context and ours. An ideal resource for college and seminary classes, as well as individual and group reading, this volume will be a valued vehicle for understanding Reformation faith for many years to come.

**Name of Resource:** *The 1529 Holy Week and Easter Sermons of Dr. Martin Luther* (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** translated by Irving L. Sandberg (Concordia Publishing House)

**Link:** <https://www.cph.org/p-24348-the-1529-holy-week-and-easter-sermons-of-dr-martin-luther.aspx>

**Description:** This collection of sermons shows Luther at the height of his expository power, demonstrating the depth of his pastoral concern. Intended as a preaching help, this book gives insights into both biblical text and the human condition. It addresses the Lord's Supper, the passion and resurrection of Christ, and the challenge of Christian proclamation today. This book may aid you in deepening your own understanding of Luther, especially in relation to such Catechism topics as Holy Communion, or in incorporating the Small Catechism into your own preaching. Includes annotations and introduction by Timothy J. Wengert.

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**Name of Resource:** A Large Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Jenson (American Lutheran Publicity Bureau)

**Link:** <https://alpb.org/books/a-large-catechism/>

**Description:** In this book, Jenson provides his rich explication of the *Large Catechism*, with chapters on the Ten Commandments, Creed, Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Lord's Prayer, reminding us that we should always remain children and pupils of the Catechism, as Luther said. This book would be especially helpful for leaders who are preparing to teach the Catechism.

## B) Video

**Name of Resource:** *Luther House of Study* Videos (digital/vimeo)

**Author and/or Organization:** Luther House of Study

**Link:** <https://www.lutherhouseofstudy.org/category/index.php?Category=Catechism>

**Description:** *Luther House of Study* is doing an inter-Lutheran study on the Catechism in the form of a free online video series. Individuals may utilize these resources in self study while congregations or ministry professionals may find them beneficial for larger groups. The director of *Luther House of Study*, Chris Croghan, is an ordained pastor of the ELCA and a professor at Sioux Falls Seminary.

**Name of Resource:** "What Does This Mean?" Discussion Videos (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir Rhyne University

**Link:** <http://ltss.lr.edu/wdtm>

**Description:** "What does this mean?" is the emblematic question from Luther's Small Catechism, yet is applicable to Christians of all traditions. This series of videos is for use by individuals, churches, and other groups who are interested in engaging in dialogue about issues of the day. Each video is approximately 5 minutes in length. An accompanying study guide is available below each video. These are great for use with a Bible study group or Sunday school class.

## C) Leader Planning Guide

**Name of Resource:** Cantor Connection Hymn Festival Series (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

**Link:** <http://www.alcm.org/news-events/cantor-connection/>



**Description:** *ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection*, the central Ohio chapter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM), has put together a series of five hymn festival events focusing on Martin Luther in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The programs from these events have been made available through their website to be used as models for those interested in planning their own hymn festival.

**Name of Resource:** A Midweek Lenten Series Based on Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 77-82) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** This guide for planning a Lenten Series based on the Small Catechism is available in the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* from Augsburg Fortress. It focuses on one major section of the Catechism for each week of Lent: the 10 Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Includes suggestions for scripture readings (from either the daily lectionary or passages referred to in the Small Catechism itself), opening dialogue, and songs. Congregations could supplement this with a weekly study of that portion of the catechism or use each portion in turn as part of the reflection, if desired.

**Name of Resource:** The Small Catechism and Stewardship

**Author and/or Organization:** The Center for Stewardship Leaders (Luther Seminary)

**Link:** <http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/>

**Description:** This series of reflections on the Small Catechism and stewardship is available online for free through Luther Seminary's website (follow the link and search "catechism"). There are five articles in the series, which connect stewardship to such topics as baptism, communion, confession, and the Lord's Prayer. You could develop these into a small group series or incorporate them into your own preaching and teaching on stewardship.

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther's Catechism: Forming the Faith (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Timothy Wengert (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/1792/Martin-Luther-Catechisms-Forming-the-Faith>

**Description:** In this book, Wengert follows the traditional catechism order to demonstrate the dynamic faith exhibited in the catechisms in their original context and ours. An ideal resource for college and seminary classes, as well as individual and group reading, this volume will be a valued vehicle for understanding Reformation faith for many years to come.

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther, the Catechism, and Music (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** from the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 113-120) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans of Wartburg College created this curriculum based on Luther's Small Catechism hymns. The five lessons include Luther's hymns on the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Communion. You may choose to study all five hymns as a single lesson; to study each hymn with the corresponding part of the Small Catechism; or to use some but not all of the hymn studies. Each participant should have access to a copy of the *ELW*.

**Name of Resource:** Connections: Faith and Life

**Author and/or Organization:** Dr. Norma Cook Everist and Nelvin Vos (Wartburg Theological Seminary)

**Link:** <http://www.wartburgseminary.edu/resources/connections-resource-congregations/>

**Description:** *Connections* is an experiential adult education resource using the Catechism. The four units of six sessions each walk through: Living Faithfully (The Ten Commandments), Living Confidently (The Apostles' Creed), Living Spiritually (The Lord's Prayers), and Living Freely (The Sacraments). *Connections* can be used a variety of settings, including a small group ministry, Sunday morning adult group, new member class, or with adults who want to re-visit the catechisms in lifelong learning.

**Name of Resource:** Study of Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** [Todd Nichol](#) (participant book) and [Eugene C. Kreider](#) (leader guide) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** Participant Book: <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5185/Study-of-Luther-Small-Catechism-Participant> Leader guide: <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5186/Study-of-Luther-Small-Catechism-Leader-Guide>

**Description:** Participant book and Leader Guide published by Augsburg Fortress for the study of the Small Catechism. Especially for those new to the Lutheran church or wanting to understand the Catechism. Consists of six sessions.

**Name of Resource:** Free to Be: A Handbook to Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5230/Free-to-Be-Student-Book>

**Description:** This book reflects on each section of the Catechism over the course of thirty short chapters. This revised version uses updated activities and examples to explore the Catechism and relate powerful Reformation truths to today's world. Suitable for high school students or young adults, this handbook would be suitable for individual or group study (a teacher guide is available from Augsburg Fortress as well). If you are planning on doing a new event, this resource would help in providing training to leaders as well.

**Name of Resource:** A Large Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robert Jenson (American Lutheran Publicity Bureau)

**Link:** <https://alpb.org/books/a-large-catechism/>

**Description:** In this book, Jenson provides his rich explication of the *Large Catechism*, with chapters on the Ten Commandments, Creed, Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Lord's Prayer, reminding us that we should always remain children and pupils of the Catechism, as Luther said. This book would be especially helpful for leaders who are preparing to teach the Catechism.

## D) Activity

**Name of Resource:** Connections: Faith and Life

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**Name of Resource:** Ecological Christianity through Luther's Small Catechism

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutherans Restoring Creation

**Link:** <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/lutheran-ecological-theology/ecological-christianity-through-luther-s-small-catechism>

**Description:** Lutherans Restoring Creation has produced a resource called "Ecological Christianity through Luther's Small Catechism" which sets the Catechism in a broader ecological perspective. Here, each piece of Luther's Small Catechism is followed by a learning question, then by a suggested participatory action. You may use this personally, or print one section each week in your bulletin, or adapt it for confirmation classes. The resource is available for free in both Word and PDF formats.

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther, the Catechism, and Music (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** from the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 113-120) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

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**Name of Resource:** Small Catechism Memory Cards (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** <http://lutherancatechism.com>

**Link:** <http://lutherancatechism.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2004-Robert-E-Smith-Small-Catechism-Memory-Cards.pdf>

**Description:** Free flashcards in PDF form for learning the Small Catechism from memory. Translation by Robert E. Smith.

**Name of Resource:** "What Does This Mean?" Discussion Videos (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir Rhyne University

**Link:** <http://ltss.lr.edu/wdtm>

**Description:** "What does this mean?" is the emblematic question from Luther's Small Catechism, yet is applicable to Christians of all traditions. This series of videos is for use by individuals, churches, and other groups who are interested in engaging in dialogue about issues of the day. Each video is approximately 5 minutes in length. An accompanying study guide is available below each video. These are great for use with a Bible study group or Sunday school class.

**Name of Resource:** FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) (Digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith5

**Link:** <http://faith5.org/>

**Description:** A simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for five to fifteen minutes a night for families. The process involves: SHARE your highs and lows; READ a Bible verse or story; TALK about how the Bible reading might related to your highs and lows; PRAY for one another's highs and lows; BLESS one another. Learn more about how to implement Faith5 by visiting their website. The Small Catechism would fit well into the reading, discussion, or prayer sections of this practice.

## E) Music and Hymns

**Name of Resource:** Martin Luther, the Catechism, and Music (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** from the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 113-120) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans of Wartburg College created this curriculum based on Luther's Small Catechism hymns. It is available as part of the Reformation 500 Sourcebook. The five lessons include Luther's hymns on the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Communion. You may choose to study all five hymns as a single lesson; to study each hymn with the corresponding

part of the Small Catechism; or to use some but not all of the hymn studies. Each participant should have access to a copy of the *ELW*.

**Name of Resource:** Bach on Luther: The Catechism Hymns (digital and print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Philip Moldenhauer and Jacob Behnken

**Link:** Article:

<http://essays.wls.wels.net/bitstream/handle/123456789/382/BehnkenMoldenhauer.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y> Buy a recording of Clavier-Ubung III here:

[http://www.arkivmusic.com/classical/album.jsp?album\\_id=1256569](http://www.arkivmusic.com/classical/album.jsp?album_id=1256569) Or listen to these pieces on the following youtube playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLD84E4A5417DFBE53> Books you can buy online: <https://www.amazon.com/Organ-Music-J-S-Bach/dp/0521891159>

And <https://www.amazon.com/Luthers-Liturgical-Music-Principles-Implications/dp/0802832210>

**Description:** This article was written by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary students and is available online for free. It explains the background of Luther's Catechism Hymns and the *Third Part of the Clavier-Ubung*, a series of compositions by J.S. Bach which incorporate some of Luther's catechism hymns into them. If you are interested in learning more about the *Clavier-Ubung III*, you may want to read *The Organ Music of J. S. Bach* or *Luther's Liturgical Music: Principles and Implications*. You can also buy a recording of Clavier-Ubung III at the link above, or listen to a version of it on YouTube. You could use these materials to develop an adult education series on catechetical music.

**Name of Resource:** Luther's Liturgical Music (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Robin A. Leaver (Eerdmans)

**Link:** <http://www.eerdmans.com/Products/3221/luther39s-liturgical-music.aspx>

**Description:** This book explores Luther's relationship to music and the deep and lasting effect of this on Christian hymnody. Leaver's work makes a formidable contribution to Reformation studies, but worship leaders, musicians, and others will also find it an invaluable, very readable resource. The section on "Musical Catechesis" (pp. 107-69) may be of particular interest and could be paired with the "Bach on Luther" resources for a thorough study of catechetical music.

**Name of Resource:** Cantor Connection Hymn Festival Series (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

**Link:** <http://www.alcm.org/news-events/cantor-connection/>

**Description:** *ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection*, the central Ohio chapter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM), has put together a series of five hymn festival events focusing on Martin Luther in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The programs from these events have been made available through their website to be used as models for those interested in planning their own hymn festival.

**Name of Resource:** "Sing the Faith" CD (digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Concordia Publishing House

**Link:** <https://www.cph.org/p-3422-sing-the-faith-cd.aspx>

**Description:** Concordia Publishing House published this recording of the Small Catechism set to music in 2009. Each of the 67 songs covers a portion of the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, the Lord's Supper, and prayers. At the following link, you can purchase the CD or listen to samples. Great for Sunday school or learning at home.

**Name of Resource:** Luther's Catechism Hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) (print and digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress

**Link:** <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/worship/evangelicallutheranworship/>

**Description:** The following of Luther's Catechism hymns are available in the ELW. For the two not included in the ELW, you can read the text and listen to an audio file at the links below.

The Creed: "We All Believe In One True God" ELW 411

The Lord's Prayer: "Our Father, God in Heaven Above" ELW 747

Communion: "O Lord, We Praise You" ELW 499

Office of the Keys and Confession: "Out of the Depths I Cry to You" ELW 600

Not in ELW (available online and in the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook*):

10 Commandments: "These Are The Holy Ten Commands" (alternative title: "That Man A Godly Life Might Live") <http://nethymnal.org/htm/t/h/thatmana.htm>

Baptism: "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

[http://openhymnal.org/Lyrics/To\\_Jordan\\_Came\\_Our\\_Lord\\_The\\_Christ-Christ\\_Unser\\_Herr.html](http://openhymnal.org/Lyrics/To_Jordan_Came_Our_Lord_The_Christ-Christ_Unser_Herr.html)

## F) Prayer (Individual and Corporate)

**Name of Resource:** Blessings and Prayers Based on Those in Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** from the *Reformation 500 Sourcebook* (p. 87-90) (Augsburg Fortress)

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/21657/Reformation-500-Sourcebook-Anniversary-Resources-for-Congregations>

**Description:** In the spirit of Luther's original blessings from the Small Catechism, these alternatives are offered to supplement those by Luther. These new versions are written with today's Christians in mind and in some cases are designed for particular situations. The originals may be found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pages 1166-67.

**Name of Resource:** Praying Luther's Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Roy Beutel

**Link:** <https://www.amazon.com/PRAYING-LUTHERS-SMALL-CATECHISM-DEVOTIONAL-ebook/dp/B00KXX46AE>

**Description:** The format of praying the Catechism may be useful as a reminder of and renewal of faith of Christians of all ages. The prayers in this book are written in the style of a personal devotion but may be used as the basis for small discussion groups and for prayer concerns common to all generations.

**Name of Resource:** As Luther Taught the Word of Truth: Devotions on the Small Catechism (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Richard E. Lauersdorf (Northwestern Publishing House)

**Link:** <http://online.nph.net/p-454-as-luther-taught-the-word-of-truth.aspx>

**Description:** This book contains 58 devotions, each of which explores a concept or phrase found in one of the chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. At the heart of every devotion is the comforting message of the gospel, which is just as Luther taught the word of truth. Suitable for personal use or a small group setting.

**Name of Resource:** FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) (Digital)

**Author and/or Organization:** Faith5

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## G) Arts

**Name of Resource:** Woodcuts from the Small Catechism

**Author and/or Organization:** Augsburg Fortress and Concordia Publishing House

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/20895/The-Annotated-Luther-Volume-4-Pastoral-Writings> and <https://www.cph.org/p-2885-that-i-may-be-his-own.aspx> and <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/1792/Martin-Luther-Catechisms-Forming-the-Faith>

**Description:** The woodcuts reference bible passages and were originally printed with Luther's Catechism. These woodcuts are printed in several books: *The Annotated Luther*, Volume 4 (Augsburg Fortress); *That I May Be His Own: An Overview of Luther's Catechisms* (Charles Arand, Concordia Publishing House); and *Martin Luther's Catechisms: Forming the Faith* (Timothy Wengert, Augsburg Fortress). Incorporate these artistic renditions into your personal or small group study of the Catechism.

**Name of Resource:** Modern Woodcuts in *Luther's Small Catechism, Study Edition* (print)

**Author and/or Organization:** Martin Luther, edited by Timothy Wengert

**Link:** <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7572/Luther-Small-Catechism-Study-Edition-with-Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-texts>

**Description:** A translation of Luther's explanations along with other catechetical study helps, such as prayers, worship rites, and Luther's introduction. As the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, this version also includes a letter from Bishop Eaton and an introduction to "With New Voices: Luther's Small Catechism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." This edition will contain modern woodcuts as well.