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Sept. 6, 2017		OT 41	Gideon	The First Article I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.	
Sep. 13, 2017		OT 42	Samson	He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all I that I need to support this body and life.	Genesis 1.1 (325)
Sep. 20, 2017		OT 43	Samson	He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.	Psalms 19.1 (284)
Sept. 27, 2017		OT 46	Saul, the first king of Israel	The Second Article And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,	Psalms 118.1 (375)

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Oct. 4, 2017			David Anointed King	<p>who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,</p> <p>that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,</p> <p>just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.</p> <p>This is most certainly true.</p>	John 1.14 (408)
Oct. 11, 2017		OT 47	David & Goliath	<p>The Third Article</p> <p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p> <p>What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.</p>	Romans 10.17 (567)
Oct. 18, 2017		OT 48		<p>In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.</p> <p>In this Christian church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.</p> <p>On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.</p>	John 8.31-32 (616)
Oct. 25, 2017	The Creed			Recitation Week	All for The Creed

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Nov. 1, 2017		OT 51	David Becomes King	<p>Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.</p> <p>The First Petition Hallowed be Thy name. What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.</p>	Philippians 4.6 (693)
Nov. 8, 2017		OT 52	David's Fall and Repentance	<p>How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!</p>	Mark 1.15 (740)
Nov. 15, 2017		OT 54	Solomon	<p>Thy kingdom come. What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.</p> <p>How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.</p>	Isaiah 55.11 (749)

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Nov. 22, 2017 NO CLASS				<p>Thy will be done. What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.</p>	1 Timothy 2.4 (752)
Nov. 29, 2017		OT 55	The Building of the Temple; and Solomon's Death	<p>Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.</p>	Psalm 145.15-16 (766)
Dec. 6, 2017		OT 57 & 58	The Prophet Elijah; Elijah and the Prophets of Baal	<p>What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.</p>	

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Dec.13, 2017		OT 61	Elijah and Elisha	<p>And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.</p> <p>What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.</p>	Psalm 130.3-4 (789)
Dec. 20, 2017 NO CLASS				<p>And lead us not into temptation.</p> <p>What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.</p>	Psalm 50.15 (820)
Dec. 27, 2017 NO Class				<p>But deliver us from evil.</p> <p>What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.</p>	

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Jan. 3, 2018		OT 63	The Prophet Jonah	<p>For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.</p> <p>What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."</p>	
Jan. 10, 2018	The Lord's Prayer			Recitation Week	All for The Lord's Prayer
Jan. 17 2018		OT 64	Overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel; Hezekiah	<p>First and Second</p> <p>What is Baptism?</p> <p>Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.</p> <p>What is that word of God?</p> <p>Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:</p> <p>"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."</p>	

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Jan. 24, 2018		OT 65	The Babylonian Captivity	<p>Second What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Third How can water do such great things? Certainly not just the water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.</p>	Acts 2.38 (846)
Jan 31, 2018		OT 66	The Prophet Daniel	<p>For without God's word the water is just water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three, "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."</p>	Galatians 3.26-27 (864)

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Feb. 7, 2018		OT 67	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace	<p>Fourth</p> <p>What does such baptizing with water mean? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.</p> <p>Where is this written?</p> <p>St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six, "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."</p>	2 Corinthians 5.17 (870)
NO CLASS Feb. 14, 2018	The Sacrament of Baptism				All for The Sacrament of Baptism
Feb. 21, 2018	The Sacrament of Baptism			Recitation Week	All for The Sacrament of Baptism
Feb. 28, 2018		OT 69	Daniel and the Lion's Den	<p>What is Confession?</p> <p>Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.</p> <p>What sins should we confess?</p> <p>Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which know and feel in our hearts.</p>	John 20.23 (886), ASV: Whose soever sins you forgive, they have been forgiven them; and whose soever sins you bind, they have been bound.

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Mar. 7, 2018		OT 70	The Return from Captivity	<p>What is the Office of the Keys? The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent. Where is this written? This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)</p>	Proverbs 28.13 (877)
Mar. 14, 2018		OT 72	Ezra, Nehemiah, and Malachi	<p>What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, it is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.</p>	Matthew 18.20 (896)
NO CLASS Mar. 21, 2018	Confession				All for Confession
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Apr. 4, 2018	Confession			Recitation Week	All for Confession

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Apr. 11, 2018				<p>What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink. Where is this written? The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take; eat. This is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."</p>	1 Corinthians 11.27 (937)
Apr. 18, 2018			Books of the Bible	<p>In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." What is the benefit of such bodily eating and drinking? These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.</p>	1 John 1.7 (947)
Apr. 25, 2018			Books of the Bible	<p>How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."</p>	Mark 9.24 (963)

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May 2, 2018				<p>Who receives this Sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.</p>	
May 9, 2018	The Sacrament of the Altar		Books of the Bible	Recitation Week	All for The Sacrament of the Altar