



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 preserves them;

also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I to support this body and life;

that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil;

and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him

This is most certainly true.



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RESPOND

All catechism students

Psalm	8
Reading	Genesis 2:7-25; 3:1-24
Catechism Hymn	36

- Catechism Family Devotions
- Attend Divine Service and Sunday School
- Read memory work aloud 3 times a day in the morning and in the evening every day this week

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Review the lesson this review sheet

First year students

• Complete Quiz 6A in the online classroom.

Second year students

- Read Questions 116-120 in A Short Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism (pg. 97ff).
- Complete Quiz 6B in the online classroom.

Third year students

- Read *Luther's Large Catechism* pg. 84-85 (beginning at paragraph 19).
- Complete Quiz 6C in the online classroom



Review—The Creed: First Article (II)

God gives us good gifts as a Father gives gifts to his children. We have not earned what God gives.

Our duty to God is to thank and praise Him, and willingly serve and obey Him.

Because of our sin, we misuse God's good gifts, and we should humbly repent.



For here we see how the Father has given Himself to us, together with all creatures, and has most richly provided for us in this life. We see that He has overwhelmed us

with unspeakable, eternal treasures by His Son and the Holy Spirit, as we shall hear



Creation is thrown into disarray because of man's sin.

- The sin of one man, Adam, is the original of all sin (Romans 5:12). This original sin is such a deep corruption of human nature that reason cannot comprehend it; it must be believed.
- Because of this corruption, the natural powers of man are severely impaired: a right reason, good will.
- Free will is impaired so that sinful man is unable to choose good and reject evil and keep the Ten Commandments.
- The teaching of evolution denies not only the creation of God, but also original sin, and robs Christ of His glory.
- The Father creates, sustains, and also recreates. Because of the sacrifices of Christ, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, the Father creates clean hearts in those who believe, and renews a right spirit in them.
- On the Last Day, when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead, the Father will recreate the heavens and the earth with the Son and the Holy Spirit.



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