



# A Year with the Catechism

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*(In preparation for next week.)*

## **Confession**

*What is confession?* Confession has two parts. First, 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

## **Bible Passages**

Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him. *Psalms 32:2*

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.. *Proverbs 28:13*

David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. *2 Samuel 12:13*

## **Weekly Catechism Reading**

Luke 15

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## *Devotion*

### **Bible Readings**

Prov. 28:13; Mark 11:25; Luke 18:13

### **Devotion**

Have you ever said or done something bad to your friend? Maybe, you were angry, and after all, what did it hurt? It hurt your friend. That was bad enough, but it is also a sin. Later, however, you go to your friend and apologized. When you confess to your friend, what you had done and they forgive you, you feel restored. It is like a weight is off your shoulders.

That is the way it is with us sinners. We know if we confess our sins to God and are truly sorry, they will be forgiven. We ask and receive absolution of our sins from our pastor, as from God Himself. In our Sunday morning service the pastor says, “In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins.” Our sins are gone even the ones of which we are unaware. That is a great feeling, to think that even I can have my sins forgiven.

### **Prayer**

When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ  
the sinner stands; He who by grace the Word believes  
The purchase of His blood receives. Amen.