**3rd Quarter Memory**

**Bible Verses**

* **Matthew 18:15** “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.”
* **1 Timothy 2:5** “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and Men, the man Christ Jesus.
* **Romans 8:37-39** “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Liturgy**

* **Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior

For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed.

* **Magnificat continued**

The Almighty has done great things for me,

And holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

In every generation

**Catechism on Confession** *page 24-27 of Luther’s Small Catechism*

* ***What is Confession?***  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.
* ***What sins should we confess?*** 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 should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.
* ***Which are these?*** Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments; Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?
* ***The penitent says:*** Dear confessor, I ask you please to hear my confession and to pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God’s will. I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. In particular I confess before you that as a servant, maid, etc., I, sad to say, serve my master unfaithfully, for in this and that I have not done what I was told to do.
* ***The penitent says continued:*** I have made him angry and caused him to curse. I have been negligent and allowed damage to be done. I have also been offensive in words and deeds. I have quarreled with my peers. I have grumbled about the lady of the house and cursed her. I am sorry for all of this and I ask for grace. I want to do better.
* ***A master or lady of the house may say:*** In particular I confess before you that I have not faithfully guided my children, servants, and wife to the glory of God. I have cursed. I have set a bad example by indecent words and deeds. I have hurt my neighbor and spoken evil of him. I have overcharged, sold inferior merchandise, and given less that was paid for.
* ***A master or lady of the house may say continued:*** If, however, someone does not find himself burdened with these or greater sins, he should not trouble himself or search for or invent other sins, and thereby make confession a torture. Instead, he should mention one or two that he knows: In particular I confess that I have cursed; I have used improper words; I have neglected this or that, etc. Let that be enough.
* ***A master or lady of the house may say continued 2:*** But if you know of none at all (which hardly seems possible), then mention none in particular, but receive the forgiveness upon the general confession which you make to God before the confessor
* ***Then the confessor shall say:*** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Amen.
* ***Furthermore:*** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God’s forgiveness? Yes, dear confessor.
* ***Then let him say:*** Let it be done for you as you believe. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in peace.
* ***Then let him say continued:*** A confessor will know additional passages with which to comfort and to strengthen the faith of those who have great burdens of conscience or are sorrowful and distressed.