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F-3	The Apostles' Creed – The 2 nd Article "What Does This Mean?" (LSC p. 17)	Parent:
	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, 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, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.	
	This is most certainly true.	

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F-6	The Apostles' Creed – The 3 rd Article "What Does This Mean?" (<i>LSC p. 17-18</i>)	Parent:
	I believe that I cannot by my 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. 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. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. 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.	

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F-8	Baptism I (LSC p.23)	Parent:
	<i>What is Baptism?</i> Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.	
	Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "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." [Matt. 28:19]	

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F-10	Baptism II (LSC pp.24-25)	Parent:
	<i>What benefits does Baptism give?</i> 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.	
	<i>Which are these words and promises of God?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." <i>[Mark 16:16]</i>	

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Wn-1	Baptism III <i>(LSC p.24)</i>	Parent:
	How can water do such great things?	
	Certainly not just 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. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a lifegiving	
	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." [Titus 3:5-8]	

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Wn-2	Baptism IV (LSC p.24)	Parent:
	<i>What does such baptizing with water indicate?</i> 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.	
	<i>Where is this written?</i> 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." <i>[Rom. 6:4]</i>	

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Wn-3	Confession (LSC pp.25)	Parent:
	<i>What is Confession?</i> Confession embraces two parts: the one is, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe, that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.	
	<i>What sins should we confess?</i> Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not know, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess those sins alone which we know and feel in our hearts.	Parent:

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Wn-4	Confession (LSC pp.25)	Parent:
	<i>Which are these?</i> 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?	

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Wn-5	Office of the Keys (LSC p.26)	Parent:
	<i>What is the office of the Keys?</i> 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.	
	<i>Where is this written?</i> This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on them 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)	Parent:

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Wn-6	Office of the Keys (LSC p.26)	Parent:
	What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine 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, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.	

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Wn-7	Sacrament of the Altar I	Parent:
	What is the Sacrament of the Altar (LSC p. 28)	
	It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.	
	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 His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." 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."	

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Wn-8	Sacrament of the Altar II	Parent:
	What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? (LSC p. 29)	
	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.	

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Wn-9	Sacrament of the Altar III (LSC p.29)	Parent:
	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."	

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Wn-10	Sacrament of the Altar IV (LSC p.29)	Parent:
	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.	