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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION  
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Lesson 23: "The Apostles' Creed, Part 10," (L23)  
Year 1 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

- \*Become familiar with The Third Article of The Apostles' Creed.
- \*Know what forgiveness is.
- \*Can share their reason and hope for their forgiveness of sins.
- \*Share 4 reasons why we hold to salvation/justification by grace through faith.
- \*Memorize Bible Verse #635, John 3:16.

1. Introduction:

Watch video: (Parents are to meet with students during instruction with this commandment).

2. Grab a bill or an IOU. Then hold up some money and/or a check book. Do any know what these are? These are things we have to pay. We pay by a check or sometimes with cash. Sin is the evil things we do. What are some sins that you and I commit? Due to sin against God, we owe Him a debt. As a matter of fact, sin is also called a debt and in the Lord's Prayer, some say "forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors." Let's say I owe someone a thousand dollars and can't afford to pay them back. But let's say that the person or institution that I owe the debt forgives me and releases me? That would be grace and gracious. Today, we hear about the part of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed that God forgives sin. He wipes out our debt. Not with money, but with His son's life and death and blood. Today we hear of the "Forgiveness of Sins!"

III. THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS:

3. Write out below, The Third Article, "Sanctification," as found on p. 147, completely below;

4. Answer question #180 on pp. 164-165, "Why do you say, 'I believe in the forgiveness of sins?'"
- Who has Jesus given pardon and forgiveness to?
  - Complete: 2 Cor. 5:19, "In \_\_\_\_\_ God was \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself, \_\_\_\_\_ counting \_\_\_\_\_ trespasses against them."
  - Discuss if Christ died for all, He died for me, because I'm part of ALL!
5. Answer question #181 on p. 165, "What moves God to forgive sins?"
- There are two reasons: He is \_\_\_\_\_ and of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Write below and memorize Bible verse #635, John 3:16.
- C. Answer question #182, "How was it possible for a just and holy God to declare sinners righteous (justification)?" This is found on pp. 638-640.
- Who have our sins been imputed to? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who has Christ's righteousness been imputed to? \_\_\_\_\_
  - During the Civil War it was common for a soldier who has been drafted to pay \$300 to have substitute go and fight for them. How is that like Christ, our Savior?
  - Find a Bible verse between Verses #638 to 640 that speaks this to you, write it.
  - Read "*Bible Narrative*," on p. 166, "Draw/color a picture of that below.
6. Read question #183, on p. 166, "Where does God offer the forgiveness of sins?"
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Multiple choice;  
God offers forgiveness of sins;
    - \_\_\_\_\_ By us doing Good things for God.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Because we have church in the family.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ By us giving money to the church.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Through Jesus freely dying and rising for us.
7. Read question #184 on p. 184, "How do I receive this forgiveness?"
- By \_\_\_\_\_ and by \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

- B. Pick one verse that to you describes your faith between Bible verses #644-646 and write it below.
- C. Read question #185 on p. 167, "Why can and should I be sure of the forgiveness of sins?" Because God keeps His \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Multiple choice, I can be certain of forgiveness of sins.
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Because of the feeling of my heart that I'm saved.
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Because God's Word promises that to me.
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Because God knows that I earned it.
    - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Because I have a lot of cool friends.
  2. Complete: 2 Timothy, 1:12, "I \_\_\_\_\_ whom I \_\_\_\_\_ believed, and I \_\_\_\_\_ convinced that He is \_\_\_\_\_ to guard \_\_\_\_\_ that Day what has been \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."
8. Read question #186 on pp. 167-168, "Why must we firmly hold to this teaching of justification by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith?" Add this to their triangle. "We must hold firmly to this teaching because?" Write four reasons.
9. Go to pp. 275-283, in your Catechism "**Symbols and their meanings.**" Find and draw/color two symbols from these pages that share the joy you have in your forgiveness.

***Closing prayer; "Heavenly Father, we're saved by grace through faith. Thanks for taking our sin & giving us Your righteousness, keep us always in saving faith. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."***