

# Press Release

## LutheranCatechism.com Releases Second Version of Free Small Catechism Memory Cards

### New Version Uses Northwestern Publishing House/WELS Translation of the Small Catechism

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**Sidney, Montana. February 16, 2016.** LutheranCatechism.com announces the second release of Small Catechism Memory Cards. This release uses the Northwestern Publishing House/Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod translation of the Small Catechism. This free resource lets anyone print standard size 3" x 5" index cards, each containing a portion of Luther's Small Catechism to use as a memorization aid, for teaching children, or for meditation and prayer. Simply download the free PDF file containing the cards and an instructions file. Then follow the instructions to print and separate the cards.

The instructions explain two suggested ways of using the cards. The first way is in a simple loop or circle. The second way uses the Charlotte Mason memory box method. This method, popular with homeschoolers, enhances retention, so that memory does not slip away.

Christian homeschoolers have adapted the Charlotte Mason memory box system to memorizing Scripture. From there, it is a small step to adapting it to memorizing the Small Catechism. Another provided PDF file lets anyone print index box divider cards for use with the Charlotte Mason system. Other simple alternatives for creating divider cards also are explained.

This resource is distributed on LutheranCatechism.com's website on its Memory Cards page, listed in the menu at the top of every page on the website.

This second version of Small Catechism Memory Cards uses *the Luther's Small Catechism: A Contemporary Translation*. This is the revised WELS edition of the enchiridion with NIV Bible passages.

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LutheranCatechism.com is working on additional versions of the memory cards using more translations of the Small Catechism. It also is working on different form factors for people who might prefer postcard dimensions. It also is working on versions that incorporate graphics and duplex printing with the question on one side and the answers on the other side of the cards.

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The Catechism is **strategic**.

The Catechism is one of the most powerful and recurring engagements of laity by the Church with the truths of Scripture that are able to make one, from childhood, “wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:15)

Through this website, the Editor hopes to stir inclination, focus, encouragement, incentive, morale, knowledge, examples, demonstrations, and resources to:

1. **Parents.**  
Restore the Small Catechism to active use by more parents in the home. Dr. Luther said repeatedly in the Catechism, “*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.*”
2. **Pastors.**  
Provide ideas and resources for pastoral catechesis.
3. **Teachers in Congregations.**  
Provide assistance to teachers in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, Bible camps, and other teaching ministries.