

Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Means of Grace

I. Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II. Before You Begin

- ❖ What questions do you have about how grace is given?
- ❖ In the margin of your Catechism list all your questions pertaining to this topic.

III. Into Luther's Small Catechism

- ❖ Read pages 281-284 of the Catechism.

IV. Engage in Activity

- ❖ *Create/Active*-Decorate an empty cardboard tube. Write means of grace/God's delivery system on it. Place a piece of candy in it and then deliver it to someone in your house. The point: God uses the Means of Grace to deliver to His children forgiveness, life, and salvation.
- ❖ *Reflect*-How is being a recipient of God's grace (through Baptism, the Holy Scriptures, and Communion, if applicable), impacted your life?

V. Application

- ❖ *Know*-The Word of God and Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are God's way to deliver forgiveness and salvation to *YOU*.
- ❖ *Do*-Receive with open hands the gifts God gives through His Means of Grace by Remembering your Baptism, gladly hearing God's Word and if applicable faithfully receive Holy Communion.

Prayer

- ❖ Dear Heavenly Father, who generously pours out to us love and grace. Help us to be faithful recipients of Your Means of Grace. May we ever cherish, delight in and respect the beautiful gifts and the One who so freely gives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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VI. Digging Deeper (Other helpful resources on this topic)

All links listed below can be found at redeemerjackson.org/grow/affirmation-of-faith

❖ Videos

- [Luther's Small Catechism Study Video-Means of Grace](#)

❖ Podcasts

- [The Means of Grace-Thinking Fellows \(1517\)](#)
- [Are the Means of Grace Biblical?-Bryan Wolfmüller](#)

❖ Reading

- *Luther's Large Catechism* portions on the means of grace