



## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 23: LORD'S PRAYER

#### FIRST PETITION

### Introduction

What is the *first request* (petition) we make in the Lord's Prayer?

### The Name Of God

God's name is \_\_\_\_\_

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- God's names identify Him and describe for us who He is (Lamb of God, Jehovah, Good Shepherd). See your notes on the Second Commandment.
- Finally the whole Bible (all God's word) identifies Him and describes Him, so *all of God's word is His name* too.
- From His name, we learn that God is our loving Savior.

### Keeping God's Name Holy

To *hallow* something means *to keep it holy* or *to set something aside for a divine purpose*. When we pray "hallowed be Thy name" we are asking that God's name be honored and used properly among us.

To *hallow* means the same as to praise, extol, and honor in word and deed.

- Luther's *Large Catechism*

- God's name is already holy by itself, but we pray here that we would keep it that way!
- God's name is *dishonored* by \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 7:15-23 (1136)

Romans 2:21-24

Just as earthly children bring shame to their family name by their sins, so we as children of God disgrace our heavenly Father's name by everything we say or do that is against His will. On the other hand, just as earthly children bring glory and honor to their parents' name by their good behavior, so we as children of God glorify our Father's name by doing His will.

Luther's *Large Catechism*: God's name was given to us when we became Christians at Baptism, and so we are called children of God . . . God is dishonored if we who are called by His name . . . fail to teach, speak, and live as godly, heavenly children.

Luther's *Large Catechism*: The name of God is profaned by us either in words or in deeds: 1) When people preach, teach, and speak in God's name anything that is false and deceptive 2) When men grossly misuse the divine name as a cloak for their shame, by swearing, cursing, etc. 3) When those who are called Christians and God's people are adulterers, drunkards, gluttons, jealous persons, and slanderers.

- God's name is *kept holy* by

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2 Timothy 4:1-5 (1132); Jeremiah 23:28 (1130)

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Matthew 5:14-16 (1133)

Luther's *Large Catechism*: How does God's name become holy among us? When both our teaching and our life are godly and Christian . . . There is nothing God would rather hear than to have His glory and praise exalted above everything else and His Word taught in its purity and cherished and treasured.

## Summary

In summary the, what are we praying for when we say *hallowed be Thy name*?

We are praying *for*:

We are praying *against*:

## Assignment

- Memorize the first petition with the explanations (Catechism, p. 204)