Day 1
Introduction and Overview

Two Metaphors
sickness and health
fences (around, in and out)

examination and assessment
diagnosis of malady
the right medicine and the cure
healthy life plan
33 When the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching. 34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered themselves together. 35 One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, testing him. 36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?”

Matthew 22:33-40 (WEB)
37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 A second likewise is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” (Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18)

Matthew 22:33-40 (WEB)
The First Commandment

Thou shalt have no other gods.

What does this mean? – Answer.

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (Triglot Concordia)

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Luther’s Small Catechism

Psalm 115

John 1

everyone has a “god”
everyone believes in something
faith always has an object
Is the object of the faith and belief ... the true God or a false god?

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

Psalm 115:1-8 (NIV)

They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see; they have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell; they have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

Psalm 115:1-8 (NIV)
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:14,16 (NIV)
“under”
- The God who understands.
- The God who is under the Law and wrath.
- The God who crushes sin, death and Devil under his foot.
- The God who has all things under his control.
- The God who comes “in, with and under” the Word and Sacraments.

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"To Whom Shall We Go?"