Catechism Class

2022-2023 School Year

# Instructor Information

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# General Information

## Description

Catechesis is defined as “oral religious instruction”. It is the basic instruction of the Christian faith to youth and adults of all ages. Catechesis begins at birth and does not end till death. Traditionally in most congregations there is intentional, in depth times for Catechesis. Catechism Class is one of those times, traditionally in the Jr. High years of 5th-8th grades. The 7th and 8th grade catechism students will study the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper along with the Confession and Absolution during the 2022-2023 School Year.

## Expectations and Goals

1. Grow closer to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
2. Gain a better understanding of our Lutheran teachings.
3. Take to memory portions of Scripture that will be of benefit in the future.
4. Become an active disciple of Jesus Christ.

# Course Materials

## Required Materials

* Hymnal
* Notebook
* Binder with folder
* Pen or pencil/highlighter
* Faith Alive Bible
* Luther’s Small Catechism
* Catechism Workbook

## Requirements

**Attend Sunday Worship and Catechism Classes each week!** This is not an option. Part of Catechesis is being in the Divine Service. Catechesis is done from the pulpit as well. You will be promising that you will be in worship faithfully when you finish this intentional Catechesis time. Be in the Divine Service, receive God’s Grace, if you are not you are choosing not to participate on Confirmation Sunday. This is your choice as parents and students.

* Memorize assigned texts each week.
* Complete weekly work as assigned.
* Complete the learning log as assigned. – These will be reflective journaling from Class.
* Participate in service to the Church and His Kingdom.
* Complete 20 worship reports
* Acolyte at least 10 times during the school year
* Write a reflective essay at the end of your last year in Catechism class.

# Course Schedule

| Date | Topic | Reading | Memory Work |
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| 8/31/22 | Orientation |  |  |
| 9/7/22 | Overview of Lord’s Prayer | Read pages 231-236 |  |
| 9/14/22 | Introduction | Read pages 237-241 | Introduction and Meaning |
| 9/21/22 | 1st Petition | Read pages 242-245 | 1st petition and meaning |
| 9/28/22 | 2nd Petition | Read pages 246-251 | 2nd Petition and Meaning |
| 10/5/22 | 3rd Petition | Read pages 252-257 | 3rd Petition and Meaning |
| 10/12/22 | 4th Petition | Read pages 258-263 | 4th petition and meaning |
| 10/19/22 | 5th Petition | Read pages 264-268 | 5th petition and meaning |
| 10/26/22 | 6th Petition | Read pages 269-273 | 6th petition and meaning |
| 11/2/22 | 7th Petition | Read pages 274-278 | 7th petition and meaning |
| 11/9/22 | Conclusion | Read pages 279-280 | Conclusion and Meaning  |
| 11/16/22 | Means of Grace | Read pages 281-284 | 1 Corinthians 1:28 |
| 11/23/22 | No Class | Thanksgiving Break |  |
| 11/30/22 | Nature of Baptism | Read pages 285-291 | What is Baptism? & Matthew 28:19 |
| 12/7/22 | Blessing of Baptism | Read pages 292-296 | What Benefits? & Mark 16:16 |
| 12/14/22 | Power of Baptism | Read pages 297-301 | Titus 3:5-8 |
| 12/21/22 | What Baptism Indicates | Read pages 302-305 | What Does Baptism Indicate & Romans 6:4 |
| 12/28/22 | No Class | Christmas/New Year’s Break |  |
| 1/4/23 | Confession | Read pages 306-313 | 1 John 1:8-9 |
| 1/11/23 | Office of the Keys | Read pages 314-321 | What is the Office of the Keys? And John 20:22-23 |
| 1/18/23 | Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar | Read pages 322-330 | What is the Sacrament of the Altar and Where is it written? |
| 1/25/23 | Benefits of the Sacrament of the Altar  | Read pages 331-334 | What is the Benefit?  |
| 2/1/23 | Power of the Sacrament of the Altar | Read pages 335-337 | How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? |
| 2/8/23 | Receiving Sacrament worthily | Read pages 338-345 | Who receives the Sacrament Worthily? |
| 2/15/23 | Means of Grace Review |  | John 8:36 and 1 John 4:19 |
| 2/22/23 | Daily Prayers | Read pages 346-348 | Luther’s Morning or Evening Prayers |
| 3/1/23 | Table of Duties (1) | Read pages 349-350 | 4th Commandment and Meaning |
| 3/8/23 | Table of Duties (2) |  | Ephesians 6:1-3 |
| 3/15/23 | Church Year | Read pages 377-382 |  |
| 3/22/23 | Life within the Congregation |  | Ephesians 4:11-12 |
| 3/29/23 | Christian Stewardship |  | Hebrews 13:16 |
| 4/5/23 | Holy week  | No Class |  |
| 4/12/23 | Christian Questions and Answers |  |  |
| 4/19/23 | Review Rite of Confirmation | Practice Questions |  |
| 4/26/23 | Practice Questions |  |  |
| 4/30/23 | Questioning |  |  |
| 5/3/23 | End of Year Pizza Party |  |  |
| 5/7/23 | Rite of Confirmation |  |  |
| 5/10/23 |  |  |  |
| 5/17/23 |  |  |  |
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# Additional Information and Resources

## Weather Policy

We follow the Barron Schools schedule. When Barron Schools close for weather, we will not have Catechism Class.

## Family Friendly

Parents are free to attend any of the classes. In fact, I recommend it.

## Additional Resources

[**Devotions on the Small Catechism**](https://www.cph.org/p-32538-devotions-on-the-small-catechism.aspx)

# Why Am I Joyfully Lutheran? Instruction, Meditation, and Prayers on Luther’s Small Catechism

# Luther’s Small Catechism: A Manual for Discipleship