



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Confirmation, 2025-26

Instructor

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Course Description

The primary focus of this class is to teach Christian doctrine as presented in Luther's Small Catechism. Particular attention will be paid to the six chief parts: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles Creed, The Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession and Absolution, and the Sacrament of the Altar. The class will be taught using various methods, including classroom instruction, written exercises, memorization, practical application, and examination.

Required Texts

- *Lutheran Study Bible*
- *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, 2017 Edition*

Expectations

Throughout the catechesis time, the students faithfully attend Church and Sunday School, serve as acolytes, turn in sermon notes, and attend the midweek Confirmation classes, where a more in-depth study of what the Catechism means for us as Christians and how we live God-pleasing lives in accordance with His Word given in the Bible and expounded upon in the Small Catechism.

Assignments

Assignments are not intended to be cumbersome but serve to prepare students for class each week and solidify the material they are learning. Assignments will include:

- *Exercises* – Each week, students will complete exercises assigned by the pastor.

Memorization

The Small Catechism is reviewed in the home, i.e., the student will memorize every word of the teaching of the Six Chief parts under their parent(s)' tutelage. Students are allowed to memorize at their own pace. When the parent(s) tell the pastor the child is ready to recite a section, the pastor and an elder examine the child only on that section. We encourage different styles of learning. When the child successfully recites the memory work, the pastor informs the parent(s), and the parent(s) continue their work with the children.

Confirmation Examination

Those students who will be confirmed this year will be examined by Pastor Krieg on Friday, March 27th, at 6:00 p.m. Regular attendance of classes and study throughout the year will prepare the students very well for their interviews.

Schedule

The class will meet on Sunday mornings **during Sunday School**, 9:00 – 10:00 am (**6th through 8th-grade students**), and then Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 – 6:00 pm (**7th and 8th-grade only**). 75% attendance is required in both classes. The Sunday morning class provides an introduction to Christian apologetics, while the Wednesday session is a deeper study focusing on the application of the Catechism in the life of a Christian. The specific dates and topics are as follows:

Date	Topic	Memorization for the Week
August		() indicates Memory for Sundays
27-Aug	Session 1 - Introduction	Books of the OT & NT by Oct 15 th (John 14:6)
September		
3-Sept	Session 2 – 1 st Commandment	1 st Commandment (Matthew 4:10)
10-Sept	Session 3 – 2 nd & 3 rd Commandments	2 nd & 3 rd Commandments w/ Meanings (Psalm 150:2)
17-Sept	No Class – Off for Fair	(Hebrews 10:25)
24-Sept	Session 4 – 4 th & 5 th Commandments	4 th & 5 th Commandments w/ Meanings (Proverbs 23:22)
October		
1-Oct	Session 5 – 6 th & 7 th Commandments	6 th & 7 th Commandments w/ Meanings (Matthew 19:6)
8-Oct	Session 6 – 8 th , 9 th , & 10 th Commandments	8 th , 9 th , & 10 th Commandments w/ meanings (Luke 6:37)
15-Oct	Session 7 – Close of the Commandments	Conclusion of the Commandments (Philippians 4:11)
22-Oct	Session 8 – 1 st Article of the Creed (1)	1 st Article w/ meaning (Genesis 1:1)
29-Oct	Session 9 – 1 st Article of the Creed (2-3)	(Galatians 3:26)
November		
5-Nov	Session 10 – 2 nd Article of the Creed (1)	2 nd Article w/ meaning (Romans 10:10)
12-Nov	Session 11 – 2 nd Article of the Creed (2-3)	(John 1:1-2)
19-Nov	No Class – Off for Thanksgiving	(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
26-Nov	Session 12 – 3 rd Article of the Creed (1)	3 rd Article w/ meaning (1 Peter 4:14)
December		
3-Dec	Session 13 – 3 rd Article of the Creed (2-3)	(1 Corinthians 3:16)
10-Dec	Session 14 – Lord's Prayer – Introduction	Introduction of the Lord's Prayer w/ meaning (John 15:7)
17-Dec	Session 15 – Lord's Prayer – 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Petitions	1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Petitions w/ meanings (Psalm 124:8)
24-Dec	No Class – Off for Christmas	(Luke 2:7)
31-Dec	Session 16 – Lord's Prayer – 4 th Petition	4 th Petition w/ meaning (Psalm 103:19)

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January		
7-Jan	Session 17 – Lord’s Prayer – 5 th Petition	5 th Petition w/ meaning (Psalm 106:1)
14-Jan	Session 18 – Lord’s Prayer – 6 th Petition	6 th Petition w/ meaning (Ephesians 4:32)
21-Jan	No Class	(Jeremiah 1:5)
28-Jan	Session 19 – Lord’s Prayer – 7 th Petition and Conclusion	7 th Petition and Conclusion w/ meanings (2 Thessalonians 3:3)
February		
4-Feb	Session 20 – The Means of Grace	(Galatians 3:27)
11-Feb	Session 21 – The Nature and Benefit of Baptism	1 st & 2 nd Parts (2 Corinthians 5:17)
18-Feb	Session 22 – The Power of Baptism/What Baptism Indicates	3 rd & 4 th Parts (Matthew 18:20)
25-Feb	Session 23 – Confession and Absolution	The Three Questions over Confession & Absolution (James 5:16)
March		
4-Mar	Session 24 – The Office of the Keys	Three Questions over the Office of the Keys (1 Corinthians 11:26)
11-Mar	Session 25 – The Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar	First Two Questions Over the Sacrament of the Altar (1 Corinthians 11:28)
18-Mar	Session 26 – The Benefit and Power of the Sacrament of the Altar	Third and Fourth Questions Over the Sacrament of the Altar (Matthew 26:28)
25-Mar	Session 27 – How to Receive This Sacrament Worthily	The Last Question Over the Sacrament of the Altar (2 Corinthians 13:5)
27-Mar	Questioning/Reception	
29-Mar	Confirmation Sunday	