

# Catechism Class

2025-2026 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. This year students in grades 6 and 7 will begin their 2 year journey of digging into their faith as is written in Luther’s Small Catechism. This is currently a two year program at St. John’s. This School Year we will be looking at the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed.

### 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

- Lutheran Study Bible
- Luther’s Small Catechism
- Catechism Workbook

Notebook  
Binder with folder  
Pen or  
pencil/highlighter

Hymnal will be used in  
class

### 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Memory Work</b>
	Orientation		
9/7/25	Church Picnic		
9/14/25	Harvest Fest		
9/21/25	What is Confirmation?		John 14:6
9/28/25	Creeds, Confession, Who is Jesus?	Matt: 16:13-18; Rom: 3:23-28;	John 17:3
10/5/25	Into to Small Catechism	Questions 1-12	1 Corinthians 6:11
10/12/25	Reading God's Word	Read pages 354-357 (catechism)	2 Timothy 3:16-17
10/19/25	What is Worship?	Read pages 358-359, Question 53	
10/26/25	Reformation Day		Psalm 46:1
11/2/25	Overview of Small Catechism	Look through pages 13-28	Romans 1:16-17
11/9/25	Intro to 10 Commandments	Read Questions 15-23	Matthew 22:36-40
11/16/25	1 <sup>st</sup> Commandment	Read Questions 24-41	1 <sup>st</sup> Commandment and meaning
11/23/25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Commandment	Read Questions 42-47	2 <sup>nd</sup> Commandment and meaning
11/30/25	3 <sup>rd</sup> Commandment	Read Questions 48-53	3 <sup>rd</sup> Commandment and meaning
12/7/25	4 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Read Question 54-58	4 <sup>th</sup> Commandment and meaning
12/14/25	5 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Read Questions 59-64	5 <sup>th</sup> Commandment and meaning
12/21/25	6 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Read Questions 65-77	6 <sup>th</sup> Commandment and meaning
12/28/25	No Class	Christmas/New Years Break	
1/4/26	No Class	Christmas/New Year's Break	
1/11/26	7 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Read Questions 78-82	7 <sup>th</sup> Commandment and meaning
1/18/26	8 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Read Questions 83-87	8 <sup>th</sup> Commandment and meaning
1/25/2	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Commandments	Read Questions 88-92	9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Commandment and meaning
2/1/26	Close of Commandments	Read Questions 93-102	Exodus 20:5-6
2/8/26	Intro to Creed	Read Questions 103-112	Romans 2:15
2/15/26	1 <sup>st</sup> Article - Part 1	Read Questions 113-130	1 <sup>st</sup> article and meaning part 1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Memory Work</b>
2/22/26	1 <sup>st</sup> Article - Part 2	Read Questions 131-139	Meaning part 2
3/1/26	1 <sup>st</sup> Article - Part 3	Read Questions 140-147	Meaning part 3
3/8/26	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article Part 1	Read Questions 148-161	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article and meaning part 1
3/15/26	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article - Part 2	Read Questions 162-175	Meaning part 2
3/22/26	2 <sup>nd</sup> Article - Part 3	Read Questions 176-185	Meaning part 3
3/29/26	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article - Part 1	Read Questions 186-200	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article and meaning part 1
4/5/26	Easter Sunday	No Class	
4/12/26	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article - Part 2	Read Questions 201-218	Meaning part 2
4/19/26	3 <sup>rd</sup> Article - Part 3	Read Questions 219-229	Meaning part 3
4/26/26	Review of Creed	Read Apostles Creed	1 Peter 3:14-15
5/3/26	Return to Commandments	Read Ten Commandments	Romans 3:10-12
5/10/26	Return to Creed	Read Acts 16:13-15	Apostles Creed
5/17/26			
5/24/26			
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## Additional Information and Resources

### Weather Policy

Since class is held on Sundays, we will meet each Sunday as listed above in the schedule. If for some reason, the Elders cancel church, we will also not have catechesis that day!

### Family Friendly

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

### Missing Class Policy

I understand that on Sundays you may be gone for a family function, I would encourage you to let me know beforehand that you will be gone. If you miss class, I expect you to do the readings and the connected pages in the student book so you can keep up with the class!

### Assessment Policy

I do not believe in tests in Catechism Class. I will be assessing them as we go through memory work, class discussion, and other written responses.

### Additional Resources

[Devotions on the Small Catechism](#)

[Why Am I Joyfully Lutheran? Instruction, Meditation, and Prayers on Luther's Small Catechism](#)

[Luther's Small Catechism: A Manual for Discipleship](#)

