



Catechesis and Confirmation: It's About Forming Christ-Followers

Confirmation is not just an academic process or a requirement for membership in God's Kingdom. It's about forming Christ-followers. Confirmation at Faith Lutheran Church is a carefully designed program - one that is intended to bring youth to a closer understanding of God's Word, their Savior Jesus Christ, and the Church as a whole.

Objectives

7th and 8th grade students will become familiar with Lutheran teaching and understanding of Scripture and be able to articulate their faith in Christ. This will be achieved through faithful worship, study, service, engagement with core concepts, as well as encouragement from parents, pastors, leaders and peers.

Requirements

- Regular **worship and class attendance, as well as attendance at the fall retreat.**
- A solid understanding of the "Six Chief Parts" of the Small Catechism.
 - Each student is asked to demonstrate their understanding of basic Christianity by **sharing the Six Chief Parts and Luther's explanations.**
 - When a student is ready to be examined, he/she should make an appointment with a pastor or the Director of Youth and Education. This demonstration of proficiency can be conducted through a combination of written and oral forms at the leader's discretion.
- Each student is required to discuss each week's themes with his/her family (see extended schedule for weekly family discussion topics).
- **Completion of Sermon Notes** (18 per year)
 - Forms are provided on the bookshelves near the south entrance to the Sanctuary. Apply what you learn from the Catechism to listen for the Law and Gospel being delivered in the sermon.
 - **OR** You may have up to 9 notes substituted each year by participating in worship service opportunities. These can include serving as acolyte, usher, reader, A/V assistant, or for leading your family in worship at home. It's up to you to arrange for these opportunities. To receive credit fill out the backside of a sermon note.
- When all other requirements have been met, students will **design a 'statement of faith'** in which they not only demonstrate their knowledge of Lutheran doctrine, but apply it to their own lives. Guidelines for completion will be presented at the class retreat.

Resources

A yearly payment of **\$60 per family covers retreats and class materials** including:

- The Lutheran Service Book
- Luther's Small Catechism

Catechism Schedule: 2019/2020

Date	Theme	Memory Work
Sept. 6-7	Mandatory Class Retreat	
Sept. 8	2 nd Sunday Faith Family Celebration	
Sept. 15	Books of Moses	Memorize Order of the Pentateuch
Sept. 22	Abraham and Isaac	Memorize 10 Commandments in Order
Sept. 29	The Passover	Memorize 1st and 2nd Cdmts and Exp.
Oct. 6	The 10 Commandments	Memorize 3rd and 4th Cdmts and Exp.
Oct. 13	2 nd Sunday Faith Family Celebration	Memorize 5th and 6th Cdmts and Exp.
Oct. 20	King David	Memorize 7th and 8th Cdmts and Exp.
Oct. 27	Reformation: What's it All About?	Memorize 9th and 10th Cdmts and Exp.
Nov. 3	Psalms and Prophets	Finish Memorizing 10 Cdmts
Nov. 10	2 nd Sunday Faith Family Celebration	The Apostles Creed
Nov. 17	Commandments 1,2,3	Memorize 1st Article of Creed and Exp.
Nov. 24	Commandments 4 & 5	Finish Memorizing 1st Article of Creed
Dec. 1	Commandment 6: Marriage	Memorize 2nd Article of Creed and Exp.
Dec. 8	2 nd Sunday Faith Family Celebration	Finish Memorizing 2nd Art. And Exp.
Dec. 15	Commandments 7 & 8	Memorize 3rd Article of Creed and Exp.
Dec. 22	Commandments 9 & 10	Finish Memorizing 3rd Article and Exp.
Dec. 29	Christmas Break	Break!
Jan. 5	Weird Questions Day ???	
Jan. 12	2 nd Sunday Faith Family Celebration	
Jan. 19	God the Creator	Memorize Baptism (1st Part)
Jan. 26	Jesus: The Great I AM	Memorize Baptism (2nd Part)
Feb. 2	Jesus the Savior	Memorize Baptism (3rd Part)
Feb. 9	2 nd Sunday Faith Family Celebration	Memorize Baptism (4th Part)
Feb. 16	Jesus' Return	Finish Memorizing Holy Baptism
Feb. 23	God: The Giver of Life	Finish Memorizing Holy Baptism
March 1	What is Baptism?	The Lord's Prayer
March 8	2 nd Sunday Faith Family Celebration	Finish Memorizing the Lord's Prayer
March 15	The Blessings of Baptism	Introduction to the Lord's Prayer
March 26	Class Outing to Evergreen Cemetery	
March 29	Baptized Into New Life	First Petition to the Lord's Prayer
April 5	Palm Sunday: A Look at Holy Week	Second Petition of Lord's Prayer
April 12	EASTER – NO CLASS!	
April 19	Secrets of the Lutheran Hymnal	Third Petition of Lord's Prayer
April 26	Weird Questions Day ???	Fourth Petition of Lord's Prayer
May 3	Quiz Bowl!	Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer
May 10	Second Sunday – Mother's Day	Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer
May 17	Course Review	Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer
May 24	A Look at the New Testament	Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer

Questions?

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