

2017 Fall Catechism Syllabus

It is with great excitement that I am looking forward to teaching Catechism class this upcoming semester! We will get to know each other as we mature in our Christian faith and learn what our Lord teaches us in the Bible. In this syllabus you will find how the class is outlined and what will be expected of both parent and student. This semester we will study the gift of prayer.

Required Materials

Revised (Blue) Luther's Catechism – Available for a purchase of \$20

NIV Bible

Pen and/or Pencil

2-Pocket Folder or 3-Ring Binder

Grades

Memory Treasures and Preview Sheets – 30%

Discussion Questions – 30%

Sermon Studies and Final Test – 30%

Participation – 10%

A+ 99-100	C+ 83-84
A 96-98	C 80-82
A- 93-95	C- 77-79
B+ 91-92	D+ 75-76
B 88-90	D 72-74
B- 85-87	D- 69-71
	F Below 69

Classroom Procedure

Catechism class is on Sunday from 8:45 – 9:45 AM. The current semester's schedule is found on www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/Confirmation. Pastor Patoka is the primary teacher. In keeping with a child's continuing Christian education, Catechism class happens at home and in the classroom. Each lesson has three components – before the class hour, the class hour itself, and after the class hour. The underlying idea of this structure incorporates a threefold repetition and prepares the student for active engagement during the class hour.

Students will receive their Memory Treasures and Preview Sheet a week before the class hour. Memory Treasures will include a portion of Luther's Small Catechism and an appropriate Bible verse. The Preview Sheets are exclusively based on the Catechism. Students will memorize and complete these at home so they are ready to be turned in at the beginning of the class hour.

Pastor Patoka will review, correct, and reinforce the lesson's truths during the class hour. Each lesson will feature a Bible story and PowerPoint to capitalize on the youth's preference for stories and technology. Students will receive an In Class Handout which they will be able to fill out based on the PowerPoint.

Students will receive a Discussion Questions at the end of each class hour. These are higher level questions including application, explanation of diagrams in the Catechism, and research in the Bible itself. The Discussion Questions also serve as discussion starters between parent and child so that the entire family grows in their faith. Discussion Questions are due the next time the child comes to Catechism class.

Sermon Summaries

Students will be required to complete two sermon summaries a month. Printed forms can be found in the front entryway. Students are able to print off blank forms and watch a sermon online if they find that easier to do.

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