

2021 - 2022 (YEAR B)

Living Faith Biblical Foundations Catechism Course

PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to partner with parents in teaching the essentials of the Christian Faith to their children, so that they might continue to *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* and *“continue in what [they] have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom [they] learned it and how from childhood [they] have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make [them] wise for salvation through faith in Christ”* (2 Pe 3:18 & 2 Ti 3:14–15).

More than ever, knowledge of Christian doctrine is needed, that we and our children might be able to find direction and encouragement in God's answers to life's fundamental questions. “Who am I?”, “Where did I come from?”, “What is my purpose?”, “What is my future?”, and “What is my hope?” are all questions answered in God's Word. I look forward to your partnership in learning as we grow in our faith in Jesus and become better *‘prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks [us] for a reason for the hope that is in [us]...’* (1 Pe 3:15).

CONTENT

The course content consists of approximately 60 lessons taught on a two year rotation - 30 lessons per year. Students are welcome to participate for as many or as few years as it takes to learn the content. Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be recognized with a *Certificate of Christian Knowledge* on Confirmation Sunday.

EXPECTATIONS

- At least one parent is expected to attend class with their student, as parents are their child's single greatest influencer. The values and priorities they model in daily life will have a profound effect on what each child believes and comes to hold dear. Participating in catechism class together provides a helpful context for parents to model their own personal desire to learn God's Word, to observe how their children are processing what they are learning, and to coach them as they interact with the Scripture.
- Regular class and worship service attendance. Please give notice if you will be unable to attend class.
- Completion of all class work, including:
 - worship service notes using notes template (20 per year)
 - memorization of key Bible verses and portions of the Catechism and Explanation as assigned
 - completing workbook and reading assignments prior to class
 - writing a 500 - 700 word essay on a topic covered in the course of study (second year students only). The essay will be presented to the congregation on Confirmation Sunday.

RESOURCES

Please provide your personal copy

- The Holy Bible (English Standard Version preferred)

Provided at first class

- Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (Concordia Publishing House, 2017 edition)
- Enduring Faith 60 Lesson Catechism Study (Concordia Publishing House, 2018)

SCHEDULE

The course will begin with an introductory class over lunch on **Sunday, September 12.**

Following classes will be held on Wednesdays at **4:15 - 5:15 pm** and **7:15 - 8:15 pm**. Students and parents are free to attend the segment which best suits them.

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UNIT 1 INTRODUCTION

September	12	SUNDAY Lunch & Learning (12:30 - 2:00 pm)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Biblical Foundations • The Big Question - Who is Jesus? 2 (workbook chapter)
September	15	Reading God's Word 4
	22	The Small Catechism
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction 3 • Overview 6

UNIT 4 THE LORD'S PRAYER

September	29	The Lord's Prayer	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview 31 • Introduction 32 	
October	6	The First Petition 33	- <i>Hallowed Be Thy Name</i>
October	13	The Second Petition 34	- <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
October	20	The Third Petition 35	- <i>Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven</i>
October	27	The Fourth Petition 36	- <i>Give us this day our daily bread</i>
November	3	The Fifth Petition 37	- <i>And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us</i>
November	10	The Sixth Petition 38	- <i>And lead us not into temptation</i>
November	17	The Seventh Petition 39	- <i>But deliver us from evil</i>
November	24	NO CLASS	
December	1	The Conclusion 40	- <i>For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.</i>

UNIT 5 THE MEANS OF GRACE

December	8	God's Means of Grace 41
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview
December	15	Baptism 42
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it?
December	22	NO CLASS
December	29	NO CLASS

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January	5	NO CLASS
January	12	NO CLASS
January	19	Baptism 43 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which gifts does God's Word in baptism bring to me?
January	26	Baptism 44 & 45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does God's Word in baptism accomplish for me?
February	2	Confession & Forgiveness 46 & 47
February	9	The Lord's Supper 48 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it?
February	16	The Lord's Supper 49 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which gifts does God's Word in The Lord's Supper bring to me?
February	23	The Lord's Supper 50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does God's Word in The Lord's Supper accomplish for me?
March	2	The Lord's Supper 51 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to receive the Lord's Supper
March	9	God's Means of Grace 52 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review
March	16	NO CLASS

UNIT 6 THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

March	23	God's Word & Prayer 53
April	6	Vocation - serving God by serving my neighbor 54 & 55
April	13	A Life of Worship in God's Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church Year 56 • Gifts & Service 57 • Stewardship 58
April	20	Important Questions 59
April	27	Next Steps (second year students prepare for Confirmation Sunday)

May 15 Confirmation Sunday

Year A (2022 - 2023) Dates to be arranged

UNIT 2 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

UNIT 3 THE APOSTLES' CREED