

Christ Lutheran Church

Youth Catechesis Information

2017-2018—Year “A”

What is Confirmation? “Confirmation declares of catechumens [*also called confirmands or even students*] that he/she is a Christian who has been baptized, confesses the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. The reception of catechumens to the Lord's Table assumes that ongoing catechesis [*teaching*] is the way of life for the faithful Christian. This rite emphasizes God's work in Baptism, the gift of faith, and the promises of the Lord's Supper for all who believe in Christ and the words of His testament”

“Confirmation is a custom of the Church and not a sacrament. It links the catechumen to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among them and, in cases where the candidates have not yet communed, welcomes them to the Lord's Table.” (*Confirmation Rubrics, Lutheran Service Book Agenda*).

Confirmation is NOT graduation. Confirmation does NOT complete Baptism. Confirmation does NOT merit God's grace. Confirmation is NOT a Sacrament; it does NOT convey God's forgiveness [*as opposed to Baptism and the Lord's Supper*].

Class Description: The goal of this class is to prepare youth members of Christ Lutheran Church for the Rite of Confirmation. Confirmation instruction is a two year program which culminates in Confirmation for students who successfully completed two years of instruction.

In Year A, youth catechumens are provided an overview of the Old and New Testaments. Luther's Small Catechism is studied deeper in Year B. During Year A, youth catechumens will memorize the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer (including explanations); during Year B, youth catechumens will memorize the Baptism, Confession, the Lord's Supper sections of the catechism, as well as Bible verses, and hymn stanzas.

For those being confirmed, prior to the rite, youth catechumens will be orally examined by Pastor Schilbe with parents and elder present. Luther's Small Catechism is the basis for the examination. The goal of this examination is to determine whether or not the catechumen is ready to be confirmed.

Class Meeting Time: Sundays, 8:45am-9:45am

Instructor: Pastor Schilbe (pastor@christrochester.org, 289-0271, residence: 884-2589)

Required Materials: Faith Alive: ESV Bible (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2011) Year A and B

Old Testament Key Term Flash Cards (Year A)

Catechism Key Term Flash Cards (Year B)

Lutheran Service Book (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2006) Years A and B

Class Requirements: It is expected that students will attend Sunday sessions unless sick or some other serious circumstance (family emergency, etc). Please call pastor in advance to alert him of your absence. The student may need to attend a special “make-up” session, to be scheduled by the pastor and student.

Regular church attendance is an important part of confirmation instruction. Besides hearing God’s Word of Law and Gospel, it is during this time that the student is better incorporated into the church’s worship life by participating in the service as well as by serving as acolyte and/or crucifier. If irregularity in church attendance occurs, the pastor will visit the youth and his/her family to discuss the issue.

Year A: Homework may be given in the form of worship service and sermon written analyses, memory work, or other types of assignments given at Pastor’s discretion. Periodic quizzes based on key terms will be given. **Year B:** Each class will feature the appointed Bible lesson for the session, with the class discussing the doctrinal items relating to that lesson. A vocabulary test will be given at the conclusion of each chief part. In both years, memory work will be heard following the Divine Service.

Note: It is hoped that the parents will assist their children with memorizing memory work and completing their weekly assignments. Memorizing the Small Catechism and Bible verses is a good way to involve the entire family in the confirmation process.

Cancellation Policy Due to Inclement Weather: Call pastor if you cannot attend the Sunday class due to inclement weather (snow, ice).

YOUTH CATECHESIS SCHEDULE

Note: Memory work is heard following the Divine Service.

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment <i>(Due the following week)</i>	Memory Work <i>(Due the following week)</i>
Week 1	Sept 10	Creation, Genesis 1	Read Genesis 2	Commandments 1, 2
Week 2	Sept 17	Adam/Eve	Read Genesis 3; 4:1-16; 4:25-26	Commandments 3, 4
Week 3	Sept 24	The Fall and Cain/Abel	Read Genesis 6:5-7:24; 8:1-9:17	Commandments 5, 6
Week 4	Oct 1	Noah SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #1 DUE	Read Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6; 17:1-7; 17:10-11; 17:15-22; 18:1-15; 21:1-7	Commandment 7
Week 5	Oct 8	Patriarchs Part 1: Abraham	Read Genesis 22:1-18	Commandments 8, 9
Week 6	Oct 15	Patriarchs Part 2: Isaac	Read Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-37	Commandment 10
Week 7	Oct 22	Patriarchs Part 3: Jacob	Read Genesis 37; 39; 41; 45; 50	Close of Commandments
Week 8	Oct 29	Patriarchs Part 4: Joseph	Read Exodus 1-3; Skim Exodus 8:1-10:29	Close of Commandments
October 29 -- Reformation 500 Service, Concordia University—St. Paul, 4pm				

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment <i>(Due the following week)</i>	Memory Work <i>(Due the following week)</i>
Week 9	Nov 5	<i>Quiz over Weeks 1-8 after Divine Service</i> Exodus Part 1: Calling of Moses/Plagues SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #2 DUE	Read Exodus 11; Exodus 12; Exodus 14; Exodus 16; Exodus 19	
Week 10	Nov 12	Exodus Part 2: Passover, Israel's Desert Wanderings, Mt. Sinai	Read Exodus 20:1-21; Exodus 25:1-9, 25:40; Exodus 40:34-38;	Apostles' Creed: First Article and Explanation
November 12 -- Rochester Circuit Reformation Hymn Festival, Trinity Lutheran, 3pm				
Week 11	Nov 19	Exodus Part 3: Commandments, Tabernacle	Read Numbers 14; 20:2-13; Joshua 1:1-18; Joshua 2; Joshua 3; Joshua 6	Apostles Creed: Second Article and Explanation
Week 12	Nov 26	Exodus Part 4: Entering into Canaan	Read Judges 2:11-23; Judges 6; Judges 7	Apostles' Creed: Third Article and Explanation, part 1
Week 13	Dec 3	<i>Quiz Over Weeks 9-12 after Divine Service</i> The Judges: Gideon SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #3 DUE	Read 1 Samuel 1; 1 Samuel 3; 1 Samuel 8	Apostles' Creed: Third Article and Explanation, part 2
Week 14	Dec 10	The Kings Part 1: Samuel	Read 1 Samuel 9; 1 Samuel 10; 1 Samuel 16	
Week 15	Dec 17	The Kings, Part 2: Saul, David	Read 1 Samuel 17; 1 Samuel 19; 1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51; 2 Samuel 7	
December 24 and December 31—No Class (Christmas Vacation)				
Week 16	Jan 7	The Kings Part 3: David SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #4 DUE	Read 1 Kings 3:5-28, 1 Kings 6:1; 6:11-14; 8:22-53	Lord's Prayer: Introduction and Explanation
Week 17	Jan 14	The Kings, Part 4: Solomon	Read 1 Kings 17-18	Lord's Prayer: First Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
January 14 -- Attend Voters Meeting Following Divine Service				

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment <i>(Due the following week)</i>	Memory Work <i>(Due the following week)</i>
Week 18	Jan 21	<i>Quiz Over Weeks 13-17 after Divine Service</i> The Prophets: Part 1: Elijah	Read 2 Kings 2:1-15; 2 Kings 5:1-14	Lord's Prayer: First Petition/ "How is God's Name Kept Holy?"
Week 19	Jan 28	The Prophets, Part 2: Elisha	Skim 2 Kings 21-25	Lord's Prayer: Second Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 20	Feb 4	Fall of the Kingdoms; Exile SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #5 DUE	Read Luke 1-2; Matthew 2-3	Lord's Prayer: Second Petition/ "How Does God's Kingdom Come?"
Week 21	Feb 11	John the Baptist and Jesus <i>Quiz over weeks 18-20 after Divine Service</i>	Read Luke 1-2; Matthew 2-3	Lord's Prayer: Third Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 22	Feb 18	John the Baptist and Jesus	Read Matthew 15:21-31; John 2:1-12	Lord's Prayer: Third Petition/ "How is God's Will Done?"
Week 23	Feb 25	<i>Quiz Over Weeks 21-22 after Divine Service</i> Jesus—Miracles	Read Luke 15; Matthew 25; Matthew 13:1-9; 13:18-23	Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 24	March 4	Jesus—Parables SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #6 DUE	Read John 18-19	Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition/ "What is Meant by Daily Bread?"
Week 25	March 11	Jesus—Passion and Death	Read Matthew 26-27	Lord's Prayer: Fifth Petition and "What Does this Mean?"
Week 26	March 18	Jesus—Passion and Death in Hymns, Music, and Movies	Read Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-10; Acts 1:1-11	Lord's Prayer: Sixth Petition and "What Does this Mean?"
Week 27	March 25	Jesus—Resurrection and Ascension	Read John 15:26-27; Acts 2:1-39	Lord's Prayer: Seventh Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
April 1—No Class (Easter Sunday)				
Week 28	April 8	Pentecost SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #7 DUE	Acts 3:1-26	
Week 29	April 15	<i>Quiz Over Weeks 23-28 after Divine Service</i> Apostolic Authority: Word of Jesus	Acts 6:8-15, Acts 7:1-60	Lord's Prayer: Conclusion and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 30	April 22	Stephen	Acts 9:1-31	

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Week 31	April 29	Conversion of Paul SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #8 DUE		
	April 29	<i>Questioning with pastor, family, elder (After Divine Service)</i>		
Week 32		May 6	Youth Confirmation, 10am	
Week 32	May 13	The Lutheran Liturgy		
Week 33	May 20	The Lutheran Liturgy		