

Christ Lutheran Church

Youth Instruction [Catechesis] Leading To Confirmation Information 2010-2011—Year “B”

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. Youth instruction is a two year program which culminates in Confirmation for students who successfully completed two years of instruction.

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

At the conclusion of Year A, students will recite the primary texts of the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer (not Luther's explanations) from memory in front of the Pastor, parent(s), and elder. A few summary questions will also be asked.

At the conclusion of Year B, students will recite the primary texts of Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Confession sections of the Small Catechism. Such recitation, including summary questions, will take place in front of the Pastor, parents, and Elder. For those being confirmed following completion of “Year B,” the student(s) will be orally examined by Pastor Schilbe with parents and elder present. The goal of this examination is to determine whether or not the student is ready to be confirmed.

Class Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45pm (Fellowship Hall)

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

Required Materials: A Bible History (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2003) (Year A)

Holy Bible (English Standard Version) (Years A and B)—Available in Fellowship Hall.

Old Testament Key Term Flash Cards (Year A)

Catechism Key Term Flash Cards (Year B)

Lutheran Service Book (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2006)—Available in Fellowship Hall.

Luther's Small Catechism (1986 Translation)

Class Requirements:

It is expected that students will attend Wednesday 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. **A special confirmation age Sunday School class will also be held at 8:45am. Confirmation students should attend.** Opportunities for community service (i.e. serving a meal at the Dorothy Day House) and for group interaction between students (youth group activities) will also be announced as the opportunity arises.

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. Periodic short essays may be given so that the student will relate information to daily life.

Memory work will be heard at the beginning of the class.

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.

Special Services: **May 1, 10:00am** *Rite of Confirmation for those being confirmed*

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

WEDNESDAY YOUTH INSTRUCTION [CATECHESIS] SCHEDULE

Memory work is heard at the beginning of each class session.

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment (all from "Lutheran Catechesis" <i>Due the following week</i>)	Memory Work <i>Due the following week</i>
Week 1	August 22	Parent Meeting (Introduction, Sermon/Service Analysis, How to Listen to a Sermon) (after church)	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 1	What is Baptism? Which is that Word of God?
Week 2	September 8	Lesson 1: Commandments 1-3	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 2, Commandments 4 and 5; Sermon and Service Analysis Due Following Week	What benefits does Baptism give? Which are these words and promises of God?
Week 3	September 15	Lesson 2: Commandments 4-5; Service Analysis Due	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 2, Commandments 6-8	How can water do such great things?
Week 4	September 22	Lesson 2: Commandments 6-8	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 3	What does baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?
Week 5	September 29	Lesson 3: Commandments 9-10 and Close	Prepare for Test; Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 4; Sermon and Service Analysis Due Following Week	Gal 2:20, Acts 2:38-39
Week 6	October 6	Test over Catechism Terms; Sermon and Service Analysis Due; Lesson 4: The Apostles' Creed, First Article (Part 1)	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 5	What is Confession?
Week 7	October 13	Lesson 5: The Apostles' Creed, First Article (Part 2)	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 6	What sins should we confess? Which are these?
Week 8	October 20	Lesson 6: The Apostles' Creed, Second Article (Part 1)	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 7; Sermon and Service Analysis Due the Following Week	What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written?
Week 9	October 27	Lesson 7: The Apostles' Creed, Second Article (Part 2); Sermon and Service Analysis Due	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 8	What do you believe according to these words?
Week 10	November 3	Lesson 8: The Apostles' Creed, Second Article	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 9	Matthew 28:18-20

		(Part 3)		
November 10—(NO CLASS) Pastor Out of Town				
Week 11	November 17	Lesson 9: The Apostles' Creed, Second Article (Part 4)	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 10; Sermon and Service Analysis Due the Following Week	Psalms 51:1-2
November 24--(NO CLASS)--Thanksgiving Eve Service				
Week 12	December 1	Lesson 10, The Apostles' Creed, Third Article (Part 1); Sermon and Service Analysis Due	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 11	Psalms 130:3-5
Week 13	December 8	Lesson 11: The Apostles' Creed, Third Article (Part 2);	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 12; Prepare for Test	Isaiah 1:18
Week 14	December 15	Test over Catechism Terms; Lesson 12: The Apostles' Creed, Third Article (Part 3)	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 13; Sermon and Service Analysis Due Following Week	What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
Week 15	December 22	Lesson 13: The Lord's Prayer: Introduction, First Petition, Second Petition; Sermon and Service Analysis Due	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 14;	
December 29--(NO CLASS) Christmas Vacation				
Week 16	January 5	Lesson 14: The Lord's Prayer: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Petitions;	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 15	Where is this written?
Week 17	January 12	Lesson 15: The Lord's Prayer: Sixth Petition, Seventh Petition, Conclusion; Test over Catechism Terms	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 16; Sermon and Service Analysis Due Following Week	What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
January 19--(NO CLASS) Pastor Out of Town Attending Conference at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne.				
Week 18	January 26	Lesson 16: Baptism (highlight original sin); Second Petition; Sermon and Service Analysis Due	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 17	How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
Week 19	February 2	Lesson 17: Baptism (highlight means of grace)	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 18; Sermon and Service Analysis Due Following Week	Who receives this sacrament worthily?
Week 20	February 9	Lesson 18: Baptism; Sermon and Service Analysis Due	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 19; Prepare for Test over Catechism Terms	1 Corinthians 11:27-29
Week 21	February 16	Test over Catechism	Define Catechism Terms	1 Corinthians 10:16-17

		Terms; Lesson 19: Confession	for Lesson 20	
Week 22	February 23	Lesson 20: Confession	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 21	Hymn Stanza
Week 23	March 2	Lesson 21: Confession	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 22, Prepare for Test over Catechism Terms; Sermon and Service Analysis Due the Following Week	Hymn Stanza
Week 24	March 9	Test over Catechism Terms; Lesson 22: The Sacrament of the Altar; Sermon and Service Analysis Due	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 23	Hymn Stanza
Week 25	March 16	Lesson 23: The Sacrament of the Altar	Define Catechism Terms for Lesson 24	
Week 26	March 23	Lesson 24: The Sacrament of the Altar	Prepare for Test over Catechism Terms and “Real-life” Essay(s) Test; Sermon and Service Analysis Due the Following Week	
March 30--(NO CLASS) Spring Break				
Week 27	April 6	Test over Catechism Terms, “Real-life” Essay(s) Test; Sermon and Service Analysis Due		
		Oral Examination will be scheduled during April		
	April 13	Make-up Sessions		
	April 20	Make-up Sessions		
	April 27			
	May 1	Rite of Confirmation, 10:00 am		