



Adult Catechism Class 2007-2008 – Schedule & Syllabus

The Adult Catechism Class is for those seeking to become members of the Lutheran Church. It leads to Baptism for those who have not yet been baptized and to communicant membership in the congregation. We will learn the Bible story of each lesson, recite the Catechism in class and through the week at home, and learn the “primary texts” of the Christian faith. We will also learn how to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in the weekly Divine Service.

✘ **September 12, 2007**

WEEK OF TRINITY 14

Introduction to Adult Catechism Class
What is Catechesis?
How to use the hymnal, the bulletin, etc.

✘ **September 19**

WEEK OF TRINITY 15

Lesson 1 – The Ten Commandments – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Commandments
The faith that saves trusts in Christ alone. The faith that damns trusts in self.

✘ **September 26**

WEEK OF TRINITY 16

Lesson 2 – The Ten Commandments – 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Commandments
All our righteousness is filth. Only the righteousness of Christ saves us from our sin.

✘ **October 3**

WEEK OF TRINITY 17

Lesson 3 – The Ten Commandments – 9th & 10th Commandments & Close
Faith in Christ is impossible for sinners. God alone works repentance and faith.

✘ **October 10**

WEEK OF TRINITY 18

Lesson 4 – The Creed – The First Article
God is Triune. We are made in His image. He created us out of love to give us His life.

✘ **October 17**

WEEK OF TRINITY 19

Lesson 5 – The Creed – The First Article
Man fell into sin when he turned away from God’s life-giving word of love.

✘ **October 24**

WEEK OF TRINITY 20

Lesson 6 – The Creed – The Second Article
God’s love moved Him to save us. God became man to restore man to God.

✘ **October 31**

REFORMATION DAY (Observed)

Lesson 7 – The Creed – The Second Article
The Son of God was made to be sin for us in order to suffer and die for our forgiveness.

✘ **November 7**

WEEK OF TRINITY 22

Lesson 8 – The Creed – The Second Article
Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also resurrection from the dead and new life with God.

✘ **November 14**

3rd LAST WEEK IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Lesson 9 – The Creed – The Second Article
The forgiveness of sins takes away all fear of judgment.

November 21 – NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break

✘ **November 28**

WEEK OF THE FULFILLMENT

Lesson 10 – The Creed – The Third Article
The Holy Spirit ministers God’s love to us through the Gospel and Sacraments of Christ.

✘ **December 5**

1st WEEK IN ADVENT

Lesson 11 – The Creed – The Third Article
We cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. The Holy Spirit calls us to faith by the Gospel.

✘ **December 12**

2nd WEEK IN ADVENT

Lesson 12 – The Creed – The Third Article
The Holy Spirit creates and sustains the Church by the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments.

✘ **December 19**

3rd WEEK IN ADVENT

Lesson 13 – The Lord’s Prayer – Introduction, 1st & 2nd Petitions
We call upon the Lord because of His love to us in Christ Jesus. God gives us the words to pray.

✘ **December 24**

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE
11:00 p.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE

✘ **December 25**

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE

December 26 & January 2 – NO CLASS – Christmas Break

✘ **January 5, 2008**

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

5:00 p.m. – EVENING PRAYER

✘ **January 6, 2008**

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE

✘ **January 9**
WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Lesson 14 – The Lord’s Prayer – 3rd, 4th, & 5th Petitions
Prayer is the cry of faith. Faith relies upon the Word of God, not upon experience.

✘ **January 16**
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (Observed)
Lesson 15 – The Lord’s Prayer – 6th & 7th Petitions, Conclusion
God helps us in spite of our doubts and lack of faith. We are saved by grace alone because of Jesus Christ.

✘ **January 23**
WEEK OF SEPTUAGESIMA (3rd Sun. before Lent)
Lesson 16 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Baptism is God’s work. Baptism saves us. Baptism unites us with Christ.
Lesson 17 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Word of God gives Baptism its power to forgive sins.

✘ **January 30**
WEEK OF SEXAGESIMA (2nd Sunday before Lent)
Lesson 18 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
We did not cause our rebirth; it is a gift from God. Daily repentance is the baptismal life.

✘ **February 6**
ASH WEDNESDAY
No class. Please attend Ash Wednesday Divine Service.
8:15 a.m. – Imposition of Ashes & Liturgy of the Word
7:00 p.m. – Imposition of Ashes & Divine Service

✘ **February 13**
WEEK OF LENT 1
Lesson 19 – Confession & Absolution
God’s greatest joy is the salvation of a sinner.

✘ **February 20**
WEEK OF LENT 2
Lesson 20 – Confession & Absolution
Every sinner needs a pastor. Pastors call us to repentance and forgive us our sins.
Lesson 21 – Confession & Absolution
Forgiving sins is the heart of the pastor’s work. The forgiveness of sins restores our life with God.

✘ **February 27**
WEEK OF LENT 3
Lesson 22 – The Sacrament of the Altar
The Lord’s Supper is the true body and blood of Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

✘ **March 5**
WEEK OF LENT 4
Lesson 23 – The Sacrament of the Altar
The body and blood of Christ give us the forgiveness of sins. Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God.

✘ **March 12**
WEEK OF LENT 5
Lesson 24 – The Sacrament of the Altar
Jesus comes to us in His preaching and His Supper. We need to be brought to repentance and faith continually in order to receive Him worthily.

✘ **March 16, 2008**
PALM SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. – DIVINE SERVICE
10:30 a.m. – DIVINE SERVICE
7:00 p.m. – EVENING PRAYER
7:30 p.m. – Rehearsal for Easter Vigil

✘ **March 20, 2008**
HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY
2:00 p.m. – DIVINE SERVICE
7:00 p.m. – DIVINE SERVICE & Stripping of the Altar

✘ **March 21, 2008**
GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 noon – PASSION OF CHRIST
7:00 p.m. – PASSION OF CHRIST

✘ **March 22, 2008**
HOLY SATURDAY
7:15 p.m. – Pictures – meet in church nave
8:00 p.m. – Vigil of Easter with Baptisms & Confirmations

✘ **March 23, 2008**
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
8:00 a.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE
10:30 a.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE

✘ **March 30, 2008**
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 a.m. – Divine Service
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
12:00 noon – New Member Dinner