



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Adult Catechism Class 2008-2009 - 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 7 - TRINITY 16

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

### ✠ September 14 - TRINITY 17

Lesson 1 - The Ten Commandments - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandments (34)  
*The faith that saves trusts in Christ alone. The faith that damns trusts in self.*

### ✠ September 21 - ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE

Lesson 2 - The Ten Commandments - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Commandments (46)  
*All our righteousness is filth. Only the righteousness of Christ saves us from our sin.*

### ✠ September 28 - ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Lesson 3 - The Ten Commandments - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments & Close (62)  
*Faith in Christ is impossible for sinners. God alone works repentance and faith.*

### ✠ October 5 - TRINITY 20

Lesson 4 - The Creed - The First Article (72)  
*God is Triune. We are made in His image. He created us out of love to give us His life.*

### ✠ October 12 - TRINITY 21

Lesson 5 - The Creed - The First Article (80)  
*Man fell into sin when he turned away from God's life-giving word of love.*

### ✠ October 19 - TRINITY 22

Lesson 6 - The Creed - The Second Article (88)  
*God's love moved Him to save us. God became man to restore man to God.*

### ✠ October 26 - REFORMATION DAY (Observed) - NO CLASS

### ✠ November 2 - ALL SAINTS' DAY (Observed)

### Lesson 7 - The Creed - The Second Article (98)

*The Son of God was made to be sin for us in order to suffer and die for our forgiveness.*

### ✠ November 9 - TRINITY 25

Lesson 8 - The Creed - The Second Article (110)  
*Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also resurrection from the dead and new life with God.*

### ✠ November 16 - TRINITY 26 - NO CLASS

### ✠ November 23 - SUNDAY OF THE FULFILLMENT

Lesson 9 - The Creed - The Second Article (120)  
*The forgiveness of sins takes away all fear of judgment.*

### ✠ November 30 - ADVENT 1

Lesson 10 - The Creed - The Third Article (132)  
*The Holy Spirit ministers God's love to us through the Gospel and Sacraments of Christ.*

### ✠ December 7 - ADVENT 2

Lesson 11 - The Creed - The Third Article (144)  
*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 14 - ADVENT 3

Lesson 12 - The Creed - The Third Article (154)  
*The Holy Spirit creates and sustains the Church by the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments.*

### ✠ December 21 - ADVENT 4

Lesson 13 - The Lord's Prayer - Introduction, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Petitions (166)  
*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 28 & January 4 – NO CLASS – Christmas Break**
- ✘ **January 6, 2009 – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**  
7:00 p.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE
- ✘ **January 11 – THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
Lesson 14 – The Lord’s Prayer – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Petitions (180)  
*Prayer is the cry of faith. Faith relies upon the Word of God, not upon experience.*
- ✘ **January 18 – EPIPHANY 2**  
Lesson 15 – The Lord’s Prayer – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions, Conclusion (192)  
*God helps us in spite of our doubts and lack of faith. We are saved by grace alone because of Jesus Christ.*
- ✘ **January 25 – EPIPHANY 3**  
Lesson 16 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (208)  
*Baptism is God’s work. Baptism saves us. Baptism unites us with Christ.*
- ✘ **February 1 – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
Lesson 17 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (216)  
*The Word of God gives Baptism its power to forgive sins.*
- ✘ **February 8 – SEPTUAGESIMA**  
Lesson 18 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (226)  
*We did not cause our rebirth; it is a gift from God. Daily repentance is the baptismal life.*
- ✘ **February 15 – SEXAGESIMA**  
Lesson 19 – Confession & Absolution (234)  
*God’s greatest joy is the salvation of a sinner.*
- ✘ **February 22 – QUINQUAGESIMA**  
Lesson 20 – Confession & Absolution (248)  
*Every sinner needs a pastor. Pastors call us to repentance and forgive us our sins.*
- ✘ **February 25 – ASH WEDNESDAY**  
8:15 a.m. – Imposition of Ashes & Liturgy of the Word  
7:00 p.m. – Imposition of Ashes & Divine Service

- ✘ **March 1 – LENT 1**  
Lesson 21 – Confession & Absolution (262)  
*Forgiving sins is the heart of the pastor’s work. The forgiveness of sins restores our life with God.*
- ✘ **March 8 – LENT 2**  
Lesson 22 – The Sacrament of the Altar (274)  
*The Lord’s Supper is the true body and blood of Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.*
- ✘ **March 15 – LENT 3**  
Lesson 23 – The Sacrament of the Altar (284)  
*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 22 – LENT 4**  
Lesson 24 – The Sacrament of the Altar (294)  
*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 29 – LENT 5**  
*Confirmation Examinations and Individual Confession & Absolution (by appointment)*
- ✘ **April 5 – 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**
- ✘ **April 9 – HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY**  
2:00 p.m. – DIVINE SERVICE  
7:00 p.m. – DIVINE SERVICE & Stripping of the Altar
- ✘ **April 10 – GOOD FRIDAY**  
12:00 noon – PASSION OF CHRIST  
7:00 p.m. – PASSION OF CHRIST
- ✘ **April 11 – HOLY SATURDAY**  
7:15 p.m. – Pictures – meet in church nave  
**8:00 p.m. – Vigil of Easter with Baptisms & Confirmations**
- ✘ **April 12 – RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
8:00 a.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE  
10:30 a.m. – FESTAL DIVINE SERVICE
- ✘ **April 19 – EASTER 2**  
8:00 a.m. – Divine Service  
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service  
**12:00 noon – New Member Dinner**