

## 2022-2023 CATECHESIS

**Invocation** (*all may make the sign of the cross*)

*Deuteronomy 6:4 (The 'Shema')*

**“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”**

**ELH 179** | I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus

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**CATECHESIS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS** | *Sundays, 10:15am-11:15am*

~3rd/4th Grade through Adults

\*This will also function as youth 'confirmation class' for at least 2 years. A year of more in-depth study of the catechism will be offered every 3rd year. Youth will be confirmed after they have memorized the catechism by heart and have been able to demonstrate they can confess what it means.

**CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN** | *Sundays, 10:15am-11:15am in the nursery*

Birth through ~2nd/3rd Grade

**LYA (Lutheran Youth Association)** | *Bursts of Three, Sunday Evenings throughout the year. Study+Fun+Study*

Jr High + High School

### **OTHER GROUPS**

- Mens' Group – Once a month study
- Ladies of Faith – Seasonal weekly studies led by Carla Hendrix
- Young Adults (Twenty & Thirty-somethings) – study and activity once a month
- Adult Catechesis – TBA
- Coffee Break Bible Study / Hopping Through Scripture – TBA

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### **Catechesis and Confirmation.**

*Small Catechism, preface, 6:*

“Therefore, I beg you all for God’s sake, my dear sirs and brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to devote yourselves heartily to your office [1 Timothy 4:13]. Have pity on the people who are entrusted to you [Acts 20:28] and help us teach the catechism to the people, and especially to the young. And let those of you who cannot do better take these tables and forms and impress them, word for word, on the people [Deuteronomy 6:7].

*Large Catechism, longer preface, 7:*

But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher...Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning—and whenever I have time—I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so.

**'Catechesis' means...**

Historically, this looked like...

Cf...

*Psalm 78* – Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord

*Titus 2:1-8* – Older men teaching young men;

older women teaching young women;

young men and women teaching their children

*Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21* – Fathers instructing their children

*Acts 2:38-47* – Entire households coming together, “sharing all things in common,” and continuing “steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

*Matthew 10:32-40*

**'Confirmation' means...**

What does this look like?

*Deuteronomy 5:1-10, 23-24* – **“You shall have no other gods”**

*Deuteronomy 6:1-15, 20-25* – **“Teach...these words”**

*Large Catechism, preface, 10:*

“Besides, catechism study is a most effective help against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts. It helps to be occupied with God’s Word, to speak it, and meditate on it, just as the first Psalm declares people blessed who meditate on God’s Law day and night (Psalm 1:2). Certainly you will not release a stronger incense or other repellent against the devil than to be engaged by God’s commandments and words, and speak, sing, or think them (Colossians 3:16).”

The ‘Enchiridion’ refers to the...

‘Enchiridion’ means...

“The Small Catechism...In the plain form in which the **head of the family** shall **teach them** to his household.”

How? Begin with **short** daily devotions using the stories/words from Scripture. Have a set **place** and set **time**. This is your family altar. Use it to worship.

Every story teaches the catechism. The Catechism unfolds every story.

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**“God enable you to do this faithful and loving work. By His grace may He fulfill what we are unable to do.”**

– *Rite of Baptism, Admonition to Parents & Sponsors, ELH pg. 136*