

SYLLABUS: Luther's Small Catechism 2020-2021 Cycle B
There will be a ZOOM meeting with parents before Catechism starts. You will be notified by email. Email Pastor Pieper (dpieper@gvelc.com) to confirm your child (7th and 8th graders) are on his list.

August 29, September 3

Introduction

Luther's Life

Why do I need to take Catechism when I know it all already? (Q 1-17)

Assignment

Books of Bible: Genesis-Song of Solomon (p. 31)

BP: 2 Timothy 3, John 17, John 3

Question and Answer

September 5, 10 No Catechism—Labor Day Break

September 12, 17

Verbal Quiz

Why should I do what the Law says? (Q 18-33)

Assignment

Review Luther's Life (pp. 20-25)

BoB: Genesis-Malachi (pp. 31-32)

BP: 2 Timothy 3, John 17, John 3, Psalm 119

Q&A

September 13 Sunday School will be held as a virtual school for the 2020-2021 school year. Students are asked to sit with their parents in the 9 or 10:30 worship service. Part of the sermon will be devoted to the Sunday School lesson. Teachers will have recorded story telling for the lesson to be viewed at home. Parents or students will pick up their packets as they leave church and complete them at home.

September 19, 24

Quiz

What's wrong with other gods? (Q 34-40)

Assignment

BoB: OT Matthew-Colossians (pp. 31-32)

Commandments: 1 (p.1)

BP: 2 Timothy 3, John 17, John 3, Psalm 119, Matthew 22

Q&A

September 26, October 1

Quiz

Why should I go to church? (Q 41-62)

Assignment

BoB: OT Matthew-Titus (pp. 31-32)

Commandments: 1-3 (p.1)

BP: 2 Timothy 3, John 17, John 3, Psalm 119, Matthew 22 Psalm 50 Matthew 11

Extra Credit: Church Year Diagram

Q&A

October 3, 8

Quiz

Why shouldn't I take matters into my own hands? (Q 63-86)

Assignment

BoB: OT Matthew-Revelation (pp. 31-32)

Commandments: 1-5

BP: 2 Timothy 3, John 17, John 3, Psalm 119, Matthew 22 Psalm 50 Matthew 11 Colossians 3 2 Corinthians 6

Extra Credit: Church Year Diagram

Q&A

October 10, 15

Quiz

Why can't I do something if no one notices? (Q 87-107)

Assignment

BoB: OT, NT (pp. 31-32)

Commandments: 1-8 (10 Commandments Test in two weeks!)

BP: 2 Timothy 3, John 17, John 3, Psalm 119, Matthew 22 Psalm 50 Matthew 11 Colossians 3 2 Corinthians 6 Matthew 19

Extra Credit: Church Year Diagram

Q&A

October 17, 22

Quiz

Does God expect me to be perfect? (Q 108-125)

Assignment

BoB: OT NT

Commandments: 1-10 and Conclusion

BP: 2 Timothy 3, John 17, John 3, Psalm 119, Matthew 22 Psalm 50 Matthew 11 Colossians 3 2 Corinthians 6 Matthew 19 Matthew 18

Q&A

October 24, November 5

Why try to lead a good life when it is impossible? (Q 126-144)

Assignment TEN COMMANDMENTS TAKE HOME TEST!

BoB: NT OT

Q&A

Hand out Take Home Test

**October 29, 31 Nevada Day Break No Catechism Class
Take Home Test-TEN COMMANDMENTS**

November 7, 12

Review Test

What is God like? (Q 145-150)

What is faith? (Q 151-152)

Assignment

BoB: NT OT

Creed: 1st Article, 1st P WDTM

The Creeds

Q&A

November 14, 19

Quiz

Why do we believe in creation instead of evolution? (Q 153-165)

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, ...body and life.

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8

Q&A

November 21, December 3

Quiz

Why didn't God just start over? (Q 166-176)

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, 2nd Article (text only)

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8 Romans 5 Galatians 4

Q&A

November 28, 30 Thanksgiving Day Break, No Catechism

December 5, 10

Quiz

What can Jesus do for me? (Q 177-193)

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, 2nd Article, 2nd P WDTM

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8 Romans 5 Galatians 4 John 1 Ephesians 1

Q&A

December 12, 17

Quiz

Why did Jesus love me so much? (Q 194-196, 209-217)

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, 2nd Article

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8 Romans 5 Galatians 4 John 1

Ephesians 1 1 Corinthians 6 Job 19

Q&A

December 19, January 7

How can I tell others about Jesus? (Q 197-208)

Quiz

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, 2nd Article

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8 Romans 5 Galatians 4 John 1

Ephesians 1 1 Corinthians 6 Job 19 Romans 4 John 14

Q&A

December 20-January 2, No Classes--Christmas Break

January 9, 14

What does the Holy Spirit do for me? (Q 218-234)

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, 2nd Article, 3rd Article (text only)

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8 Romans 5 Galatians 4 John 1

Ephesians 1 1 Corinthians 6 Job 19 Romans 4 John 14

Q&A

January 16, 21

Quiz

Why are there so many different kinds of churches? (Q 235-250)

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, 2nd Article, 3rd Article, all WDTM (Test in 2 weeks!)

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8 Romans 5 Galatians 4 John 1

Ephesians 1 1 Corinthians 6 Job 19 Romans 4 John 14

Q&A

January 23, 28

Quiz

Where will I be for sure when I die? (Q 251-264)

Assignment

BoB

Creed: 1st Article, 2nd Article, 3rd Article

BP: Exodus 20 Psalm 145 Romans 8 Romans 5 Galatians 4 John 1

Ephesians 1 1 Corinthians 6 Job 19 Romans 4 John 14

Q&A

Test next time!

January 30, February 4

Test-APOSTLES' CREED

What is a sacrament? (Q 265-278)

What does baptizing with water mean? (Q 279-284)

Assignment

Baptism 1st-3rd

Q&A

February 6, 11

Review test

Other Matters of Baptism pp. 228-229

Why can't I receive Holy Communion now? (Q 296-303)

Assignment

Baptism 1-4 (Test in 2 weeks)

Holy Communion 1-4

Q&A

February 13, 18

Quiz

Christian Questions, pp. 320-323

How can the pastor forgive sins? (Q 304-318)

Other forms of the Holy Ministry (pp. 271-272)

Assignment

Baptism 1-4 (Baptism Test next time!)

Holy Communion 1-4

Q&A

February 20, 25

TEST—BAPTISM

What is Confession? (Q 319-328)

Assignment

Holy Communion 1-4 (Holy Communion Test in two weeks!)

Q&A

February 27, March 4

Quiz

What is prayer? (Q 329-336)

Assignment

Test next time!—HOLY COMMUNION (last one for 8th graders)

Holy Communion 1-4

Q&A

March 6, 11

Test—Holy Communion

Why pray for something God will do anyway? (Q 337-357)

Assignment

Lord's Prayer: Address, 1st-4th Petitions

Q&A

March 13, 18

Do I really need to pray that I can forgive others? (Q358-376)

Review Test

Assignment

Lord's Prayer: Address, 1st-7th Petitions, Doxology (7th Lord's Prayer test in 1 week!)

Q&A

March 20, 25—Last Class!

All Confirmands are to be present at the March 20 class to practice for Confirmation and First Communion

All 7th graders will take the Lord's Prayer Test

Assignment

Confirmation Sunday: Palm Sunday, March 28, 10:30 am

We will wear white gowns. Underneath you can wear nice dresses, nice shirts and ties (jackets optional)

First Communion: Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm--sit in second row to left

Quiz

March 28 Palm Sunday 10:30 am

Confirmation Sunday

April 1 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm

First Communion

April 4, Easter Sunday

Bible Passages

Ten Commandments

- 12) 2 Timothy 3.15 From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 32) John 17.17 Your word is truth.
- 61) John 3.16 God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- 113) Psalm 119.105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
- 124) Matthew 22.37 Love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- 191) Psalm 50.15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.
- 219) Matthew 11.28-29 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- 282) Colossians 3.20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
- 350) 2 Corinthians 6.1-2 We urge you not to receive God's grace in vain....I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.
- 395) Matthew 19.5-6 A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.
- 525) Matthew 18.15 If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

Apostles' Creed

- 700) Exodus 20.11 In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
- 725) Psalm 145.15-16 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- 746) Romans 8.28 We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.
- 769) Romans 5.12 Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin.
- 837) Galatians 4.4,5 God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law.
- 864) John 1.29 Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- 884) Ephesians 1.7 We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- 973) 1 Corinthians 6.19, 20 You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.
- 995) Job 19.25-27 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes--I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me.
- 943) Romans 4.25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
- 946) John 14.19 Because I live, you also will live.

Catechism Orientation

Foreward

The 2020-2021 school year promises to be challenging. The specter of COVID-19 overshadows everything we do.

- First of all, your children will be safe at Catechism. Classes will be held in the expansive Fellowship Hall. We currently have 9 students enrolled for two sections. There will be ample room for social distancing. All tables will be sanitized (70% alcohol spray) before classes begin. I will be keeping my distance, also.
- Because of the social distancing, masks will not be required in the classroom. Masks will be required walking in and out of the classroom to and from their rides.
- Secondly, we will follow the lead of the CCSD. If, because of a great increase in the infection rates, CCSD closes classes and the state goes into another lock-down, Catechism classes will continue. We will move to an online format, ZOOM. We have purchased a license which offers complete security with end to end encryption. For the sake of participation, all students will participate in one session of the online course, on Thursday afternoon, from 2:45-4:15 pm. Please see to it that you have the ZOOM platform available on your home computers or your child's laptop.
- In case one of the students (or myself) comes down positive, the church office will notify the Southern Nevada Health Department as well as contact all students. Since there is a natural lag between classes which will permit enhanced cleaning, the schedule will not be interrupted.
- I will be "in training." Neither I nor my wife will be accepting social invitations until there is a vaccine. If I am not at church, I will be at home or doing (while masked) necessary shopping for groceries or other staples.
- There will be no food during Catechism to eliminate sharing. If your student cannot make it through class without eating something, have him/her eat on the way or outside the building before class starts.
- Please contact me with any concerns you might have. I am not smart enough to think of everything.

1. The Value of Catechism

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20.31

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6.4

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22.6

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. Joel 1.3

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119.105

To the Jews who had believed in him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8.31-32

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15.33

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing. Hebrews 10.25

2. Tools

—students must bring their own. To minimize possible viral transmissions there will be no “pool” resources.

Bible (supplied)

Catechism (supplied)

Spiral Notebook

Pen/Pencil

3. Expectations

Students will be in class.

Early is on time, on time is late.

Students will show foresight in alternating dates to avoid known absences.

Students will be ready to learn.

Students will participate in class discussions.

Students will have homework done and be ready to be quizzed.

Students will pass their tests at either the 90% or 80% level.

Students will retake their tests (at home) until these levels are reached.

Home retakes will be supervised by parents.

Class will start exactly at 2:45 pm on Thursdays and 8:30 am on Saturdays.

Class will end exactly at 4:15 pm on Thursdays, 10 am on Saturdays.

3. Homework

Almost every class will have homework assigned.

Assignments are memory work.

Students are expected to daily spend 5 minutes in Catechism memory work.

All homework is detailed in the syllabus.

4. Online Resources

The Catechism Syllabus is available online at www.gvelc.com/catechism-classes.

A short video of Luther's World is also available at the same web address.

5. Confirmation

Confirmation is Palm Sunday, March 28, 10:30 am. With this early notices it is expected that every 8th grade student will be participating.

First Communion is Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm. We also expect all confirmands to participate.