

Updated November 2023 - CLC Youth Catechesis

Wednesday, November 1

We will not meet on November 1

Wednesday, November 8

have read: Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, pages 102-112, the First Article

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Matthew
- The First Article: Creation - *due next week, November 15*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Wednesday, November 15

have read: Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, pages IIz-119, the First Article

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans
- The First Article: Creation - *due today, November 15*

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Wednesday, November 22

We will not meet on November 22, in order to observe Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 29

have read: Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, pages 119-133, the Second Article

be ready to recite:

- Books of the Bible: [all the previous books, plus] 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians

- The Second Article: Redemption - *due next week, December 6*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Instructions:

Each week we will meet together on Wednesday from 5:10pm to 6:25pm. Be ready to be here, sitting down, and ready to begin discussion at 5:10pm and not after. Each week, catechumens must bring:

- Their ESV Bible
- Their copy of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation
- A copy of Lutheran Service Book (one from the cabinets in the fellowship hall would be fine)
- Note paper and a pencil

Each session will begin with a brief quiz.

Each quiz will consist of:

- Written recitation of the assigned memory work, including:
 - o Books of the Bible (not merely the five new books assigned each week but the full list from Genesis to the end of the new five books for the week)
 - o Bible verse (if applicable when the catechism recitation is shorter)
 - o Catechism recitation
 - o One or two brief questions covering the assigned reading

After each quiz we will review the answers, sing a hymn, hear a Bible reading, and pray together.

After this brief opening we will discuss the assigned reading for the day.

Catechism memory work can be found printed in the narthex, or online at

christlutheranlubbock.org/confirmation

Expectations:

- Catechumens will be prepared for each session by having the readings done in advance and prepared for the day's recitation
- Catechumens will sit reasonably close enough to the front
- Catechumens will participate in discussions and keep comments and questions relevant to the discussion
- Catechumens will pay attention during discussions, remaining in their seats and not allowing food or food containers to distract themselves or others
- Catechumens will refrain from using electronic devices during catechesis
- Catechumens will complete two sermon note sheets per month from September-May
- Catechumens will be in church each Sunday