



New Member Class

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Spring 2023

Schedule

February 1	Welcome, Introductions, Structure, Process, Goals
February 8	Part I Ten Commandments – Curb, Mirror, Guide
February 15	Part II The Apostle’s Creed – The Trinity, God and Us
February 22	Ash Wednesday – No Class
March 1	Part III The Lord’s Prayer – How Parts I, II, & III work together
March 8	Part IV Holy Baptism – Living Daily Christian Life
March 15	Part V Confession & Absolution, Law & Gospel
March 22	Part VI The Lord’s Supper
March 29	How Grace Lutheran Works, Participation, Next Steps

Resources

Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation. Provided (\$20 donation accepted)

Lutheran Service Book (provided for use in class)

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Welcome and Introductions

Our Approach

- Christian Instruction. Is once enough?
- What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian? Can you be a generic Christian?
- How are Lutheran Christians made? What does it look like?

What is a Catechism?

Why is it important?

Isn't the Bible enough?

Structure & Process

- We'll be using *Luther's Small Catechism* as the primary text. By itself it is simple enough for children, but deep and clear enough for meditation and contemplation.
- We will use the *Lutheran Service Book* (our hymnal) as a basic devotional aid and for in-class examples
- We will discuss each Chief Part in order together. Reading the *Explanation* of each part after discussion can be done at home.
- Attendance each week is encouraged. The more you come and participate, the more you will get out of it.
- After looking at the Chief Parts, we will have a general session about Grace's particulars.

Goals

Christianity involves the whole person. A Christian knows who God is and what He has done, and will do. But a Christian also has faith in God's promises, trusts in Him, and worships God in order to receive His gifts and be transformed.

Our Goals are:

1. To inform, remind, or solidify your knowledge of God & the basics of the Christian faith.
2. To give you the inspiration, tools, and means to grow n your faith in God's promises
3. To draw you to a deeper relationship with God
4. To prepare you for life with us in this parish