



**Catechism Class Agreement  
First Lutheran Church  
2022-2023**

The following are the expectations for our Catechism Class this year.

Please read through them and sign your name(s) at the bottom.

\*\*\*If you have any questions, please ask and I will happily address them\*\*\*

**The Parents agree to:**

- Ensure your child is doing the assigned reading and memory work on a weekly basis.
- Ensure your child attends and is on-time each week.
- Ensure your child is prepared for class (memory work is done PRIOR to showing up at the church.)
- Attend church weekly with your children and help them with their sermon notes if needed.
- Attend Catechism Class with your child at least once per month (each parent).
- Pray with your children daily (Lord's Prayer; Luther's Morning/Evening Prayer)
- Strive to have devotions with your children daily (ex. *Devotions on the Small Catechism* by Concordia Publishing House)
- Pray for your children, the other catechumens, and Pastor Schultz.
- Notify Pastor Schultz at least 24 hours in advance of any absences.
- If not at First Lutheran, to provide the location of where you attended church that week.

**The Catechumens agree to:**

- Be prepared for class every week (memory work is done PRIOR to showing up at the church).
- Read (or listen to) assigned passage(s) / reading(s) on a weekly basis.
- Show up ready to learn.
- Be respectful of Pastor Schultz and other catechumens and not cause undue disruptions.
- Engage in the class and ask questions etc. (i.e. don't plan on just sitting like a zombie for an hour).
- Pray with your parents daily (Lord's Prayer; Luther's Morning/Evening Prayer)
- Strive to have devotions with your parents daily (ex. *Words of Strength and Promise* by Concordia Publishing House)
- Pray for your parents, the other catechumens, and Pastor Schultz.
- Treat the confession of the faith as the serious matter that it is (remember you will be vowing to die rather than renounce this confession).

**Pastor Schultz agrees to:**

- Be prepared to teach each class.
- Be respectful of the confirmands and their parents.
- Be available for help when needed outside of class time.
- Pray for the catechumens and their families.
- Know all memory work expected of the catechumens.
- Do all reading assignments expected of the catechumens.

## A few other notes:

You are responsible for being on time. Quizzes over the memory work or other assignments will be done at the beginning of class (you will have approximately 5 minutes to complete them, which is plenty of time if you've put in the work). If you are late, you will have to stay after class and do the quiz then. I will not extend the quiz time because people have not shown up on time.

There will be 35 classes. You are expected to be at 80%, or 28 classes, at a minimum. Any absences, for whatever reason, beyond those will need to be made up at a later date. Catechumens and parents are responsible for contacting Pastor Schultz to schedule a make up session. For comparison, Paola School District requires a 90% attendance rate.

There are 35 Sundays, 4 Advent midweek services, 6 Lenten midweek services, as well as several more services during Christmas and Holy Week, during our Catechism Class. You are expected to be at church when we gather. I have not placed a percentage of time for this. Why? Because it is simply what God expects of you as a Christian (Hebrews 10:24-25; Third Commandment, etc.). If you do not regularly attend, I will be in contact with you to learn what is keeping you from coming to church. **If you continue to neglect attending church, you will not be confirmed.** If you happen to be out of town and attend another Lutheran church, please bring a bulletin from that congregation to show where you went.

Connected to the requirement above, sermon notes are expected to be completed. You will be expected to submit a total of 20 sermon notes throughout the year. This is a great way to practice active listening, a habit that will benefit you in church as well as in many other areas of your life. You can find the blue sermon notes form at the back of church. These can be given to me at the weekly class or placed in the mailbox by my study.

Memory work is a big part of Catechism Class. I want you to commit these passages to heart because they are the summary of what we believe as Christians. If anyone asks you, "What do you believe?" you will have these passages ready in your heart and mind to answer. The weekly memory work is required for completion of Catechism Class.

As we approach the end of our Catechism Class and catechumens prepare to receive the Lord's Supper, I will ask you to schedule a time for an interview with both the catechumen and the parent(s). During that time, I will ask to hear the catechumen recite *from memory* the simple text (i.e., not the explanations) of the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, and the Words of Institution. **This is the primary and final requirement to be admitted to the Lord's Table.**

*By signing below I agree to the above and understand that adhering to these standards will result in being confirmed whereas not meeting them will result in not being confirmed or a delay in the rite.*

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Parent/Guardian Name & Signature: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Catechumen Name & Signature: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor Name & Signature: Date: \_\_\_\_\_