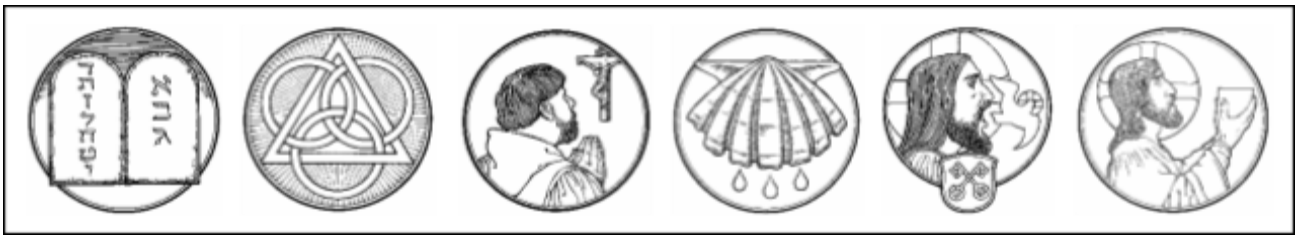

Catechism Class Agreement
First Lutheran Church
2026-2027

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.
- 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 Harding.
- Notify Pastor Harding 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 Harding 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 Harding.
- 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 Harding agrees to:

- Be prepared to teach each class.
- Be respectful of the catechumens and their parents.
- Be available for help when needed outside of class time.
- Pray for the catechumens and their families.
- Know the material that needs to be taught

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.

There will be about 30-36 classes this year. Students should strive to be at every class; repeated missed classes will result in being asked to "drop" the class and start again next year.

There are 30ish Sundays, 3 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, or at Trinity Lutheran in Block if you are a member there. I have not set 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.) Simply, you need to be in church. Church is where we gather to receive God's gifts. I do not want to have to drop a student because the parent/family does not even care enough to go to church.

Connected to the requirement above, sermon notes are expected to be completed. 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. I will have forms printed and available at First Lutheran, if you attend at block, you may need to print your own or ask Pastor Woelmer to have them available.

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.

Since we will have no 8th graders this year, there will not be a confirmation at the end of the year. However, at First Lutheran and Trinity, we generally require at least two years of confirmation. So if a student fails or is dropped from this class, this may put their confirmation next year in jeopardy.

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.

_____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Name & Signature:

_____ Date: _____
Catechumen Name & Signature:

_____ Date: _____
Pastor Name & Signature: