Catechism Lesson Plan For
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. John Lutheran Church
Zum Kripplein Christi
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September 9 **Pastor Kesting**

Lesson 1: Knowledge we have about God (1-8)
Lesson 2: The Bible Is God's Word (9-12)

Memory Work Assigned:
2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV) 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Peter 1:21 (NIV) 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Old Testament Books of the Bible

Genesis	Joshua	1 Kings
Exodus	Judges	2 Kings
Leviticus	Ruth	1 Chronicles
Numbers	1 Samuel	2 Chronicles
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	

September 16 **Pastor Kesting**

Quiz on Lessons 1&2 and Memory Work from September 9

Lesson 3: The Bible Teaches Law and Gospel (13-17)
Lesson 4: God Reveals His Law (18-24)

Memory Work Assigned:
John 3:16 (NIV) 16 "For 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.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV) 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Old Testament Books of the Bible

Ezra	Psalms	Isaiah
Nehemiah	Proverbs	Jeremiah
Esther	Ecclesiastes	Lamentations
Job	Song of Songs	

September 23 **Pastor Kesting**

Quiz on Lessons 3&4 and Memory Work from September 16

Lesson 5: Obeying God's Commands (25-30)
Lesson 6: The Three Good Purposes of God's Law (31-33)

Memory Work Assigned:
Matthew 5:48 (NIV) [48] Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV) [15] And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Old Testament Books of the Bible

Ezekiel	Obadiah	Zephaniah
Daniel	Jonah	Haggai
Hosea	Micah	Zechariah
Joel	Nahum	Malachi
Amos	Habakkuk	

September 30 **Pastor Kesting**

Quiz on Lessons 5&6 and Memory Work from September 23

Lesson 7: The First Commandment (34-40)
Lesson 8: The Second Commandment (41-45)

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
Review books of the Old Testament

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT
You shall have no other gods.
What does this mean?
We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT
You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

October 7 **Pastor Kesting**

Quiz on Lessons 7&8 and Memory Work from September 30

Lesson 9: Using God's Name (46-52)

Review for take home test

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
Review books of the Old Testament

October 14 **Pastor Kesting**

Quiz on Lessons 9 and Memory Work from October 7

The Why in Our Worship
A review of the liturgy, church seasons, and church symbolism

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 72 in Blue Catechism)
Know the church seasons in order and the liturgical color associated with them.
Advent-blue, Christmas-white, Epiphany-white, Lent-purple, Easter-white, Ascension, Pentecost-green
See the Church Seasons Wheel

HOME ADMINISTERED TEST on lessons 1-9 and Liturgy

Test to be completed/corrected and signed by both parent and student and turned in on October 21.

October 21 **Pastor Babinec**

Lesson 10: The Third Commandment (53-58)
Lesson 11: Congregational Worship Services (59-62)

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
Review books of the Old Testament

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

October 28 **Pastor Babinec**

Quiz on Lessons 10&11 and Memory Work from October 21

Lesson 12: The Fourth Commandment (63-70)
Lesson 13: God's Representatives (71-78)

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT
Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

November 4 **Pastor Babinec**

Quiz on Lessons 12&13 and Memory Work from October 28

Dr. Martin Luther...Who was he and why do we care?

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 20-25 in Blue Catechism)
Know what happened in 1483, 1517, 1521, and 1546

Recite verse one of **A Mighty Fortress is our God**

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.

November 11 **Pastor Babinec**

Quiz on Lessons on Luther and Memory Work from November 4

Lesson 14: The Fifth Commandment (79-86)
Lesson 15: The Sixth Commandment (87-89)

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT
You shall not murder.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT
You shall not commit adultery.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

November 18 **Pastor Babinec**

Lesson 16: Keeping the Sixth Commandment (90-98)
Review lessons 10-16 and Martin Luther in preparation for take home test.

HOME ADMINISTERED TEST on lessons 10-16 and Martin Luther.

Test to be completed/corrected and signed by both parent and student and turned in on December 2.

November 25

NO CLASS DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK

December 2 **Pastor Kesting**

Lesson 17: The Seventh Commandment (99-102)
Lesson 18: God's Gift of Possessions (103-107)

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT
You shall not steal.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

December 9 **Pastor Kesting**

Quiz on Lessons 17&18 Memory Work from December 2

Lesson 19: The Eighth Commandment (108-116)
Lesson 20: The Ninth and Tenth Commandment (117-132)

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

December 16 **Pastor Kesting**

Quiz on Lessons 19&20 and Memory Work from December 4

Lesson 21: The Conclusion to the Ten Commandments
Review of lessons 17-21 in preparation for take home test.

Memory Work Assigned: (see page 1-3 in Blue Catechism)
THE TENTH COMMANDMENT
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

HOME ADMINISTERED TEST on lessons 17-21

Test to be completed/corrected and signed by both parent and student and turned in on Jan 6.

In Class Party

December 23

NO CLASS DUE TO CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 30

NO CLASS DUE TO CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 6 **Pastor Kesting**

Turn in Take Home Test

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Pages 183-185 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts?

Lesson 54: Prayer (329-336)

Memory Work Assigned:

Matthew 15:8 (NIV84) 8 " 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

January 13 **Pastor Kesting**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 54: Prayer (329-336)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 194 Do we become angels when we die?

Lesson 55: The First Petition (337-341)

Memory Work Assigned:

THE FIRST PETITION
Hallowed be your name
What does this mean?
God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.
How is God's name kept holy?
God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven!

January 20 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on The First Petition (337-341)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 203 What do Millennialists teach?

Lesson 56: The Second Petition (342-346)

Memory Work Assigned:
THE SECOND PETITION
Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it

may also come to us.
How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

January 27 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 56: The Second Petition (342-346)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Pages 206-210 What is Heaven? What is Hell?

Lesson 57: The Third Petition (347-352)

Memory Work Assigned:
THE THIRD PETITION
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

What does this mean?

God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.

February 3 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 57: The Third Petition (347-352)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 215 Differences Between Lutherans

Lesson 58: The Fourth Petition (353-357)

Memory Work Assigned:

THE FOURTH PETITION
Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What, then, is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

February 12 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 58: The Fourth Petition (353-357)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 231 and 234 Roman Catholics

Lesson 59: The Fifth Petition (358-362)

Memory Work Assigned:

THE FIFTH PETITION
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

February 19 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 59: The Fifth Petition (358-362)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 244 Mormons

Lesson 60: The Sixth Petition (363-372)

Memory Work Assigned:

THE SIXTH PETITION
Lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

February 26 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 60: The Sixth Petition (363-372)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 254 I believe/we beleive

Lesson 61: The Seventh Petition (368-372)

Memory Work Assigned:

THE SEVENTH PETITION
But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

March 6 **Pastor Kesting**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 61: The Seventh Petition (368-372)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 261 Politics and the Christian

Lesson 62: The Doxology (373-376)

Memory Work Assigned:

THE DOXOLOGY
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

What does this mean?

We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so."

March 11-12
Basketball Tournament at Luther Prep

March 13 **Pastor Kesting**

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 274 Abortion and the Death Penalty

Test on Lord's Prayer

In Class Party

March 17 **Pastor Kesting**

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 279 Self-Defense

Lesson 51: The Keys (304-310)

Memory Work Assigned:

THE KEYS
First: What is the use of the Keys?
The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?
The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

March 24 **Maundy Thursday**

Attend worship at your church of choice, fill out a Worship Sheet, and hand in at end of service.

March 25 **Good Friday**

Attend worship at your church of choice, fill out a Worship Sheet, and hand in at end of service.

March 27 **Easter Sunday**

Attend worship at your church of choice, fill out a Worship Sheet, and hand in at end of service.

March 30

NO CLASS FOR EASTER BREAK

April 6 **Pastor Kesting**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 51: The Keys (304-310)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 289-293 Living together before marriage

Lesson 52: Pastors (311-318)

Memory Work Assigned:

Ephesians 4:11 (NIV84) [11] It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

April 13 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 52: Pastors (311-318)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 309 Divorce

Lesson 53: Confession and Absolution (319-328)

Be able to explain in the your own words confession. Use the explanation below as your example.

CONFESSION

First: What is Confession?
Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor* as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

Second: What sins should we confess?
Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Third: How can we recognize these sins?
Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?

Fourth: How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness?
He will say, "By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

April 20 **Pastor Babinec**

Review and Quiz on Lesson 52: Pastors (311-318)

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 295 Homosexuality

Review/Catch up

April 27 **Pastor Babinec**

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers: Page 338-331 Worship Styles
How to Share your Faith with Family and Friends
In Class Party

May 4 **8th Grade only**

Lesson 50: Reception of Holy Communion

Review of examination questions

May 11 **8th Grade only**

Practice examination

May 12

Examination at St. Paul's Thursday Service

May 15

Confirmation. Each confirmand will be confirmed at his/her home congregation.

Possible Field Trip to Seminary in Mequon.