

Zion Lutheran 2024-2025 Confirmation Schedule

Date	Topic	Memory Work
August 28	Orientation- L1 – What is Confirmation & Bible Basics	
September 4	L2 – The Creeds & Confessions Answer the Question, Who is Jesus?	“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16
September 11	L3 – Introduction to the Small Catechism	First 10 books of the New Testament Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians
September 18	L4 – Reading God’s Word	New Testament (2nd group) Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James
September 25	L5 – What is Worship	New Testament (3rd group) 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation
October 2	L6 – Overview of the Small Catechism	Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6
October 9	Intro to NT – Gospel of Matthew	Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:18-20
October 16	Gospel of Mark	“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45
October 23	Gospel of Luke	“Simeon said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:29-32

October 30	Gospel of John	<p>"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." John 1:1-4</p>
November 6	L18 – Intro to the Creed	<p>"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14</p>
November 13	L19 – The First Article (part 1)	<p>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. <i>What does this mean?</i> 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. (end – This is most certainly true)</p>
November 20	L20 – The First Article (part 2)	<p>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. <i>What does this mean?</i> (part 1 +) 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. This is most certainly true.</p>
November 27	No Class - Thanksgiving	
December 4	L21 – The First Article (part 3)	<p>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. <i>What does this mean?</i> (part 1, 2 & . . .) 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.</p>
December 11	L22 – The Second Article (part 1)	<p>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. <i>What does this mean?</i> 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. (at the end This is most certainly true)</p>
December 18	L23 – The Second Article (part 2)	<p>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. <i>What does this mean?</i> (part 1 +) 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.</p>

December 25	Christmas - No Class	
January 1	No Class	
January 8	L24 – The Second Article (part 3)	<p>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.</p> <p><i>What does this mean? (part 1 & 2 +)</i> 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.</p>
January 15	L25 – The Third Article (part 1)	<p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. (end This is most certainly true)</p>
January 22	L26 – The Third Article (part 2)	<p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> (part 1 +) In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. (This is most certainly true)</p>
January 29	L27 – The Third Article (part 3)	<p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> (part 1 & 2 +) On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.</p>
February 5	L28 – Review of the Creed	<p>“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.” Colossians 1:16</p>
February 12	L31 – Overview of the Lord’s Prayer	<p>“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” Psalms 19:14</p>
February 19	L32 – The Introduction	<p>Our Father who art in heaven.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.</p> <p>Bible Verse: “In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.” Galatians 3:26</p>

February 26	L33 – The First Petition	<p>Hallowed be Thy name. <i>What does this mean?</i> God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also. Bible Verse “I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.” Psalm 9:1</p>
March 5	Ash Wednesday -	Lent/Ash Wednesday/Passion Story overview
March 12	L 34 – The Second Petition	<p>Thy Kingdom Come. <i>What does this mean?</i> The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. Bible Verse “Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Mark 1:15</p>
March 19	L 35 – The Third Petition	<p>Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <i>What does this mean?</i> The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. Bible Verse “God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:4</p>
March 26	L36 – The Fourth Petition	<p>Give us this day our daily bread. <i>What does this mean?</i> God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Bible Verse “Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:34</p>
April 2	L 37 – The Fifth Petition	<p>And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. <i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor 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 sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us. Bible Verse: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.” Psalm 130:3-4</p>

April 9	L38 – The Sixth Petition	<p>And lead us not into temptation. <i>What does this mean?</i> God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory. Bible Verse: “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Mark 14:38</p>
April 16	Holy Week	No class – attend worship with your family
April 23	L 39 - The Seventh Petition	<p>But deliver from evil. <i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven. Bible Verse: “The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” Psalm 121:7-8</p>
April 30	L – 40 O Lord’s Prayer Conclusion	<p>For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. <i>What does this mean?</i> This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing 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. Amen, amen, which means “yes, yes, it shall be so.” Bible Verse: “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.” Psalm 103:2-3</p>
Sunday, May 4	Confirmation	