

Catechetical Covenant

For the Student

It is my desire to enter into Catechism at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and work toward the following goals:

Continuing in the covenant, God made with me in holy baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

In order to accomplish these goals, I **promise** to:

- Attend worship services striving for 80% worship attendance.
- Attend at least 80% of catechism classes.
- Attend at least two of the four Catechism Retreats.
- Participate in at least 50% of youth events held throughout the year.
- Give at least fifteen hours each year of my time to serve God and my neighbor: at least 10 hours to the church and at least 5 hours to an outside organization.
- Listen, cooperate, participate in class and respect others in the class.
- Complete and present your Faith Journey Project.
- Commit to individual or family daily devotions of reading the Bible and praying.

I make this pledge as a child of God, asking God for help and guidance.

I also understand that I have a choice at the end of this process: If I feel ready, I may be confirmed in the Christian faith and become a member of the church. If I do not feel ready, I can wait until I am ready.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

For the Parent(s)

It is my desire to have my/our youth be strengthened in his/her faith formation by attending The Catechetical Program this school year at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and work toward the following goals:

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear the Word of God and share in the holy supper
- To learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds, and the 10 Commandments
- To place in our hands the Holy Scriptures
- To nurture us in faith and prayer
- So we trust God
- So we proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- So we care for others by serving all people, and the world God made
- So we strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

I/We desire to be faithful to the promise I/we made at his/her baptism: to raise my/our youth in the knowledge and love of God. In order to support him/her in their promise above, I **promise** to:

- Weekly attend worship with my son/daughter & have them sign in at CAT Class
- Continue to be a positive role model through my own life as a Christian and by participating regularly in catechism myself by participating in the greater life of the congregation, helping in class and providing snacks for the class.
- Encourage my youth to attend catechism class.
- Help my son or daughter participate in class and discuss their learning and faith at home.
- Encourage my son/daughter to attend at least two of the four Catechism Camp Retreats offered, and attend youth events throughout the year.
- Attend one Cat Camp, and one youth event myself.
- Pray regularly for and with my son or daughter, including the Lord's Prayer.
- Encourage my daughter or son to serve others, at least 15 hours each year.
- Work toward structuring family schedules so Catechetic's has a high priority.
- Encourage individual or family daily devotions of reading the Bible and praying.

I make this pledge as a child of God, asking God for help and guidance.

I also understand that by participating in this formation process, my son or daughter may choose not to be confirmed. It is an open invitation he/she/we may choose at the end of formation.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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For the Pastors

It is our desire to assist the catechumen in the formation of his or her faith life through the Catechetical Ministry of the LCHS. We desire to assist each youth and their parent(s)/guardian(s) as they strive to fulfill the promises of baptism. In order to support each youth and their parents/guardians, we **promise** to:

- Pray for each youth and family.
- Prepare relevant, faithful, and engaging faith formation opportunities for the catechumens.
- Provide information, resources, and guidance to parents/guardians as they parent their youth through this journey of faith.
- Provide positive role models of the faithful Christian life.
- Encourage learning, discussions, and growth for each youth concerning the Christian Faith, Lutheran teachings, and life of the Church.
- We make this pledge as a child of God, asking God for help and guidance.

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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