



SUNDAY SCHOOL HANDBOOK

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Welcome to Sunday School!

We are ready for an exciting Sunday School year. This fall we will continue with the rotation model of Sunday School for grades one through six. Pre-school children and kindergarten students will be in self contained classrooms with the same leaders each week.

Rotation Sunday School (RSS) teaches major Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multimedia workshops. At Trinity this will include a Temple Time workshop which will concentrate on telling the Bible story. The Creation Station will allow for arts and crafts or science, or food workshop depending on the Bible story. A Trinity theater will also be used. This will allow the students the opportunity to express the Bible story creatively through drama or puppets or through watching a video. RSS has the same Bible story in all of the workshops for three weeks rotating the students to a different workshop each week. And here comes the extremely teacher friendly part: Keep the same teacher in each workshop for all three weeks, teaching the same lesson (with some age appropriate adjustments) to each new group coming in. This allows the students to dig deeper into a Bible story, involve more adults, but for a shorter time commitment.

OUR GOALS FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL INCLUDE:

- **Teaching God's story and the love of Jesus for each of us.**
- **Building Christian community among our staff and students.**
- **Acquainting the students with the language of the faith and the church.**

In this handbook you will find an overview of what each class will be learning about this year in Sunday School. We encourage you to talk about the lessons with your child during the week. This will reinforce the **theme of the lesson** and give you a chance to share your faith with your child.

Also included with each grade level is a memory work section. One of the ways we can acquaint our children with the **language of the faith** is to learn and memorize it so it becomes a part of us. The Sunday School will take some time to work with the students, but we only have one hour a week with the students. So we ask that you help your children and guide them in their memory work.

Parents play an important part in the faith development of their children. You can assist by:

- Worshiping as a family
- Teaching a Sunday School class or by becoming an assistant
- Participating in an adult education class
- Reviewing the Sunday School lesson each week
- Helping with the memory work
- Assisting with special Sunday School events
- Substitute teaching
- Visiting your child's class (please inform the teacher first)

Sunday School Procedures

- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.
- 3 & 4 yr. olds and Kindergartners will meet in their rooms at 9:30. Grades 1–6 will meet in the Sanctuary.
- Jr. and Sr. High students meet at 9:30 in the Youth Room.
- Attendance is taken each week for the purpose of tracking class sizes, community building, etc. Regular attendance is encouraged.
- An offering will be taken each week. The money collected from this supports missions such as Christian Children's Fund, Operation Bootstrap, etc.
- The Sunday School office is located in the lower level, next to the elevator. The Superintendents are available to assist you and answer questions.
- We ask that students in grade 1 and above bring their Bibles to Sunday School each week.

Participation in Worship

Sunday School students are invited to participate in worship in various ways.

- Attendance with their families
- Children's sermons
- Children's choirs are available for children beginning at age 4. These choirs rehearse on Wednesday afternoons. Call the church office for times of rehearsals.
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SUNDAY SAFETY ISSUES

Coming and going of Sunday School students, mixed with cars can cause problems. Would you please:

- Talk to your child about safety issues and make sure that everyone in your family knows the arrangements for leaving Trinity.
- Meet your child in the building: either at their classroom or in the narthex. Please put this in writing. Forms will be available in the Sunday School office.
- If your child is to come to you in your vehicle, please do this as close to the door as possible in the fenced in parking lot. There is a sidewalk there, plus a covered area to wait under if the weather is inclement. This should also keep the traffic flow moving.
- We hold an annual fire drill. In the event of a real fire, all classes will meet in the northwest area of the parking lot. (Near the Lardinois Building) Please come there to meet your child. Notify the teacher before you leave with your child.

CALENDAR 2017-2018

September 10	Rally Day 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Graders receive Bibles (8:15 service) 3 yr olds & families welcomed to Sunday School (10:45) 3 yr olds receive Bibles (10:45 service)
September 17	Installation of SS Staff (8:15 or 10:45)
October 8	All School/Family Stewardship Event
October 22	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Commitment Sunday
November 26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
December 16	Christmas Program Practice (3:00 p.m.)
December 17	Sunday School Christmas Program (3:00 p.m.)
December 24	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—Christmas Break
December 31	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—Christmas Break
March 25	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—Spring Break
April 1	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—Easter
May 6	Last day of Sunday School - Year End Celebration

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS: THREE YEAR OLDS THROUGH GRADE 6

September	10	Rally Day
September	17	Jesus Calls
September	24	Jesus Calls
October	1	Jesus Calls
October	8	All School/Family Stewardship Event
October	15	Paul on the Road to Damascus
October	22	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-Commitment Sunday
October	29	Paul on the Road to Damascus
November	5	Paul on the Road to Damascus
November	12	Shoeboxes/Martin Luther
November	19	Advent/Christmas Lessons/ Program Practice
November	26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-Thanksgiving
December	3	Advent/Christmas Lessons/ Program Practice
December	10	Advent/Christmas Lessons/ Program Practice
December	16	Christmas Program Practice at 3:00 PM
December	17	Christmas Program Practice CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT 3:00 PM
December	24	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-Christmas Break
December	31	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-Christmas Break
January	7	Jesus Calms the Storm
January	14	Jesus Calms the Storm
January	21	Jesus Calms the Storm
January	28	Shepherd Sunday
February	4	Walking on Water
February	11	Walking on Water
February	18	Walking on Water
February	25	Shepherd Sunday

March	4	Going to Town with Jesus
March	11	Going to Town with Jesus
March	18	Going to Town with Jesus
March	25	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-Spring Break
April	1	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-Easter
April	8	Shepherd Sunday
April	15	Walking on the Road to Emmaus
April	22	Walking on the Road to Emmaus
April	29	Walking on the Road to Emmaus
May	6	Last Day Celebration

Three Year Olds' Memory Work

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. **Amen.**

Pre-Kindergarten (4 year olds) Memory Work

REVIEW OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
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and forgive us our trespasses,
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and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST ARTICLE OF APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Kindergartners' Memory Work

COMMANDMENTS 1 THROUGH 5

First Commandment:	You shall have no other gods.
Second Commandment:	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Third Commandment:	Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Fourth Commandment:	Honor your father and your mother.
Fifth Commandment:	You shall not kill.

Grade 1 Memory Work:

COMMANDMENTS 6 THROUGH 10

Sixth Commandment:	You shall not commit adultery.
Seventh Commandment:	You shall not steal.
Eighth Commandment:	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Ninth Commandment:	You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
Tenth Commandment:	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Grade 2 Memory Work:

THE SECOND AND THIRD ARTICLES OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

SECOND ARTICLE:

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.

THIRD ARTICLE

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Grade 3 Memory Work

COMMANDMENTS 1 THROUGH 5 (WITH MEANINGS) THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS.

- *What does this mean?* We are to fear, love, and trust God above anything else.

YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD
YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

- *What does this mean?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not use his name superstitiously, or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on his name in prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY.

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect his Word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in authority, but respect, obey, love, and serve them.

YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not hurt our neighbor in any way, but help him in all his physical needs.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament:

Genesis	11 Chronicles	Daniel
Exodus	Ezra	Hosea
Leviticus	Nehemiah	Joel
Numbers	Esther	Amos
Deuteronomy	Job	Obadiah
Joshua	Psalms	Jonah
Judges	Proverbs	Micah
Ruth	Ecclesiastes	Nahum
I Samuel	Song of Solomon	Habakkuk
II Samuel	Isaiah	Zephaniah
I Kings	Jeremiah	Haggai
II Kings	Lamentations	Zechariah
I Chronicles	Ezekiel	Malachi

New Testament:

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippians	James
Luke	Colossians	I Peter
John	I Thessalonians	II Peter
Acts	II Thessalonians	I John
Romans	I Timothy	II John
I Corinthians	II Timothy	III John
II Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation

Grade 4 Memory Work:

Review Commandments 6 through 10 and learn meanings.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex our words and conduct are pure and honorable, and husband and wife love and respect each other.

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of making a living.

YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain his actions in the kindest way.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not desire to get our neighbor's possessions by scheming or pretending to have a right to them, but always help him keep what is his.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, OR HIS MANSERVANT, OR HIS MAIDSERVANT, OR HIS CATTLE, OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S

- *What does this mean for us?* We are to fear and love God so that we do not tempt or coax away from our neighbor his wife or his workers, but encourage them to remain loyal.

Grade 5 Memory Work

Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Lord's Prayer, to include the introduction and petitions 1 through 3.

WHAT IS HOLY COMMUNION?

- Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.

WHERE DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY THIS?

- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Paul say:
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

WHAT BENEFITS DO WE RECEIVE FROM THIS SACRAMENT?

- The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, given and shed for you for the remission of sins. These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

HOW CAN EATING AND DRINKING DO ALL THIS?

- It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, "*Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.*" These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, "*Forgiveness of sins.*"

WHEN IS A PERSON RIGHTLY PREPARED TO RECEIVE THIS SACRAMENT?

- Fasting and other outward preparation serve a good purpose. However, that person is well prepared and worthy who believes these words, "*Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.*" But anyone who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is neither prepared nor worthy, for the words "*for you*" require simply a believing heart.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.

- *What does this mean?* Here God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father and we are his children. We therefore are to pray to him with complete confidence just as children speak to their loving father.

FIRST PETITION: HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

- *What does this mean?* God's name certainly is holy in itself, but we ask in this prayer that we may keep it holy.
- *When does this happen?* God's name is hallowed whenever his Word is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God live in harmony with it. Help us to do this, heavenly Father! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to the Word of God dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, heavenly Father!

SECOND PETITION: THY KINGDOM COME.

- *What does this mean?* God's kingdom comes indeed without our praying for it, but we ask in this prayer that it may come also to us.
- *When does this happen?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy word and live a godly life on earth now and in heaven forever.

Third Petition: THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

- *What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is surely done without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may be done also among us.
- *When does this happen?* God's will is done when he hinders and defeats every evil scheme and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful self, which would prevent us from keeping his name holy and would oppose the coming of his kingdom. And his will is done when he strengthens our faith and keep us firm in his Word as long as we live. This is his gracious and good will.

Grade 6 Memory Work

Review Apostle's Creed and learn meanings to the 3 articles

First Article:

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

- *What does this mean?*

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their power. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Second Article:

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD. HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY. HE SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED. HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN. HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. HE WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

- *What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ--true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary--is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil--not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Third Article:

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.

- *What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, day after day, he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.