

OLD TESTAMENT CATECHESIS

Old Testament Catechesis is a survey of the Old Testament Bible stories. It is intended to build a foundation of Bible knowledge and vocabulary from the Old Testament, and teach the words of the Small Catechism under the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar, and from the Table of Duties, “To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers” and “What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors.” The catechist and catechumens will be working directly with the text of the Bible and the text of the Small Catechism. *Old Testament Catechesis* provides a schedule of thirty-two lessons and 184 Old Testament terms. Each lesson contains three parts: the Bible story to be read for that class session, the section of the Catechism to be “learned by heart” in advance of that class session for oral recitation in class, and Old Testament terms which apply to the Bible story.

NEW TESTAMENT CATECHESIS

New Testament Catechesis is a survey of New Testament Bible stories. It is intended to build a foundation of Bible knowledge and vocabulary from the New Testament, and teach the words of the Small Catechism under the Lord’s Prayer, Confession and the Office of the Keys, and from the Table of Duties, “Of Civil Government” and “Of Citizens.” The catechist and catechumens will be working directly with the text of the Bible and the text of the Small Catechism. *New Testament Catechesis* provides a schedule of thirty-two lessons and 212 New Testament terms. Each lesson contains three parts: the Bible story to be read for that class session, the section of the Catechism to be “learned by heart” in advance of that class session for oral recitation in class, and New Testament terms which apply to the Bible story.

(*New Testament Catechesis* also includes four additional lessons and notes on twenty-seven parables and twenty-three miracles of Jesus that are used during the seventh and eighth grade catechesis classes in the Academy).

LUTHERAN CATECHESIS

Lutheran Catechesis or “*Didache*” is the class for adults seeking communicant membership in the congregation, for youth who have completed *Old* and *New Testament Catechesis* and learned the Catechism by heart, for perspective members, for new Academy parents, for members and guests who would like to be refreshed in the Christian faith and life, and for those who simply want to learn more about what we believe and why we worship the way we do.

Didache is a 24-week intensive course in the Bible, Catechism, and Liturgy of the Church. “*Didache*” means “teaching” and signifies the foundational teaching that we as Lutheran Christians believe, teach, and confess. It is a course in which our members are also encouraged to invite their friends, relatives, and neighbors who need Christ and the comfort of His Gospel. Many members return often to *Didache* to be refreshed in the Word of God. The *Lutheran Catechesis* volume, used in the *Didache* class, focuses on the foundations of the Christian faith by studying the Catechism through significant narratives of Scripture.