

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
RELIGION CURRICULUM

“IT WAS HE WHO GAVE SOME TO BE APOSTLES, SOME TO BE PROPHETS, SOME TO BE EVANGELISTS, AND SOME TO BE PASTORS AND TEACHERS, TO PREPARE GOD’S PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP, UNTIL WE ALL REACH UNITY IN THE FAITH AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD AND BECOME MATURE, ATTAINING TO THE WHOLE MEASURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST.”~**EPHESIANS**

4:11-13

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PHILOSOPHY

God's Word, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, is our primary guide in developing and implementing a religion curriculum. The Word of God is taught at St. Paul Lutheran School to bring the student into a deeper understanding of God's Word and a stronger relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ. It provides the means whereby the children are assured of their forgiveness and eternal salvation, motivates them to live a Christian life here on earth, and guides them in Christian living.

OBJECTIVES

Through the religion curriculum, St. Paul Lutheran School will:

1. Thoroughly acquaint each child with God's Word.
2. Lead each child to see that he is a lost and condemned creature by nature.
3. Lead each child to see God's complete plan of salvation for lost mankind through the life, death, and resurrection of their Savior, Jesus Christ.
4. Lead each child to see that diligent study and use of God's Word is a part of a sanctified life.
5. Help each child apply God's Word to their daily lives.
6. Teach each child to love God's Word.
7. Lead each child to show his love and thankfulness by spreading the Gospel message to others.

BIBLE HISTORY: GRADES PK-6*

- *ChristLight*, published by Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee, WI.
- **Grade 1 uses a revised version of this schedule, which includes all of the stories that are listed below.*
- **Year A:** Old Testament lessons telling God's salvation story beginning with the creation account and continuing through the history of the nation of Israel, God's chosen people and land to set the stage for the New Testament events.
 - o **Set 1**

- 1A: The Creation of All Things
- 1B: The Creation of Man and Woman
- 2A: Man's Sin and God's Promise
- 2B: Cain and Abel
- 3A: The Flood
- 3B: The Tower of Babel
- 4A: Abraham Trusts in God
- 4B: Abraham and Lot
- 5A: God Promises Abraham a Son
- 5B: God Answers Abraham's Prayer
- 6A: God Tests Abraham's Faith
- 6B: A Wife for Isaac
- 7A: Jacob Deceives Isaac
- 7B: Jacob's Flight and Vision
- 8A: Jacob and Laban
- 8B: Jacob's Return Home
- 9A: Joseph is Sold by His Brothers
- 9B: Joseph in Potiphar's House and in Prison
- 10A: Joseph is Made Ruler
- 10B: The First Journey of Joseph's Brothers
- 11A: The Second Journey of Joseph's Brothers
- 11B: Joseph Makes Himself Known
- 12A: Jacob in Egypt
- 12B: The Birth of Moses

- 13A: Moses Escapes to Midian
- 13B: God Calls Moses to Lead Israel

o **Set 2**

- 1A: Pharaoh Disobeys God
- 1B: The Plagues
- 2A: The First Passover
- 2B: God Delivers His People at the Red Sea
- 3A: God Feeds His People in the Desert
- 3B: Water from a Rock and Victory in Battle
- 4A: God Gives His Law to His People
- 4B: The Golden Calf
- 5A: God's Rules for Worship
- 5B: The Day of Atonement
- 6A: The Twelve Spies
- 6B: Korah's Rebellion
- 7A: The Bronze Snake
- 7B: Balaam
- 8A: God's People Enter the Promised Land
- 8B: Rahab and the Spies
- 9A: The Fall of Jericho
- 9B: Achan's Sin
- 10A: God Gives the Israelites the Promised Land
- 10B: The Israelites Turn Away from God
- 11A: Gideon's Call

- 11B: Gideon's Victory
- 12A: Samson's Strength
- 12B: Samson's Capture and Death
- 13A: Ruth's Faith
- 13B: God Blesses Ruth

o Set 3

- 1A: Hannah and Samuel
- 1B: Eli and His Wicked Sons
- 2A: Saul Serves God as King
- 2B: Saul Turns Away from God
- 3A: David and Goliath
- 3B: Jonathan's Friendship
- 4A: David's Kindness Toward Saul
- 4B: The Deaths of Saul and Jonathan
- 5A: David Sins
- 5B: Absalom Sins against His Father
- 6A: Solomon Becomes King
- 6B: The Idolotry of Solomon and Jeroboam
- 7A: Ahab and Elijah
- 7B: Naboth's Vineyard
- 8A: Elijah and Elisha
- 8B: The Shunammite Woman
- 9A: Naaman Is Brought to Faith
- 9B: Jonah and the People of Nineveh

- 10A: Hezekiah and the Assyrian Attack
 - 10B: Hezekiah's Sickness
 - 11A: Three Men in the Fiery Furnace
 - 11B: Daniel and Belshazzar
 - 12A: Daniel in the Lions' Den
 - 12B: Esther
 - 13A: The Jews Return to Judah
 - 13B: Job
- **Year B:** New Testament lessons focusing on the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ—the story of our salvation. There is also a focus on the establishment of the New Testament church after the ascension of Jesus Christ.

o **Set 1**

- 1A: Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus
- 1B: The Birth of John the Baptist
- 2A: The Birth of Jesus
- 2B: Jesus Is Brought to the Temple
- 3A: The Wise Men Worship the Savior
- 3B: The Escape to Egypt
- 4A: The Twelve-Year-Old Jesus
- 4B: John the Baptist
- 5A: The Baptism of Jesus
- 5B: The Temptation of Jesus
- 6A: The Wedding at Cana
- 6B: Jesus Heals the Official's Son

- 7A: Jesus and Nicodemus
- 7B: Jesus and the Woman from Samaria
- 8A: Jesus is Rejected at Nazareth
- 8B: Healing in the Synagogue at Capernaum
- 9A: Peter the Fisherman
- 9B: The Calling of Matthew
- 10A: The Parable of the Farmer and the Seed
- 10B: The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat
- 11A: Jesus Calms the Storm
- 11B: Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man
- 12A: The Daughter of Jairus
- 12B: The Young Man from Nain
- 13A: Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Love
- 13B: Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Earthly Needs

o **Set 2**

- 1A: Jesus and the Centurion
- 1B: Jesus and the Canaanite Woman
- 2A: The Death of John the Baptist
- 2B: The Sinful Woman in Simon's House
- 3A: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
- 3B: Jesus Walks on Water
- 4A: Jesus' Transfiguration
- 4B: Jesus Encourages His Disciples
- 5A: The Parable of the Loving Samaritan

- 5B: The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
- 6A: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
- 6B: Ten Healed of Leprosy
- 7A: Mary and Martha
- 7B: The Parable of the Great Banquet
- 8A: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- 8B: The Parable of the Father's Great Love
- 9A: The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus
- 9B: The Rich Young Ruler
- 10A: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead
- 10B: Zacchaeus
- 11A: Mary Honors Jesus
- 11B: Jesus Rides into Jerusalem
- 12A: The Parable of the Talents
- 12B: The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
- 13A: Paying Taxes to Caesar
- 13B: The Widow's Offering

o **Set 3**

- 1A: The Parable of the Wicked Renters
- 1B: The Parable of the Wedding Banquet
- 2A: In the Upper Room
- 2B: Jesus in Gethsemane
- 3A: Peter's Denial
- 3B: Jesus Before Pilate

- 4A: Jesus is Crucified
- 4B: Our Savior Dies
- 5A: Jesus' Burial and Resurrection
- 5B: The Enemies Guard the Tomb
- 6A: Easter Morning at the Tomb
- 6B: Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene
- 7A: On the Road to Emmaus
- 7B: Jesus Appears to His Disciples
- 8A: Doubting Thomas
- 8B: Jesus Appears in Galilee
- 9A: Jesus Ascends into Heaven
- 9B: Matthias is Chosen
- 10A: Pentecost
- 10B: Many Come to Faith
- 11A: Peter and John Heal the Lame Man
- 11B: Peter and John are Arrested
- 12A: The Apostles are Persecuted
- 12B: The Persecuted Church
- 13A: Saul Becomes a Believer
- 13B: Philip and the Ethiopian Man

BIBLE HISTORY: GRADES 7-8

- *Getting into God's Word*, published by Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee, WI
- **Description:** This 2-year course is designed to familiarize the student with scripture, help them to be comfortable with the Bible, and help them to use God's Word as a daily companion and guide throughout this life.
- **Year A** (7th Grade):
 - Bible Study Skills (OT)
 - The Life of Faith According to the Psalms (OT)
 - The Messianic Age (NT)
 - Learning to Know Jesus Christ through John's Gospel (NT)
- **Year B** (8th Grade):
 - The Major Prophets (OT)
 - Romans (NT)
 - Galatians (NT)
 - Ephesians (NT)

CATECHISM: GRADE 5

- *Catechism Lessons*, written by Adolph Fehlauer, published by the Board for Parish Education, Milwaukee, WI.
- **Description:** An introductory course in the doctrines of the Lutheran church, as taught through 132 Bible study lessons based on Luther's Small Catechism. In these lessons the student will study the doctrines of the Bible, apply them to their lives, and learn to defend their faith according to the Scripture says about these doctrines.
- **Yearly Outline:**

- The Bible and its Teachings
- The Ten Commandments
- The Apostle's Creed
- Holy Baptism
- Holy Communion
- Keys and Confession
- Lord's Prayer

CATECHISM: GRADES 6-7

➤ **Description:** A two-year course designed to build upon the basic truths taught in grade 5. This course will help the 6th and 7th grade student master the doctrines of the Lutheran church as taught in the Holy Scriptures and outlined in Luther's Small Catechism. After the 2nd year of this course, most students will be recommended for the rite of confirmation and become communicant members of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

➤ **Yearly Outline:**

- The Bible and Its teachings
- The Ten Commandments
- The Apostle's Creed
- Holy Baptism
- Holy Communion
- Keys and Confession
- Lord's Prayer

CATECHISM: GRADE 8

➤ *Growing Up In Christ*, by Paul Jenkins

➤ **Description:** The goal of this course, designed for the confirmed 8th-grader, is to help young people realize the goal of Christian spiritual maturity and participation in the body of Christ.

➤ **Yearly Outline:**

- Part 1: Old Testament Study
- Part 2: New Testament Study
- Part 3: Lessons from Luther's Life
- Part 4: The Lutheran Confessions
- Part 5: The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- Part 6: St. Paul Lutheran Church, School, and Child Care
- Part 7: Adult Bible Study
- Part 8: Bible Teachings
- Part 9: Lutheran Worship
- Part 10: The Christian High School Student

MARTIN LUTHER: SUPPLEMENTARY CURRICULUM

- Each grade, on or around Reformation (October 31), will learn about the Reformation that was led by Martin Luther.
- **Description:** The children will learn about the life of Martin Luther. All instruction will center on the fact that all of his ideas came directly from Scripture and were not his own thoughts. We learn about Martin Luther because he held up the Scriptures as God's holy and inerrant Word.
- All grade levels will learn about the following aspects of the life of Martin Luther:
 - Early Years and Schooling
 - Life as a Monk and Professor
 - The 95 Theses
 - On Trial and in Exile
 - The German Bible and the Catechism
 - Historical Importance and Death

MEMORY WORK AND HYMNOLOGY

- **Description:** The students of St. Paul Lutheran School will learn Biblical truths by committing to memory the treasures found in God’s Holy Word, as well as those that are explained and studied in the *Small Catechism* of Dr. Martin Luther. They will also learn the musical treasures of the Lutheran church by studying, applying, and memorizing hymns from *Christian Worship* and *Christian Worship: Supplement*.
- **Rationale/Goals—Memory work:** The memory work assignments for all students fall into the following categories:
 - Those that remind us of God’s expectations and punishments for not upholding those expectations perfectly (Law).
 - Those that remind us of God’s mercy and forgiveness through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Gospel).
 - Those that help us to learn and reinforce all major doctrines of the Holy Bible.
- It is our goal that all of our students, through the memorization of these Bible passages and portions of the *Small Catechism*, can 1) find comfort in the fact that they are forgiven and redeemed children of God, they can 2) defend their faith when challenged by society and others outside the church and, they can 3) recall these passages during the toughest times of their lives so that they can live and die with God’s assurance that never will he leave them and never will he forsake them.
- Memory Work Outline (5-8):

<i>Week</i>	<i>Passages</i>	<i>Catechism Portion</i>
1	Romans 1:16; Romans 3:22-23	Books of the OT, NT
2	Proverbs 3:5; Romans 3:20	1 st Commandment
3	Psalm 50:15; 2 Timothy 3:15	2 nd Commandment
4	Psalm 122:1; Luke 11:28; Hebrews 10:25	3 rd Commandment
5	Ephesians 6:1; Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 2:8-9	4 th Commandment
6	Psalm 31:15; 1 John 3:15; Romans 3:22,28	5 th Commandment
7	Matthew 5:27-28; Isaiah 53:5-6	6 th Commandment

8	1 Timothy 6:10; Romans 7:18; Job 19: 25-27	7 th Commandment
9	Psalm 51:5; Galatians 2:20	8 th Commandment
10	Isaiah 64:6; Johan 11:25-26	9 th Commandment
11	Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1	10 th Commandment
12	Mark 10:45; 1 John 2:2; John 1:29	Conclusion
13	Romans 5:1; Hebrews 11:6; John 15:5	1 st Article
14	Ephesians 1:17; Genesis 3:15	2 nd Article
15	1 Timothy 3:5-7; Matthew 20:28	3 rd Article
16	Acts 2:38; Galatians 4:4-5	Baptism 1 and 2
17	Galatians 3:26	Baptism 3
18	Galatians 3:27; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 12:3	Baptism 4
19	1 Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 11:27; Joel 2:28	Lord's Supper 1
20	2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105	Lord's Supper 2
21	1 John 4:19; 1 John 5:3; Colossians 3:17	Lord's Supper 3
22	Matthew 18:18,20; Acts 5:29; Hebrews 10:24-25	Keys 1
23	Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 16:19	Keys 2
24	Romans 6:23; Proverbs 1:10	Confession 1 and 2
25	1 John 1:7; John 14:19	Confession 3 and 4
26	1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 6:6-8	Address
27	John 17:17; Matthew 5:14,16; 1 Corinthians 10:31	1 st Petition

28	1 Corinthians 12:3; John 8:31-32	2 nd Petition
29	1 John 3:8; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 Peter 5:8	3 rd Petition
30	Psalm 145:15-16	4 th Petition
31	Ephesians 4:32; Ephesians 2:1	5 th Petition
32	Matthew 26:41; Hebrews 4:15	6 th Petition
33	Acts 14:22; Romans 8:28; 2 Timothy 4:18	7 th Petition

HYMNOLOGY

<i>Week</i>	<i>Hymn</i>	<i>Grade Levels</i>
2	Theme Song	All
3	260: Let All Things Now Living	2-4
	234: Praise to the Lord	K, 1,5-8
4	432: I am Jesus' Little Lamb	2-8
	782: Lord, Support us All Day Long	4-8
5	221: Blessed Jesus At Your Word	All
6	619: God Bless Our Native Land	K-2
	737: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It	3-8
7	573: Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying	1-4
	429: What God Ordains is Always Good	5-8
8	333: Abide Oh Dearest Jesus	All
9	200: A Mighty Fortress	All
10	436: Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep	K-4

	422: Jesus Lead us On	5-8
11	348: Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus	All
12	369: Beautiful Savior	K-5
	367: Christ Be My Leader	6-8
13	610: Now Thank We All Our God	K-4
	588: Abide with Me	5-8
14-18	No Hymns	Christmas Service
19	83: As With Gladness Men of Old	1-4
	80: Angels from the Realms of Glory	5-8
20	76: Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love	1-4
	711: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal	5-8
21	766: The Lord's My Shepherd	K-4
	374: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	5-8
22	593: Now the Light has Gone Away	All
23	735: Speak, O Lord	1-4
	770: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve	5-8
24	752: In Christ Alone	K-4
	Psalm 1	5-8
25	111: Sweet the Moments Rich in Blessing	1-3
	715: What Grace is This	4-8
26	104: Go To Dark Gethsemane	K-4
	716: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet	5-8

27	103: Glory be to Jesus	All
28	114: Christ the Life of All the Living	1-8
29	748: Lamb of God	K-3
	105: O Sacred Head Now Wounded	4-8
30	152: I Know that My Redeemer Lives	All
31	157: Jesus Christ is Risen Today	K-3
	720: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands	4-8
32	446: I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus	K-5
33	332: Go My Children, With My Blessing	K-4
	428: Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?	5-8
34	449: Children of the Heavenly Father	K-4
	402: My Faith Looks Up to Thee	5-8
35	170: Draw us to Thee	All
36	183: Holy Spirit, Light Divine	1-8
37	195: Holy, Holy, Holy	All