

4. **The Optional Sections:** You will be encouraged to study through them; they are important, but optional.
5. **Upon Completion:** If you desire, you will be confirmed and thus become a communicant member of Bethlehem.

## Youth Plan

1. **Get Started:** Parents, tell the pastor that your youth is interested in going through the course. He is willing to work with one youth, or a small group of youth.
2. **Bible and Catechism Intros:** The pastor will meet with each youth and at least one parent to go over the contents of the two intros and give a Catechism to each youth.
3. **The Catechism:** It will be studied in six parts, based on the six parts noted in the course sections in this brochure. *This will be our procedure for each part:*
  - a. The pastor will meet with each youth and at least one parent to distribute the assignment sheets and explain the highlights.
  - b. The youth and parents will work through the assignment sheets at home.
  - c. The pastor, using Zoom technology, will teach through the highlights with the youth (the parents are certainly welcome, but not required).

- d. After each section, the youth and a parent will meet at the church to ask any final questions, take the section quiz, receive the next section, and receive an explanation of the highlights.

4. **The Optional Sections:** The youth and parents will be encouraged to study through them; they are important, but optional.
5. **Upon Completion:** If the youth desire, they will be confirmed and thus become communicant members of Bethlehem.

## Conclusion

For anyone and everyone who is interested, *let me know as soon as possible.* Hopefully we can get started soon! I'm looking forward to being a blessing to you and your family!

*Pastor Green*

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# Confirmation

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## Introduction

**Dear Friends:** Confirmation preparation is a time to grow in understanding and believing what we believe, teach, and confess at Bethlehem. Then, *when you are confirmed*, you yourself will confess:

- ✦ Your agreement with those teachings!
- ✦ Your commitment to continue to:
  - Faithfully receive God's Word and the Lord's Supper!
  - Grow in your understanding of God's Word!
  - Live for Christ, who lived and died for you!

## Course Overview

Since adults are normally more mature, more committed, and more able to comprehend the contents of the course, their time of preparation is shorter, in comparison to the youth confirmation preparation. However, *everyone will basically cover the same information:*

### Required:

1. Bible Introduction
2. Catechism Introduction
3. Small Catechism with Explanation:
  - a. Ten Commandments
  - b. Apostles' Creed
  - c. Lord's Prayer
  - d. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
  - e. Confession
  - f. Sacrament of the Altar

### Optional (*but strongly recommended*):

1. Our Church and Others
2. Divine Service

## Course Details

### Required:

1. **Bible Introduction:** It includes some fundamental and yet very important things about the Bible.
2. **Catechism Introduction:** It includes some fundamental and yet very important things about the Catechism.
3. **Small Catechism with Explanation:**
  - a. Ten Commandments: Part of the Law given by God to

Moses. It's important and relevant, *but no one can keep it to earn a place in heaven!*

- b. Apostles' Creed: A summary of what the Bible teaches about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!
- c. Lord's Prayer: A prayer Jesus taught to those who trusted in Him as their Savior!
- d. Sacrament of Holy Baptism: God the Father is at work by the Holy Spirit through the water and the Word of baptism to clothe sinners in the righteousness of Jesus!
- e. Confession: Unfortunately we cannot stop sinning, so God the Holy Spirit keeps working through the Bible to show us our sins, make us sorry, and point us to Jesus for forgiveness!
- f. Sacrament of the Altar: On the basis of our trust in the Bible to be God's Holy Word, we receive Jesus' very body – along with the bread, and Jesus' very blood – along with the wine, to assure us that our sins are forgiven!

### Optional (*but strongly recommended*):

1. Our Church and Others: Christians agree on some teachings, but disagree on other teachings. This study will identify some of the

differences and show the Biblical basis for what we believe at Bethlehem!

2. Divine Service: That is what we call our worship services, which are based on many key parts of the Bible. *Divine Service* means *God's Service*. In other words, God comes to us in the Divine Service to:
  - a. Remind us who we are – His baptized children!
  - b. Hear our confession of sins and receive His forgiveness!
  - c. Instruct us by the Holy Spirit through the Bible!
  - d. Hear our prayers!
  - e. Assure us of His forgiveness through the Lord's Supper!
  - f. Send us on our way with His blessing!

## Adult Plan

1. **Get Started:** Tell the pastor of your interest to go through the course. He is willing to work with one adult, or a small group of adults.
2. **Bible and Catechism Intros:** The pastor will meet with you once to go over the contents of the two intros and give you a Catechism.
3. **The Catechism:** Read through it on your own, *noting down any questions that arise*. The pastor will meet with you to answer your questions and highlight some very significant parts.