Catechesis

Catechesis can be understood in a few different ways. First, there's often a class on Luther's Small Catechism prior to confirmation or receiving the Lord's Supper the first time. Second, there's oral instruction in general, though often of a religious nature. Third, there's the question and answer format that many of us Lutherans just continue to love.

At any rate, many of us don't want our children to only read the catechism during confirmation years! We want Luther's Small Catechism (and his large one, too!) to shape their lives, year after year. So whatever you're looking for, here are catechesis resources we have compiled thus far. These are often *in addition* to confirmation curriculum books published by Lutheran publishing houses.

A list of editions (for all ages) of the catechisms and memory cards: <u>Luther's Small Catechisms Luther's Small Catechisms.docx.</u> Plus, let's note Luther's six catechetical hymns: "These Are the Holy Ten Commands" (*LSB* 581), "We All Believe in One True God" (*LSB* 954), "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" (*LSB* 766), "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" (*LSB* 406), "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (*LSB* 607), and "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" (*LSB* 627).

Organizations, Collections & Websites

- Concordia Catechetical Academy
- <u>Lutherancatechism.com/documents-library/</u> has some GREAT BOOKS on catechesis and Christian topics.
- Lutheran Catechism
- What Does This Mean Blog

Books by Lutherans

- <u>Catechetical Helps</u> (Although I've heard older versions can be better than newer due to expectations at the time)
 - *Praying the Catechism*
- Martin Luther's Small and Large Catechisms (Catechisms only is a nice edition)
- Devotions on the Small Catechism
- Why Am I Joyfully Lutheran? Instruction, Meditation, and Prayers on Luther's Small Catechism
- Youth Catechesis, Catechumen's Workbook
- <u>Adult Catechetical Instruction in the Life & Doctrine of the Church</u>, Student Guide (Leader guide <u>here</u>)
- Questions on Luther's Small Catechism and Selected Bible Passages
- <u>Divine Service, Catechetical Instruction in the Life of the Church, Vol. 1, teachers guide</u> and <u>student book</u>
- <u>Divine Service, Catechetical Instruction in the Life of the Church, Vol. 2, teachers guide</u> and <u>student book</u>

Apps, Videos & Links

- Apps: CPH for <u>Android</u>/Kindle and <u>Apple</u> systems
- Smallcatechism.org
- Youtube videos
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, put together a brief introduction to Luther's *Small Catechism* with the following links <u>here</u>.
 - Simple Small Catechism Reading Plan LutheranCatechism.org
 - Church Year Catechism Reading Plan LutheranCatechism.org
 - Family Devotions *Summer* Reading Plan Pastor Michael Mohr, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Strasburg, IL
 - Family Devotions *School Year* Reading Plan Pastor Michael Mohr, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Strasburg, IL
 - Small Catechism Memory Cards Concordia Publishing House
 - Small Catechism Flash Cards Concordia Publishing House

https://www.lutheranhomeschool.com/product/catechesis/