

Eighth Grade

During the seventh and eighth grade years, students will extensively study the Lutheran Doctrine as established through scripture, Luther's Small Catechism, and curriculum material. Along with this instruction our students will study Church History, review and extend their knowledge and understanding of the growth and development of the Christian Church and how they are an active part of the church. The students will study the events of that history and see how they are a part of that history today.

<u>Key Concepts of Faith:</u>	
	Recognize their connectedness to Jesus and to the apostles and other early followers of Christ.
	Understand how God gave the power of the Holy Spirit to early Christians.
	Become familiar with the events that mobilized early Christians into action.
	Realize they too have a mission and ministry to fulfill both within their lives and their communities.
	Understand that the same Holy Spirit continues to empower, equip, and encourage them today.
	Develop an understanding of the problems faced by God's people as the Church became a dominant social institution.
	Appreciate how God has blessed and encouraged His people through the ages.
	Recognize and understand the need for a personal Savior.
	Accept their role to work personally for the advancement of the spreading of the Gospel again for them and those around them through being a disciple of Christ.
	Understand and appreciate how God blesses and leads His people during good times as well as bad.
	Understand the meaning of God's Law and Promises as found in Luther's Catechism within his Six Chief Parts; Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Office of the Keys and Confession, Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and Sacrament of the Altar.
	Understand God's "Goal of Love" both at home and out in the world.
	Understand the concept of "Christian" and what it means to them.
	Recognize what is "discipleship" and how it works in their lives.

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<u>Memory Work:</u>	
	Various Bible passages.
	Six Chief Parts of Luther's Catechism and application.
	Timothy's mission statement.
<u>Schedule:</u>	
	During the 8th grade year, students will focus on the Six Chief Parts and Discipleship.