

7TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION (2025-2026)

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(SCHEDULE REVISED JAN 2026)

All classes meet from 5:30-6:20pm
in the Meeting Room.



Winter/Spring 2026 Schedule	
Date	Topic and Memory Work
Jan 7	Topic: Overview of the Lord's Prayer and the Introduction No Memory Work
Jan 14	Topic: The Nature and Blessings of Baptism Memory Work: <i>What benefits does Baptism give?</i> It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. <i>Which are these words and promises of God?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)
Jan 21	Topic: The Power of Baptism and What Baptism Indicates Memory Work: <i>What does such baptizing with water indicate?</i> It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. <i>Where is this written?</i> St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)
Jan 28	Topic: The Sacrament of the Altar – Scripture Fulfilled No Memory Work

Feb 4	<p>Topic: The Nature and Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar</p> <p>Memory Work:</p> <p><i>What is the Sacrament of the Altar?</i></p> <p>It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.</p> <p><i>Where is this written?</i></p> <p>The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:</p> <p>Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."</p> <p>In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament, in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."</p>
Feb 11	<p>Topic: The Power of the Sacrament of the Altar and How to Receive This Sacrament Worthily</p> <p>Memory Work:</p> <p><i>Who receives this sacrament worthily?</i></p> <p>Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.</p>
Feb 18	No Class (Ash Wednesday)
Feb 25	<p>Topic: Confession and the Office of the Keys</p> <p>Memory Work:</p> <p><i>What is Confession?</i></p> <p>Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.</p>

Mar 4	<p>Topic: The Lord's Prayer: 1st & 2nd Petitions</p> <p>Memory Work: Our Father who art in heaven.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.</p> <p>1 John 3:1 – See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.</p>
Mar 11	<p>Topic: The Lord's Prayer: 3rd & 4th Petitions</p> <p>Memory Work: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.</p> <p><i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.</p>
Mar 18	<p>Topic: The Lord's Prayer: 5th & 6th Petitions</p> <p>Memory Work: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.</p>
Mar 25	<p>Topic: The Lord's Prayer: 7th Petition and the Conclusion</p> <p>Memory Work: But deliver us from evil.</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.</p>
Apr 1	<p>No Class (Holy Week, Spring Break for De Pere and other area schools)</p>

Apr 8	<p>Topic: Daily Prayers</p> <p>Memory Work:</p> <p><i>Luther's Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.</p>
Apr 15	<p>Topic: The Christian Life: Table of Duties</p> <p>No Memory Work</p>
Date TBD	<p>Topic: Life within the Congregation and Christian Stewardship</p> <p>No Memory Work</p>
Date TBD	<p>Topic: The Rite of Confirmation (8th Graders only)</p> <p>No Memory Work</p>
Date TBD	8th Graders record Confession of Faith and are examined
Date TBD	<p style="text-align: center;">Service of Confirmation!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God bless our 2nd Year Students as they confess the faith.</p>