

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR: 2021-2022

ADULT FORUM

Immediately Following Worship on Sunday mornings

Rising from “The Fall”: Engaging with Our Origin Myths

Seemingly foundational to our Lutheran theology, the idea of “The Fall” is a creation of Augustine of Hippo over a millennium after the stories of Genesis were first told. Nevertheless, the origin stories in Genesis are undeniably influential on how we understand ourselves as Christians in the 21st century. Join Dr Crystal Hall, Kraft Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary, for an exploration and engagement with our origin stories.

October 3 - The Liturgy of Creation in Genesis 1

October 10 - The Earth Creature in Genesis 2

October 17 - Eyes Open to Good and Bad in Genesis 3

October 24 - Cain's Fall into Sin in Genesis 4

Hiatus: October 31

Reformation Sunday,

Organ Dedication (5pm),

All Creation Sings Workshop with Deacon John Weit

Theology Ancient and Modern: Luther’s Small Catechism for the 21st Century

One of the most influential pamphlets from Luther, the Small Catechism is a way of teaching and discussing the basic tenets of the Faith. Written in 1529, the Small Catechism has been taught in homes and congregations ever since. We will be re-engaging this seminal work of Luther with an eye to its application in 21st Century North America—hundreds of years and thousands of miles away from its origins.

November 14 Introduction of the Catechism of the Church

November 21 The Lord’s Prayer

November 28 The Apostles’ Creed

December 5 The Lord’s Prayer

December 12 The Sacraments

December 19 Application in Daily Life

Hiatus: December 26 (Christmas I), January 2 (Christmas 2), 9 (Baptism of Jesus)

Prophets in Our Own Day

Prophets have arisen throughout the history of God's people. Their call is to remind people who God is and who we are in light of who God is. Their gifts of prophecy are everything from poetry to future-telling to music and dance to fine arts. They have not always been appreciated in their own time. And yet the people of God are called in every time to listen to the voices of the prophets. Too often we think that there has been no prophet since the closing of the Biblical canon. And yet, God continues to call prophets into our own day and we, like generations before us, are called to listen. In this season, we will explore some prophets since the closing of the Biblical canon.

January 16	Who God Is
January 23	Who We Are in Light of Who God Is
February 6	Justice
February 13	Love
February 20	Peace
February 27	Equity

Pray without Ceasing

One of the disciplines of Lent is prayer. Yet, prayer can also be one of the most elusive acts of our life of faith. How is it possible to take dedicated time for our conversation with God? What happens when our mind wanders? What if we don't hear God talking back? We will explore prayer, its efficacy, and some practical ways of incorporating prayer into our daily lives.

March 6	What is Prayer?
March 13	What about Distractions?
March 20	What to Say?
March 27	How to Listen
April 3	Daily Prayer

Hiatus: April 10 (Palm Sunday), 17 (Easter), 24 (Easter 2)

Living Wet

Our lives as people of God begins with the waters of baptism. There, we are told we are buried with Christ and raised to new life. In the ancient Church, the Easter Vigil was the central moment for baptisms, and surely if we are raised to new life in Christ it is through our baptisms—our own journey through the empty tomb. We are also sealed with the Spirit—gifted first as fulfillment of the promise of the Resurrection at Pentecost. We will explore what it means to live as baptized people of God.

May 1	Dying and Rising with Christ
May 8	Drowning the Old Adam
May 15	The Vows of Life
May 22	Living Wet in a Valley of Dry Bones

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS

Forum at 6pm, Evening Eucharist at 7pm

Singing Our Songs

As we transition from Year B (Mark) to Year C (Luke) we will experience again the ancient Gospel Canticles in Luke. We will hear from Advent through Epiphany the songs of Zechariah, Mary, and Simeon. We will also hear the beauty of the prophet Isaiah's poetry and share as always the psalms of David. Scripture is full of song even if all we have left is the text. We will take time during Advent to explore ways we join our own songs to those of our forebears.

November 17	Singing with the Spirit
December 1	Singing of Hope with Zechariah
December 8	Singing of Justice with Mary
December 15	Singing of Good News with Simeon

Hiatus: **November 24 (Thanksgiving)**
 December 22 (Christmas)

Lenten Wednesdays

Forum at 6pm, Evening Prayer at 7pm

The Baptismal Covenant

Lent in the Church has been about preparation for Baptism. For those already baptized it serves as a chance to recall and renew ourselves in the covenant God made with us in Baptism and to return to its call for us. We will explore the five pillars of the Baptismal Covenant as we journey through this season.

March 9	To live among God's faithful people
March 16	To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper
March 23	To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
March 30	To serve all people following the example of Jesus
April 6	To strive for justice and peace in all the earth