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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION  
THE APOSTLES' CREED  
Lesson 22: "The Apostles' Creed, Part 9," (L22)  
Year 1 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

- \*Become familiar with The Third Article of The Apostles' Creed.
- \*Can share the identifying marks of the holy Christian Church.
- \*Can differentiate between the visible and the invisible church.
- \*Share four ways that one can identify with the church.

1. Introduction:

Watch video: (Parents are to meet with students during instruction with this commandment).

2. Seen and Unseen. We all live in a world where things are seen and unseen. We can see one's clothes, but we can't sometimes know how they feel. We can see one with our eyes, but not know their thoughts. We can see someone smile or frown, but don't know their hearts, joys and concerns. The same is with the church. What can we see inside the church, and we can see stain glass pictures, crosses and altars. We can even see people. But can we see their hearts and their faith? No, that is unseen, and known only to God. We are called to be visible in church and our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, even though it shows itself in works, praise and confession is known only to God. Have students write visible and invisible on their triangle and add as you deem fit.

II. The Church, the Communion of Saints:

3. Answer question #169 on p. 157, "What is the holy Christian Church?"  
A. Share three facts;

This is known as the ( ) Church.

- B. Read question #170 on p. 158 in your Catechism, "Why do you say, "I believe" in the church?"

1.

2.

3. Answer: Using Bible verses #599-602.
  - a. The Kingdom of God is in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The Lord know those who are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. On this rock, I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. The Lord added to their number day by day those being \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. Question #171, found on pp. 158-159, "Why do you say, I believe in "The" church?"
  - A. Share the four ones in the answer;
    1. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. \_\_\_\_\_
    3. \_\_\_\_\_
    4. \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - B. Go to question #172, on p. 159, "Why is the church called holy?"
    1. Describe them in two ways.
    2. Tell one thing they do.
  
  3. Complete: 1 Peter 2:5, "You \_\_\_\_\_ like living stones are \_\_\_\_\_ built up as a \_\_\_\_\_ house, to be a \_\_\_\_\_ priesthood, to offer \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices \_\_\_\_\_ to God through \_\_\_\_\_."
  
- C. Answer question #173, found on p. 159, "Why is the church called, "Christian?"
  1. Who does it belong to and what is it built upon?
  2. Read the "Note," what does the word, "catholic" that is used in the creeds mean?
  
- D. Go to p. 160, answer question #174, "Where is the holy Christian Church to be found?"
  1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is purely taught.
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ are correctly administered.
  3. These two are called "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."
  4. Write Isaiah 55:10-11 below. That's Bible verse #610.

E. Answer question #175, on p. 160, "In what other senses is the word church used?"

\*Write the four ways;

5. Answer question #176, on pp. 160-161, "Why does the Scripture call local congregations, "church?"

A. What are they gathered around?

B. Go to the "Note," list some of the churches that were written to?

C. Go to question #177, found on p. 161, "What is the visible church?"

"The \_\_\_\_\_ church is the whole number of those who use the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and profess the \_\_\_\_\_ faith, but among whom, beside the true \_\_\_\_\_, there are also \_\_\_\_\_."

D. Answer question #178, found on p. 161, "Are there then two churches one visible and invisible?"

1. What two types of people are found? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What is a hypocrite?

3. In "*Bible Narratives*," at the bottom of p. 161, Draw a picture of Matthew 13:47-48 below. What does it mean to be without wedding clothing?

6. Go to question #179, found on pp. 162-164, "What do Scriptures teach about our life in the church?"
  - A. Write down the four Things We should do below. Then below your answer write one Bible verse that summarizes the one things we should do. For example for A; Use Bible verses, #614-#615.

- B. Go to "*Bible Narratives*," on p. 164, complete these;  
Peter \_\_\_\_\_ the crowds.  
Philip \_\_\_\_\_ to the eunuch  
The early \_\_\_\_\_ prayed for the spreading of the Gospel.

7. Go into the Sanctuary, walk around for a few minutes. Share symbols or items that reflect it being a house of God/Christians. Write down 7 things you see that reflect the church as you learned today; For example;
  - A. The Communion rail, is where one receives the Sacrament.

Closing prayer; "Heavenly Father, keep us in both the visible and invisible church by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we always have faith and worship together. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."