

Confirmation Handbook

2022-23
7th and 8th Grades



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Overview of Confirmation

What is Confirmation?

- Confirmation is a time for exploring our core Lutheran beliefs, spiritual growth, and practical application of our faith. It is a two year program for our 7th and 8th graders. Each year, we will explore the Six Chief Parts based on Luther's Small Catechism. Confirmation culminates on "Confirmation Sunday" when our 8th graders officially become confirmed members of the church. It is a time for you to say "Here I stand" (this is what I believe in) just as Martin Luther did over 500 years ago. Even though it might seem like a "graduation," it is really more like "a beginning" of your life in the church!

Confirmation Classes and Worship

- Confirmation classes will meet every Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Youth Room. Students are welcome to hang out 20 minutes before and after Confirmation in the Youth Room as well! Attendance is important! While we ask you to be here every Sunday, you should not miss more than five classes per year. Confirmation classes will consist of a lesson and small group time.
- We also want you to attend weekly worship services at Faith! Worship allows a family to grow in their faith. Regular worship attendance is crucial for a complete Confirmation experience.

Memory Work

- Why memory work? Have you ever had a song stuck in your head, and you just can't get it out? Or something happens and you automatically think of a quote from your favorite movie? These things have become part of who you are. They've been woven into the fabric of how you think and what makes you YOU. What if you were scared, and you could automatically think, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Or, when your "friends" make fun of you because you choose not to do something with them, you could in your heart say, "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Memorizing God's Word also helps become part of who you are and provides a place to turn in times of pain and joy. God uses His words, which we place in our heads and hearts by memorizing them, to help us through moments in our lives when we need to know we are not alone. When we are tempted, He uses His words to provide a way out. Memorization is another means God strengthens our faith as we continue to walk ever closer to Him.

- You will have a memory work assignment each week. Memory work will be done at home. Simply recite the memory verse(s) to a parent/guardian. They will sign that you have completed the memory work on your memory work paper. You will turn it in at the end of each quarter. Please see the memory work sheet for more details.

Worship Notes

- As we grow in our hearing of God’s preached Word, worship notes help develop a discerning attitude and a deeper sense of active participation (active listening) in our worship.
- You are expected to take worship notes throughout the school year. For the 2022-23 Confirmation year, you will complete 15 worship notes.
- In order to get credit for your worship notes, please fill out a Worship Notes Form and turn it in during class.
- All Worship Notes are due April 30.

Exams

- For 2022-23, we will have one exam at the end of each quarter (3 total for the year). It’s your time to show us what you have learned!

Statement of Faith and Life Verse

- Towards the end of your 8th grade year, you will write a statement of faith. This is where you get to stand up and say, “this is what I believe...” We will record your Statements of Faith so that they can be played in Church!
- You will also pick a “life verse.” This will be a verse that has special meaning to you or is important to your Christian faith and witness.

Class Materials

These are the materials that you will need to bring to each class:

- Bible (preferably ESV since that is the translation we will be using)
- Luther’s Small Catechism
- Confirmation Binder
- Pen/Pencil

Confirmation Memory Sheet

Quarter 1 - Series B (Due 11/6/22)

Name: _____

| Week | Assignment | Letter Grade | Parent Signature |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Week 1 9/18/22 | Psalm 139:13-14 | | |
| Week 2 10/9/22 | 1 John 1:8-9 | | |
| Week 3 10/16/22 | Philippians 2:5-8 | | |
| Week 4 10/23/22 | Philippians 4:4-6 | | |
| Week 5 10/30/22 | Galatians 5:22-23 | | |

Special Notes for Parents:

- 1) Grades - "A" grade means no helps from the parents. "B" grade means 1 or 2 helps from the parent. "C" grade means 3 helps from the parent. More than 3 helps is NOT satisfactory. A help means that when a child stops, a parent may give them the next word or two.
- 2) Signature - please sign for each week.
- 3) Collection - Sheets will not be collected until the end of each quarter.

Confirmation Memory Sheet

Quarter 2 - Series B (Due 2/12/23)

Name: _____

| Week | Assignment | Letter Grade | Parent Signature |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Week 6 11/6/22 | Ephesians 6:10-11 | | |
| Week 7 11/13/22 | Matthew 22:37-39 | | |
| Week 8 1/8/23 | 10 Commandments (not the meanings) | | |
| Week 9 1/22/23 | Ephesians 2:8-9 | | |
| Week 10 1/29/23 | Galatians 5:22-23 | | |
| Week 11 2/5/23 | John 3:16-17 | | |

Special Notes for Parents:

- 4) Grades - "A" grade means no helps from the parents. "B" grade means 1 or 2 helps from the parent. "C" grade means 3 helps from the parent. More than 3 helps is NOT satisfactory. A help means that when a child stops, a parent may give them the next word or two.
- 5) Signature - please sign for each week.

Collection - Sheets will not be collected until the end of each quarter.

Confirmation Memory Sheet

Quarter 3 - Series B (Due 4/30/23)

Name: _____

| Week | Assignment | Letter Grade | Parent Signature |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Week 12 2/12/23 | John 8:31-32 | | |
| Week 13 3/5/23 | Romans 5:8 | | |
| Week 14 3/12/23 | Mark 10:13-16 | | |
| Week 15 3/19/23 | Acts 2:38-39 | | |
| Week 16 3/26/23 | Matthew 26:26-28 | | |
| Week 17 4/16/23 | Psalms 32:5 | | |

Special Notes for Parents:

- 6) Grades - "A" grade means no helps from the parents. "B" grade means 1 or 2 helps from the parent. "C" grade means 3 helps from the parent. More than 3 helps is NOT satisfactory. A help means that when a child stops, a parent may give them the next word or two.
- 7) Signature - please sign for each week.
- 8) Collection - Sheets will not be collected until the end of each quarter.

Worship Notes

Worship Notes name _____ Grade level: _____

Date of Worship _____

Bible Readings for the day: _____ & _____

1. What was your favorite song today and why?
2. What was the main point of the sermon?
3. Where you able to identify the Law part of the message? Did anything make you feel guilty or sorry? How so?
4. Where you able to identify the Gospel part of the message? Did anything make you feel relieved or glad? How so?
5. What part did you learn about God's love for you today?
6. How does this sermon impact your faith and help you make decisions at home, school and with your friends?
7. What point of the sermon made you think? Was there something that you struggle with understanding or living out?

Worship Notes Help

Definition:

Law

- In Scripture the “Law” consists of commands or rules: “what we should do, should not do, and how to live.”
- The Law is about what we do or do not do, or God’s judgment on us.
- It shows our sin (mirror), threatens our sinning and accuses us of doing evil (curb), and helps us to make decisions when we desire to do what is God pleasing (guide).

Gospel

- The Gospel is all about what GOD DOES FOR US. It is free.
- We do nothing in the Gospel, but Christ does it all.
- The Gospel is about the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and God’s Love for us.
- If the Pastor talks about what God has done or is doing for us that is Gospel.

THE LAW

SOS Shows Our Sin

THE GOSPEL

SOS Shows Our Savior

Examples:

Go and tell others of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- Since this is telling us that we should **DO** something, this is **LAW**

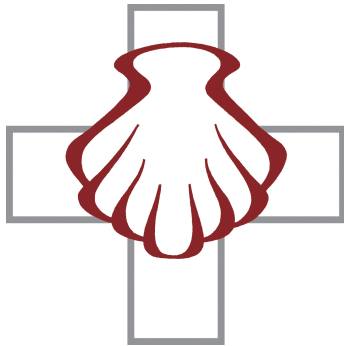
God sent His Son to die on a cross for your sins and mine.

- Since this is telling us of what Christ has done for us, this is **GOSPEL**

Statement of Faith and Life Verse

The following should be included in your statement of faith:

1. What you believe about God.
2. What and why your faith in Christ Jesus is important to you.
3. What will change after your confirmation?
 - How will you be involved in the life of the church differently after your confirmation? *“As I confirm my faith, I plan to be involved in ... (in the life the life of the church)”*
4. Your confirmation verse must be included.
 - Pick a bible verse that has special meaning to you or is important to your Christian faith and witness.
 - Here is a sample of a “fictitious” confirmand writing about their confirmation verse: (please do not use)



- My Confirmation verse is John 11:35, "Jesus wept." When I read that verse, I realize that Jesus, who is fully God, is also fully man, IS like ME. He hurts like me; He feels the pains of others like me. In fact, when Jesus wept, he was weeping because of the pain that Lazarus' death brought to Mary and Martha and others. But most of all, this verse promises that Jesus, who is with me always, knows my pain, sees my struggles, and promises to hear me when I can go to Him in prayer and praise. For the writer of Hebrews invites all who believe: *Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)*

- Your statement of faith should be MORE than 300 words and LESS than 500 words. Your confirmation verse(s) is/are not counted in your word count of 300-500 words.
- You are encouraged to quote the bible, Luther's Small Catechism, the Creeds in your Statement of Faith.
- You will read your statement of faith at the end of the year at "Testimony and Pepperoni"

DUE DATES:

- Rough Draft - 4/23/23
- Final Copy - 5/7/23

2022-23 Calendar

| Week/Date | Topic (Series B) | Time and Location |
|--------------|--|---|
| 1 - 9/18/22 | Introduction | 9:30 - 10:30, Room 208 |
| 2 - 10/9/22 | Apostle's Creed | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 3 - 10/16/22 | Apostle's Creed | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 4 - 10/23/22 | Apostle's Creed | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 5 - 10/30/22 | Luther | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 6 - 11/6/22 | Quarter 1 Test Memory Due | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 7 - 11/13/22 | 10 Commandments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 8 - 1/8/23 | 10 Commandments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 9 - 1/22/23 | 10 Commandments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 10 - 1/29/23 | 10 Commandments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 11 - 2/5/23 | 10 Commandments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 12 - 2/12/23 | Quarter 2 Test Memory Due | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 13 - 3/5/23 | The Sacraments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 14 - 3/12/23 | The Sacraments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 15 - 3/19/23 | The Sacraments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 16 - 3/26/23 | The Sacraments | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 17 - 4/16/23 | Confession and Forgiveness | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 18 - 4/23/23 | Confirmation Prep/Review Statement of Faith Rough Draft | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 19 - 4/30/23 | Quarter 3 Test Memory Due All Worship Notes Due Statement of Faith Review | 9:30 - 10:30, Music Room |
| 20 - 5/7/23 | Confirmation Prep (8th Only) Statement of Faith Final Copy | 9:30 - 10:30, Musi Room/Video Room/Sanctuary |
| 21 - 5/14/23 | Confirmation Sunday | 10:15, Sanctuary |

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