



Confirmation Handbook

2019-2020

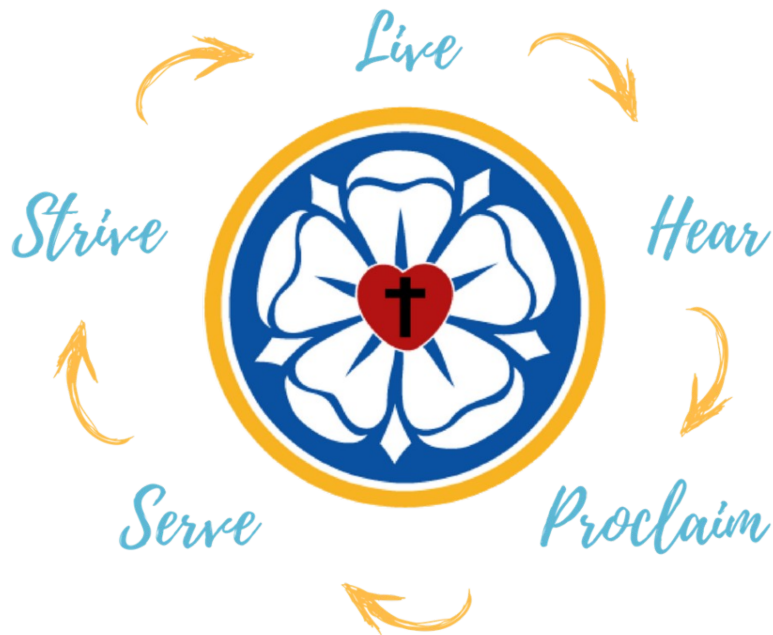
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Lutheran Confirmation

What is Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism?

Confirmation is...

The fulfillment of promises:

It is a time for parents of adolescents to fulfill the promises made at baptism, in partnership with the whole faith community. They promise to: *“live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.”* Service of Holy Baptism, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, (Augsburg Fortress, © 2006), page 228



Faith Formation:

It is a time to learn about to whom we belong, who Jesus is, and how faith in Him impacts us. Confirmation helps prepare and support us for life’s journey as adult Christians.

Relationships:

It is a time to grow in our love and trust of God and to experience God’s love by building caring connections with parents, mentors, and peers. It is a commitment of the whole family to grow together, support one another and encourage one another to trust in a God who loves us, cares for us and forgives us.

Discipleship:

It is a time in the adolescent faith journey for intensive nurturing, a time of preparation leading to public profession of Christian faith and for youth to “confirm” their intention to live as a Child of God in the covenant of Baptism: *“Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”* Affirmation of Baptism, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, (Augsburg Fortress, © 2006), page 236.

A step on the life-long journey of faith:

It is NOT a journey toward a “graduation,” but rather it is the next step on the life-long journey of faith that extends from birth to death.

Class Calendar				
Date	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade	9 th Grade
9/18	Field Trip: FMSC			
9/25	1: Canon	1: Maps	1: Martin Luther	1: Justification by Faith
10/2	2: The Hebrew Bible	2: New Testament	2: The Reformation	2: The Cross
10/9	3: Genesis	3: Jesus	3: The Reformers	3: Law & Gospel
10/16	No Class: MEA Break			
10/23	4: Exodus	4: Matthew	4: Lutheran Confessions	4: Saint & Sinner
10/30	5: Law	5: Mark	5: Adiaphora	5: The Church
11/6	Parent Event: TBD			
11/13	6: Judges	6: Luke	6: Luther's Small Catechism	6: Freedom of a Christian
11/20	7: Ruth	7: John	7: Ten Commandments	7: The Neighbor
11/27	No Class: Thanksgiving Break			
12/4	8: Kings	8: Acts	11: The Lord's Prayer	8: Grace
12/11	9: Babylonian Captivity	9: Paul & the Early Church	15: Daily Prayers	9: The Word
12/18	Caroling (mandatory): Parents/family are invited			
12/25-1/1	No Class: Christmas Break			
1/8	10: Prophets	10: Paul's Theology	8: Apostles' Creed, pt. 1	10: Bondage of the Will
1/15	11: Psalms	11: Romans	9: Apostles' Creed, pt. 2	11: Two Kingdoms
1/22	12: Wisdom	12: 1 & 2 Corinthians	10: Apostles' Creed, pt. 3	12: Vocation
1/29	Field Trip: Temple Israel (1/31)		Service Project	
2/5	13: Job	13: Galatians	12: Holy Baptism	13: Worship
2/12	14: Esther	14: Letters	13: Holy Communion	14: The Devil
2/19	15: The Rise of Rome	15: Revelation	14: Confession and Forgiveness	15: Doubt
2/26	Ash Wednesday: Attend Service			
3/4-4/1	Lent: Class @ 6:30, Lenten Worship Service @ 7:00 (Students will help with the service)			
4/8	No Class: Holy Week			
4/15	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD
4/22	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD
4/29	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD	Lesson: TBD
5/6	Pizza Party			
5/13	9 th Grade Evening of Sharing; Hosted by 8 th Grade			
5/17	Affirmation of Baptism Service at 10:45am			

PROGRAM DETAILS

Teachers

6th Grade: Becky Ruen & Melissa Hanson

7th Grade: Paula Anderson & Jackie Dulac

8th Grade: Kim Robertson and Staci Thompson

9th Grade: Joe Jorgensen

Program Structure

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm. We will open each week with a time of worship. Following worship, we will move to classrooms for lessons and discussions. The evening will conclude with a large group activity in the Heritage Room.

Throughout the year we will also have field trips, service projects, speakers and other special events.

Wednesday meals from 5:30-6:15pm

Suggested donation: \$4 per person

Communication

- Remind: We will use this group messaging service to communicate with students and parents about upcoming lessons/events.
- If you have questions, contact Joe (contact info on back page)

Celebration

In June, we will celebrate with a trip to Valleyfair. Students meeting the goals for attendance, worship notes, and services to the church and community will receive free admission to the park that day. All students are encouraged to join us.

Class Attendance

Goal = Attend at least 80% of class sessions

- If you are not able to attend due to a conflict or illness please contact Joe (contact info on back page)
- If there will be a series of absences due to school and/or community activities, please see the teacher to discuss options for making up missed lessons

Worship Notes

Goal = Complete 9 or more worship notes (avg. 1/month)

Service

Goal = Complete 9 services to the church by May 13, 2020

- Usher, acolyte, projectionist, coffee service, bells, band, Sunday School helper, Norwegian Supper, etc.
- You are strongly encouraged to try serving in 2 or more areas
- To get credit, you must turn in a blue slip signed by the adult supervisor
- Signup Genius will be used to assign most service dates

Goal = Complete 2 services to the community by May 13, 2020

- Examples: Visiting with residents of a care center, Loaves and Fishes, raking leaves, snow removal, etc. (These can be done individually or in small groups)
- To get credit, you must turn in a community service form signed by the adult supervisor

In addition, each class will help plan & serve one Wednesday evening meal.

Oct. 30: 9th grade

Jan. 15: 7th grade

Nov. 20: 8th grade

Feb. 19: 6th grade



Materials: Colaborate Study Guide

Cost: \$10 per confirmant to supplement the cost of materials.
(\$20 max per family)

Curriculum

Worship, activities, speakers, classroom lessons, discussion and field trips

6th Grade: Old Testament (Unit #1)

7th Grade: New Testament (Unit #3)

8th Grade: Lutheran History and Catechism (Unit #2)

9th Grade: Lutheran Living (Unit #4)

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