

An Introduction to 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

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Why We Have Confirmation

Matthew 28:19-20Psalm 78:4-7Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-9Ephesians 6:4

Goals of Confirmation

- 1) To publicly confess before the Church and world ("to put a voice to") the faith into which you were baptized. "To continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it." Revelation 2:10 says, "Be faithful unto death, and I [Jesus] will give you the crown of life."
- 2) To faithfully follow Jesus in every aspect of your life
- 3) To diligently make use of God's Word and Sacraments
- 4) To continue to mature and grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the ministries of St. John (becoming a full member) by:
 - worshipping regularly (Hebrews 10:25)
 - o participating in **Bible studies** (individual and with a group) (Psalm 1:1-3)
 - o attending the Lord's Supper
 - serving and sharing in the responsibilities of my church:
 - **praying** for its health and growth (Eph 6:18)
 - learning to give regularly, financial support (1 Cor 16:2)
 - discovering **my gifts and talents** and use them (1 Pet 4:10)
 - developing a servant's heart (Phil 2:4-7)
 - supporting the **witness** of my church:
 - inviting your unchurched friends to visit (Lk 14:23; Acts 2:47)
 - serving at outreach activities (Romans 15:7)

Class Guidelines

- 1) Be in class unless sick, out of town, or in heaven!!!
- 2) Be on time!!!
- 3) Be prepared for each class have your materials and Bible, ready to take notes and complete assignments.
- 4) Respect your classmates as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 5) Participate, while being polite to those who are talking.
- 6) Communicate with pastor, parents, and students.

Evaluation/Assignments

- 1) Weekly participation.
- 2) Memory Work (see schedule).
- 3) 14 Sermon Notes
- 4) Assignments as assigned
- 5) 8th graders only Essay and Presentation

Materials for Confirmation

- Luther's Small Catechism and Workbook (provided by St John)
- **Bible** provided "Faith Alive"
- Notebook or folder w/paper, pencil (or pen) and highlighter
- Notecards provided by St. John

Cost for Confirmation instruction (materials and other expenses) **\$25 Payable to** *St John Lutheran Church*

Two Year Cycle

- Luther's Small Catechism 1 Year
- Overview of the Bible 1 Year

Time

- Sundays at 6:00-7:30pm, September (October) to April
- Confirmation weekend typically the first weekend in May (8th Graders)

Online

• www.stjohnnt.com/confirmation