

Christ Lutheran Church

Youth Confirmation Information

2011-2012—Year “A”

What is Confirmation? “Confirmation declares of catechumens [*also called confirmands or even students*] that he/she is a Christian who has been baptized, confesses the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. The reception of catechumens to the Lord's Table assumes that ongoing catechesis [*teaching*] is the way of life for the faithful Christian. This rite emphasizes God's work in Baptism, the gift of faith, and the promises of the Lord's Supper for all who believe in Christ and the words of His testament”

“Confirmation is a custom of the Church and not a sacrament. It links the catechumen to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among them and, in cases where the candidates have not yet communed, welcomes them to the Lord's Table.” (*Confirmation Rubrics, Lutheran Service Book Agenda*).

Confirmation is NOT graduation. Confirmation does NOT complete Baptism. Confirmation does NOT merit God's grace. Confirmation is NOT a Sacrament; it does NOT convey God's forgiveness [*as opposed to Baptism and the Lord's Supper*].

Class Description: The goal of this class is to prepare youth members of Christ Lutheran Church for the Rite of Confirmation. Confirmation instruction is a two year program which culminates in Confirmation for students who successfully completed two years of instruction.

In Year A, youth catechumens are provided an overview of the Old and New Testaments. Luther's Small Catechism is studied deeper in Year B. During Year A, youth catechumens will memorize the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer (including explanations); during Year B, youth catechumens will memorize the Baptism, Confession, the Lord's Supper sections of the catechism, as well as Bible verses, and hymn stanzas.

At the conclusion of Year A, youth catechumens will recite the primary texts of the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer (not Luther's explanations) from memory in front of the Pastor, parent(s), and elder. A few summary questions will also be asked. For those being confirmed following completion of “Year A,” youth catechumens will be orally examined by Pastor Schilbe with parents and elder present. The goal of this examination is to determine whether or not the catechumen is ready to be confirmed.

At the conclusion of Year B, youth catechumens will recite the primary texts of Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Confession sections of the Small Catechism (see “Lutheran Catechesis,” pg. 28). Such recitation, including summary questions, will take place in front of the Pastor, parents, and Elder. For those being confirmed following completion of “Year B,” the youth catechumens will be orally examined by Pastor Schilbe with parents and elder present. The goal of this examination is to determine whether or not the catechumen is ready to be confirmed.

Class Meeting Time: Wednesdays, 4:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Instructor: Pastor Schilbe (pastor@christrochester.org, 289-0271, 252-5511)

Required Materials: A Bible History (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2003) (Year A)

Holy Bible (English Standard Version) (Years A and B)

Old Testament Key Term Flash Cards (Year A)

Lutheran Catechesis: Catechumen Edition, Rev. Peter C. Bender (Sussex: Concordia Catechetical Academy). (Year B)

Lutheran Service Book (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2006) (Years A and B)

Class Requirements: It is expected that students will attend Wednesday sessions unless sick or some other serious circumstance (family emergency, etc). Please call pastor in advance to alert him of your absence. The student may need to attend a special “make-up” session, to be scheduled by the pastor and student.

Regular church attendance is an important part of confirmation instruction. Besides hearing God’s Word of law and gospel, it is during this time that the student is better incorporated into the church’s worship life by participating in the service as well as by serving as acolyte and/or crucifier. If irregularity in church attendance occurs, the pastor will visit the youth and his/her family to discuss the issue. **A special confirmation age Sunday School class will also be held at 8:45am. Confirmation students should attend.** Opportunities for community service (i.e. serving a meal at the Dorothy Day House) and for group interaction between students (youth group activities) will also be announced as the opportunity arises.

Year A: Homework may be given in the form of worship service and sermon written analyses, memory work, or other types of assignments given at Pastor’s discretion. Periodic quizzes based on key terms will be given.

Year B: Each class will feature the appointed Bible lesson for the session, with the class discussing the doctrinal items relating to that lesson. A vocabulary test will be given at the conclusion of each chief part. Periodic short essays may be given so that the student will relate information to daily life.

Memory work will be heard at the beginning of the class.

Note: It is hoped that the parents will assist their children with memorizing memory work and completing their weekly assignments. Memorizing the Small Catechism and Bible verses is a good way to involve the entire family in the confirmation process.

Rite of Confirmation: Sunday, May 6, 10am

Cancellation Policy Due to Inclement Weather: Call pastor if you cannot attend the Wednesday class due to inclement weather (snow, ice).

WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Note: Memory work is heard at the beginning of each class session.

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment <i>(Due the following week)</i>	Memory Work <i>(Due the following week)</i>
Week 1	Aug 21, 11am	Parent Meeting	ABH: Read Chapters 1-3	Commandments 1, 2
Week 2	Sept 7	Creation, Adam/Eve, The Fall	ABH: Read Chapters 5, 6	Commandments 3, 4
Week 3	Sept 14	Cain, Abel, Noah	ABH: Read Chapters 8, 9, 11, 13	Commandments 5, 6
Week 4	Sept 21	Patriarchs Part 1: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #1 DUE	ABH: Read Chapters 17-23	Commandment 7
Week 5	Sept 28	Patriarchs Part 2: Joseph	ABH: Read Chapters 26-27	Commandments 8, 9
Week 6	Oct 5	<i>Quiz over Weeks 2-5;</i> Exodus Part II: Calling of Moses/Plagues	ABH: Read Chapters 28-30	Commandment 10
Week 7	Oct 12	Exodus Part 2: Passover, Israel's Desert Wanderings, Mt. Sinai; SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #2 DUE	ABH: Read Chapter 31	
Week 8	Oct 19	View Clips from "Ten Commandments" (Parent Led, Pastor Gone)	ABH: Read Chapter 33	
Week 9	Oct 26	View Tabernacle DVD (Parent Led, Pastor Gone)	ABH: Read Chapters 34, 37, 38	Close of Commandments
Week 10	Nov 2	Exodus Part 3: 10 Commandments, Tabernacle, Entering into Canaan	ABH: Read Chapters 41-43	Close of Commandments
Week 11	Nov 9	<i>Quiz Over Weeks 6-10;</i> The Judges	ABH: Read Chapters 45-49	"These are the Holy Ten Commands," sts, 1, 12
Week 12	Nov 16	The Kings Part 1: Samuel, Saul, David; SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #3 DUE	ABH: Read Chapters 51, 52	Apostles' Creed
NO CLASS—November 23; Thanksgiving				
Week 13	Nov 30	The Kings Part 2: David, Discussion of Video "Bible Battles"	ABH: Read Chapters 54-56	Apostles' Creed: First Article and Explanation
Week 14	Dec 7	The Kings Part 3: Solomon	ABH: Read Chapters 57, 58	Apostles Creed: Second Article and Explanation

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Week 15	Dec 14	<i>Quiz over weeks 11-14;</i> Prophets Part 1: Elijah; SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #4 DUE	ABH: Read Chapters 59-60	Apostles' Creed: Third Article and Explanation, part 1
Week 16	December 21	Prophets Part 2: Elijah	ABH: Read Chapters 61-63	Apostles' Creed: Third Article and Explanation, part 2
No Class—December 28, Christmas Vacation				
Week 17	Jan 4	Prophets Part 3: Elisha, Jonah; SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #5 DUE	ABH: Read Chapters 64, 65, 66, 70, pg. 297	"We All Believe in One True God" st 1
Week 18	Jan 11	Fall of the Kingdoms; Daniel; Exile	ABH: Read Chapters 1-6	Lord's Prayer: Introduction and Explanation
No Class—Pastor at Doxology Training				
Week 19	Jan 25	Jesus, Part 1: Birth (Chapters 2, 4), New Testament Term Cards Distributed SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #6 DUE	To Be Announced	Lord's Prayer: First Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 20	Feb 1	<i>Quiz over weeks 15-18, To Be Announced</i> <i>(Pastor may be out of town)</i>	ABH: Read Chapters 3, 5, 6 <i>Quiz will cover the 19 terms listed on the original Key Term Schedule, terms listed on December 14-January 25.</i>	Lord's Prayer: First Petition/ "How is God's Name Kept Holy?"
Week 21	Feb 8	Jesus, Part 2: Birth (Chapters 3, 5, 6)	ABH: Read Chapters 8, 9, 12, 16, 19, 31	Lord's Prayer: Second Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 22	Feb 15	Jesus, Part 3: Miracles/Teachings SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #7 DUE	To Be Announced	Lord's Prayer: Second Petition/ "How Does God's Kingdom Come?"
Week 23	Feb 22	Jesus, Part 4: Parables	ABH: Read Chapters 37-41	Lord's Prayer: Third Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 24	Feb 29	Jesus, Part 5: Passion and Death	ABH: Read Chapters 42-51	Lord's Prayer: Third Petition/ "How is God's Will Done?"

Week 25	Mar 7	Jesus, Part 6: Passion and Death (<i>we may view clips from the movie "Passion of the Christ;" parental consent will be given prior to viewing</i>)		Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 26	Mar 14	Jesus, Part 7: Musical Expressions of Jesus' Passion (Bach Passions, Hymn); SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #8 DUE		Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition/ "What is Meant by Daily Bread?"
Week 27	Mar 21	Jesus, Part 8: Resurrection and Ascension; <i>Quiz over weeks 20-28</i>	ABH: Read Chapters 58, 59, 61, 63, 64	Lord's Prayer: Fifth Petition and "What Does this Mean?"
Week 28	Mar 28	Pentecost, Early Church, Paul		Lord's Prayer: Sixth Petition and "What Does this Mean?"
No Class—April 4; Spring Break				
Week 29	Apr 11	Reformation SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #9 DUE	To Be Announced	Lord's Prayer: Seventh Petition and "What Does This Mean?"
Week 30	Apr 18	Worship and the Church Year		Lord's Prayer: Conclusion and "What Does This Mean?"
	TBA	Questioning with pastor, family, elder		
Week 31	Apr 25	End of Year Party SERMON/SERVICE ANALYSIS #10 DUE		