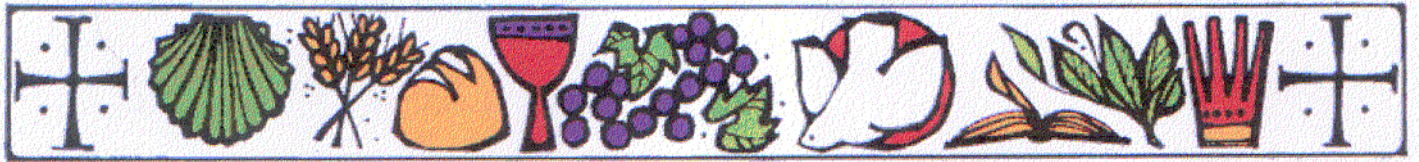


Christ Lutheran Church



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM Fall 2018- Spring 2019

Dear Parents and Confirmands,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Lord!

Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 9:30am to 10:30am in the rear classroom in the main portion of the Church. We will be engaging all of our deacons to assist me in teaching the required classes.

This class is intended for students entering the Seventh Grade through the Ninth Grade. It is a two year program (7th and 8th) with Confirmands being Confirmed on Reformation Sunday of their Ninth Grade Year (this year, October 28 at the 11am Service).

It is important that you understand the requirements of this program and that you make every effort to fulfill them. This is in order to maintain the integrity of the program and provide you with information that is most important to your Spiritual growth.

The Priority of Confirmation

The famed author, C.S. Lewis once stated, "*Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.*" We take this quote to be absolutely true. And we also believe that Christianity is true- that God the Father loved us so much that He sent us Jesus to live, die and rise again that we might have life in Him now, and eternal life hereafter. Therefore, we feel that out of all of the instruction you/your child receive in school, this class is even more important.

Understanding this, in order to participate in Confirmation, the first requirement is that this class is a *Priority* for you and your child. That means it should become before other activities, sporting events, or all of the other demands placed on our children today. Occasional absences are certainly excusable, but pattern absences or absences over a long period of time due to other commitments disqualifies a child for this program. Please know this going into the program. You may certainly speak with the pastor if you have special circumstances; this is not to put undue pressure on you or your child, but to stress its priority and importance.

The Importance of Weekly Worship

An old adage that comes to mind is, “If a farmer doesn’t farm, is he still a farmer?” The same can be asked about Christians who do not attend church regularly. Confirmation is intended to *expand* the faith of our children, not create it. True faith can only be received, strengthened and grow by regularly worshipping the Lord each Lord’s Day. With Confirmation Classes now on Sundays, your child is expected to attend the 8am worship prior to the class, or the 11am worship after the class. Attendance of Confirmands in worship is taken-not to be legalistic, but as a reminder that one cannot complete the Confirmation program without actively participating in worship. Parents are also encouraged to worship with their Confirmand. Not only does this set the example and obey the Lord’s Commandments, but attending will be uplifting and faith-building for you. If you’ve “slipped” in your attendance, there is no better time to come back and join us!

The following requirements apply this year:

In addition to attending Confirmation classes, students are required to attend Worship Services regularly. As classes are on Sunday, it makes it very convenient. You can come to the 8am service and then stay for class, or come to class and then stay for the 11am service. Attendance will be taken.

There are a total of 10 Midweek Evening Services at 7pm during Advent and Lent. Students are required to attend at least 4 of these services throughout the year.

Holy Week is a very special time of the Church year where we trace the steps of Jesus as He goes to the Cross and rises from the dead. Students should attend services during Holy Week. **Attendance at the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 20, 5:30pm is mandatory.** Please plan for this now.

Reception of the Eucharist

Additionally, students in Confirmation will participate in the training necessary to begin receiving Holy Communion. Some students have completed this prior to becoming a Confirmand. Those who have not will begin receiving communion on PALM SUNDAY, April 14, 2019. Please mark this on your calendars now. It is also included on the Confirmation Schedule. Students who have already begun receiving will also attend these classes as a review of our belief and practice of Holy Communion as Lutherans.

Acolyte Program

Each Confirmand is required to serve as an Acolyte. All Confirmands will be trained as acolytes and will be scheduled to serve at Sunday and Special Services. This not only allows you/your child to serve, but familiarizes him/her with the Liturgies of the Church.

Youth Group

Not a requirement, but an invitation. We are reforming our youth program this year and it will be open to all youth from Confirmation age through High School. We invite all Confirmands to the excellent activities and times of fellowship.

While demanding, the Confirmation program is designed to assist in making you/your child’s faith in Jesus Christ the most important aspect of his/her life. Over the years, we have found that these requirements have worked, and have greatly assisted us in meeting the goal given by Jesus to “Make disciples of all nations.”

In Christ,

Pastor Illichman

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CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE, 2018-2019

Sunday, September 23

- Orientation, Distribute Books and Materials, Requirements of the Class.
- Chapter 1: "What is Confirmation?" p.5

Pastor

Sunday, September 30

- Chapter 2: "The Creeds and Confessions Answer the Question: Who is Jesus?" p.9

Pastor, with Adult Class

Sunday, October 7

- Chapter 3: "Introduction to the Small Catechism". p. 13

Pastor, with Adult Class

Sunday, October 14

- Chapter 4: "Reading God's Word" p.17

Pastor, with Adult Class

Sunday, October 21

- Chapter 6: "What is Worship?" p.21

Pastor, with Adult Class

Sunday, October 28

- Confirmation Rehearsal.
- Rite of Confirmation at 11am Service

Pastor

Sunday, November 4

- Chapter 31: Overview of the Lord's Prayer, p. 125

Deacon

Sunday, November 11

- Chapter 32, "The Introduction" p. 129

Deacon

Sunday, November 18

- Chapter 33, "The First Petition" p.133

Deacon

Wednesday, November 21

- Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm

Sunday, November 25

- Chapter 34, "The Second Petition" p.137

Deacon

Sunday, December 2

- Chapter 35, "The Third Petition" p. 141

Deacon

Wednesday, December 5

- Midweek Advent Service, 7pm

Sunday, December 9

- Chapter 36, "The Fourth Petition" p.141

Deacon

Wednesday, December 12

- Midweek Advent Service, 7pm

Sunday, December 16

- Greening of the Church after Late Service

Wednesday, December 19

- Midweek Advent Service, 7pm

Sunday, December 23

- Chapter 37, "The Fifth Petition" p. 145

Pastor

Monday, December 24

- 5:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist
- 10:00pm Christmas Eve Lessons/Carols

Tuesday, December 25

- 10am Christ Mass

Sunday, December 30

(No Class)

Sunday, January 6

- Chapter 38, "The Sixth Petition" p.153

Deacon

Sunday, January 13

- Chapter 39, "The Seventh Petition" p. 157

Deacon

Sunday, January 20

- Chapter 40, "The Conclusion" p. 161
- Review of the Lord's Prayer

Pastor and Adult Class

Sunday, January 27

- Chapter 41, "Overview of the Means of Grace" p. 165

Pastor and Adult Class

Sunday, February 3

- Chapter 42, "The Nature of Baptism" p. 169

Deacon

Sunday, February 10

- Chapter 43, "The Blessings of Baptism" p. 173

Deacon

Sunday, February 17

- Chapter 44: "The Power of Baptism" p. 177

Deacon

Sunday, February 24

- Chapter 45, "What Baptism Indicates" p. 181

Deacon

Sunday, March 3

- Chapter 46, "Confession" p. 185

Pastor and Adult Class

Wednesday, March 6- ASH WEDNESDAY

- Imposition of Ashes and Solemn Eucharist, 7pm

Sunday, March 10

- Chapter 47, "The Office of the Keys" p. 189

Pastor

Wednesday, March 13

- Midweek Lenten Service, 7pm

Sunday, March 17

- Chapter 48, "The Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar"

Deacon

Wednesday, March 20

- Midweek Lenten Service, 7pm

Sunday, March 24

- Chapter 49, "The Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar" p. 197

Deacon

Wednesday, March 27

- Midweek Lenten Service, 7pm

Sunday, March 31

- Chapter 50, "The Power of the Sacrament of the Altar"
- Chapter 51, "How to Receive the Sacrament Worthily"
- Chapter 52, "Review of the Means of Grace"

- Early Communion Training
- Pastor and Adult Class*

Wednesday, April 3

- Midweek Lenten Service, 7pm

Sunday, April 7

- Chapter 53, "Daily Prayers" p. 213

Wednesday, April 10

- Midweek Lenten Service, 7pm

Sunday, April 14- Palm Sunday

- Reception of First Communion for those not already communing.
- No Class

Thursday, April 18- Maundy Thursday

- Holy Eucharist, Stripping of Altar, 7pm

Friday, April 19- Good Friday

- 12 Noon- Chief Service
- 7pm Tenebrae (attend either)

Saturday, April 20- Easter Vigil

- 5:30pm Great Vigil of Easter (attendance mandatory—Please begin planning for this now).

Sunday, April 21- Easter Day

- Festival Worship 8am and 11am

Sunday, April 28

- Chapter 54, "Table of Duties, Part 1" p.217

Deacon

Sunday, May 5

- Chapter 55 "Table of Duties, Part 2" p. 221

Deacon

Sunday, May 12

- Chapter 56- The Church Year
- Class Review

Pastor and Adult Class

Sunday, May 19

- Final Exam
- Chapter 57 "Life Within the Congregation"

Pastor

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- All Classes will be held on Sunday Mornings during Sunday School Hour, 9:30am-10:30am.

- Church attendance required each week with Attendance taken: Saturday, 5:30pm, Sunday 8am and 11am (attend one).
- All Evening Midweek Services 7pm. Confirmands are to attend at least 4/10 of the Midweek Evening Services (Advent and/or Lent)
- All Evening Saturday Services, 5:30pm
- Attendance Manditory at the Great Vigil of Easter on April 20, 5:30pm.

Christ Lutheran Church
SUNDAY SCHOOL, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS
Universal Registration Form

Name of Student: _____
Address: _____
Telephone _____ Email* _____ No Email Address
Date of Birth _____ Location: _____
Date of Baptism _____ Location: _____
School Attending: _____ Grade in Sept _____

Registering for: Sunday School First Communion Confirmation First Year
 Confirmation Second Year Being Confirmed in October
 Other _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name _____
Mother's Church _____
Father's Church _____

For Students being Confirmed this year (Robe Measurements)

Height _____ Weight _____

There is no charge for Sunday School or First Communion registration.

Cost of Confirmation Program: \$75 per student. This fee covers Catechism, Bible, and Workbook for first year students; Class Media costs for second year students; and Robe Rental for third year students. Please contact the Pastor for scholarship information if you are unable to cover the cost, or if you have multiple students in your family. No student will be denied entrance into the program due to inability to pay. *Fees are simply reimbursements to the Church for the direct cost of materials.*

*Email- As technology has advanced, we rely on Email as our primary means of notification of parish events, schedule changes, cancellations, etc... You may provide either your student's email address or a parent's address, whatever you are comfortable with. If you do not have email, please check the appropriate box above