

Christ Lutheran Church



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Confirmands,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Lord!

Confirmation Classes will begin on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00am to 10:30am at church, in person. Much of the program will be conducted via video online and not at church. Please make sure that you provide the Church with a clear and working email address to which we can send the weekly links. (email name @ domain name . com, etc).

This class is intended for students entering the Seventh Grade through the Ninth Grade. It is a two year program (normally 7th and 8th grades) with Confirmands being Confirmed (9th Grade) on All Saints' Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 10:15am.

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, including 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. 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. There are ample opportunities each week: Each Saturday Evening at 5:30pm, and Each Sunday at 10:15am

Additionally there are a total of 8 Midweek Evening Services at 7:30pm during Advent and Lent. Services are listed on the Confirmation Schedule. Ideally you should attend both on Sunday and on Wednesday evenings.

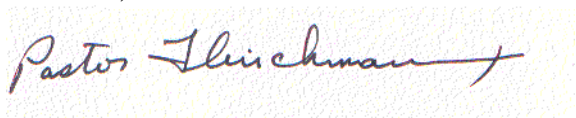
Holy Week is a very special time of the Church year where we trace the steps of Jesus as He goes to the Cross and rises from the dead. Students should attend services during Holy Week. **Attendance at the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 19 at 5:30pm is mandatory.** Please plan for this now. Much of the liturgy that is used each week in Church finds its beginning at the Easter Vigil—the oldest existing liturgical service that the Church possesses.

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. For students not yet communing, First Communion will take place on Sunday, November 3, 10:15am along with the Confirmation of Students who are completing the program. . 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.

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,



Confirmation Program of Christ Lutheran Church
CLASS SCHEDULE 2024-2025
YEAR B
In Person Classes Meet from 9:00am-10:30am

October 5, 2024 IN PERSON

Orientation
Expectations and explanation of the Program
The “rules of the class”
Book and material distribution
What is a Catechism?
What are the Six Parts of the Catechism?

October 12, 2024 VIDEO

THE FIRST PETITION
Prior to class read pages 242-245; also the Second Commandment, pages 67-73

October 19, 2024 VIDEO

THE SECOND PETITION
Prior to class read pages 246-251
The Three Kingdoms of God

October 25 VIDEO

A glimpse at the Lutheran Reformation

November 2, 2024 IN PERSON

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL
THE THIRD PETITION
Prior to class read pages 252-257
Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, November 3, 2024 CHURCH SERVICE

The Rite of Confirmation, 10:15
The Rite of First Communion for those beginning to receive

November 10, 2024 VIDEO

THE FOURTH PETITION and the
THE FIFTH PETITION
Prior to class read pages 258-268

November 17 VIDEO

THE SIXTH PETITION
Prior to class read Pages 269-273

November 24 VIDEO

THE SEVENTH PETITION
THE CONCLUSION OF THE LORD’S PRAYER
EXAM ON THE LORD’S PRAYER

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 Church Service

Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:30 pm

November 30, 2024

No class- Thanksgiving Weekend

Wednesday, December 4 Church Service

Advent Evensong 7:30pm. **Students must attend at least one evening service during Advent. Attendance taken.**

December 7, 2024 IN PERSON

Pageant Rehearsal- Required Attendance

10am-Noon (note that the time is longer)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Advent Evensong 7:30pm. **Students must attend at least one evening service during Advent. Attendance taken.**

December 14

Pageant Rehearsal- 10am-Noon (note that time is longer).

Center Moriches Christmas Parade, 6pm

Sunday, December 15 Christmas Pageant Church Service

9am Pageant. Required Attendance

Wednesday, December 18 2024 Church Service

Advent Evensong 7:30pm. **Students must attend at least one evening service during Advent. Attendance taken**

Tuesday, December 24, Church Service

Christmass Eve Services, 7:30pm and 9pm

Attend one

Wednesday, December 25 Church Service

The Christ Mass, 10am

January 4, 2025 IN PERSON

The Lutheran Service Book: Liturgy

January 11, 2025 VIDEO

The Lutheran Service Book: Hymnody

January 18, 2025 VIDEO

The Church Year

January 25, 2025 VIDEO

Church History

February 1, 2025 IN PERSON

Sharing your faith with others

February 8, 2025 VIDEO

The Sacraments of the Lutheran Church

Prior to class read pages 202-203

February 15, 2025 VIDEO

CONFESSION

Prior to class read pages 217-223

February 22, 2025 VIDEO

OFFICE OF THE KEYS

Prior to class read pages 224-230

March 1, 2025 IN PERSON

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Introduction

Prior to class read pages 204-208

March 5, 2025 CHURCH SERVICE

ASH WEDNESDAY, 7:30pm

Required Attendance

March 8, 2025 VIDEO

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Part 2

Before Class read pages 208-216

March 12, 2025 CHURCH SERVICE

Lenten Midweek Worship, 7:30pm. **Students must attend at least one evening service during Lent. Attendance taken.**

March 15, 2025, 2025 VIDEO

The Sacrament of the Altar, Part I

Before Class read pages 231-240

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 CHURCH SERVICE

Lenten Midweek Worship, 7:30pm. **Students must attend at least one evening service during Lent. Attendance taken.**

March 22, 2025 VIDEO

The Sacrament of the Altar, Part 2

Prior to class read pages 241-245

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 CHURCH SERVICE

Lenten Midweek Worship, 7:30pm. **Students must attend at least one evening service during Lent. Attendance taken.**

April 2, 2023

(There is no midweek service on April 2)

April 5, 2025 IN PERSON

Understanding Holy Week

April 12, 2025

No Class

April 13 CHURCH SERVICE

10:15am, Palm Sunday **Students must attend at least one Holy Week Service besides the Easter Vigil**

Thursday, April 17, 2025 CHURCH SERVICE

Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm **Students must attend at least one Holy Week Service besides the Easter Vigil**

Friday, April 18, 2025 CHURCH SERVICE

Good Friday, 12 Noon or 7:30pm. **Students must attend at least one Holy Week Service besides the Easter Vigil**

Saturday, April 19, 2025 CHURCH SERVICE

Vigil for Holy Saturday, 5:30pm

(No morning class) **Required Attendance.**

Sunday, April 20 CHURCH SERVICE

Easter Sunday, 10:15am.

April 27, 2025

No Class

May 3, 2025 IN PERSON

Review of Year B

Final Exam

Last Class/ End of Year B

Additionally, Students are required to attend weekly Sunday worship to remain active in the program. Prolonged absences from class or worship may result in removal for the program, or being confirmed with the following class.

Service Schedule:

Saturday Evenings, 5:30pm

Sunday Mornings, 10:15am.

Students are also encouraged to attend the Adult Bible class on Sundays 9:30am-10:30am (Bring your parents with you).

AT A GLANCE: IN PERSON CLASSES (Mark your calendars now)

October 5

November 2

December 7 (Pageant Rehearsal- 10am to noon- note different times)

December 14 (Pageant Rehearsal – 10am to noon- note different times)

January 4, 2025

February 1, 2025

March 1, 2025

(No In-Person Class in April)

May 3, 2025

POLICIES

In Person Format

Confirmation classes normally are from 9am to 10:30am and are held in the Church proper. They take place on the first Saturday of the month. The exception is during December where students are required to attend the two Sunday School pageant rehearsals from 10am to noon. There is no in-person class in the month of April, 2025.

Students should bring their issued Catechism and Bible and a notebook/notepad.

Please note that no phones or electronic devices are allowed during class time. Please leave them home or keep them off while the class is in session.

Weekly Church Attendance

Students should be in worship regularly on Sundays. Students are encouraged to join our acolyte program or assist with our Sunday School, or Altar Guild. Information on this will be provided at our first class. A sign-in sheet will be on the back table. All students should sign each time they attend a worship service.

Other Services during Holiday periods

In addition to Sunday worship students are required to attend at least one midweek evening Advent service (during December) and one midweek evening Lenten service (March through April). All are on the calendar above.

Students are also required to attend one Holy Week service (Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday). They are also required to attend the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening.

Video Format

On the weeks when the class is online, a video link will be emailed to each student containing both the Vimeo video and a link to Google Quiz. The quiz should be completed prior to the next class.

We look forward to a great year! In this unhinged world, Confirmation will provide you with a wonderful grasp of our faith, encourage faithfulness in life and worship to Jesus our Lord, and will seek to teach each student how to share this faith in a world that literally hates Jesus today.

The Lord bless us all as we start or continue this journey together.