Pray for God to guide you in your study.

Read pages 13-16 in Luther’s Small Catechism.

Tell me about your faith.

What do Lutherans believe?

What does it mean to listen to God? To be called by God?

**StartPowerPoint.**

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Read 1 Samuel 3:1–10

How do you think Eli felt when he realized God was speaking to young Samuel? What obstacles do people your age face today in their desire to listen to and serve God?

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Read Mark 9:7.

What does what God said reveal about Jesus?

In what ways does Jesus speak to us today?

Have you been called by God?

Seals

(Slide 4)

Luther’s Seal

1) In the center is a black cross representing that it is Christ's sacrifice on the cross that saves and it’s for every sinner who ever lived. It’s black because the cross is shameful and intended to cause pain, yet it does not change the color of the heart. It does not kill but keeps alive.

2) The cross is in the center of a red heart, to show that faith causes love, joy and peace to grow in the human heart.

3) The red heart is on a white rose (Luther's favorite flower) because white is the color of angels and blessed spirits.

4) The white rose is against a blue-sky background to symbolize the Christian's hope for the coming joys of heaven.

5) The seal is enclosed in a gold ring, showing that the bliss of heaven is unending.

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LCMS Seal

A blue shield, representing the Christian's faith.

A prominent gold cross proclaiming that we preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead.

Latin words under the cross reading "Jesus Christ is Lord.”

Three equilateral gold crosses symbolizing the Holy Trinity.

Three gold stars on the shield standing for the three Christian creeds: the Apostolic, the Nicene and the Athanasian.

Beneath the shield is Luther's seal.

Three gold stars on each side of the shield stand for the six Lutheran Confessions that were published in one book, titled "Concordia," in 1580.

Grape vines fill the bottom white spaces, symbolizing Christ's words in John 15:5.

Around the inner circle are the words on which Lutheranism is founded: Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide (by

scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone).

The exterior circle contains the proper name of the church and the year it was founded--1847.

Read John 14:6. What do you think Jesus meant?

“It’s not *what* you believe that matters; it’s *that* you believe!” In what ways does this statement represent what many people in today’s world believe to be true?

True or false? Everything we need to know comes from the Bible. Exlpain.

If you knew everything in the Bible would you be saved?

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 What else is Bible known as?

 What are the two main divisions in the Bible? This is a trick question.

 Old Testament.

There are five main types of books in the Old Testament. What are they?

 Law. How many? Name a few.

History. How many? Name a few.

 Major prophets. How many? Name a few.

 Minor prophets. How many? Name a few.

 What’s the difference between the major and minor prophets?

 How many books in the Old Testament?

New Testament.

There are four main types of books in the Old Testament. What are they?

 Gospels. How many? Name a few.

 History. How many? Name it.

 Pauline Epistles. Who wrote them? How many? Name a few.

 General Epistles. How many? Name a few.

 Prophecy. How many? Name it.

 How many books in the New Testament?

How many books in both testaments altogether?

 What’s the main purpose of Old Testament?

 What’s the main purpose of the New Testament?

Read Ephesians 2:8–9.

 How are we saved?

 Are you saved?

How will we know one year from now that this confirmation program has been a success?