

The Means of Grace: Confession & Office of the Keys



Have you ever done something wrong that weighed on you, or still weighs on your heart and mind? Have you ever asked forgiveness for a specific sin or wrong you did to someone?



Catechism: Read **Questions 326 and 335.**

Bible: Read **Matthew 18:15:20** with your parent/faith mentor.



Review the questions below. Then go to gracelutheran-tx.org/confirmation to watch the video “**Confession and Office of the Keys**” with Pastor Keith. As you watch, take notes. Then discuss these questions and your answers with your parent or faith mentor.

❖ What are the two parts of Confession?

- 1.
- 2.

❖ What is the benefit of individual (private) Confession and Absolution:

❖ What is the Office of the Keys?

❖ What is the purpose of Excommunication?

❖ What are the three steps to be taken in the process of Church Discipline or Excommunication?

1.

2.

3.

❖ What does it mean to let someone be to you as a “Gentile or Tax Collector”?

❖ How are we to view the forgiveness spoken to us by the Pastor?



Think on those sins you know you committed over the past week. Lift your confession to God, and/or ask forgiveness from a person you sinned against. Be Assured of the forgiveness you have because Christ died on the cross for your forgiveness, and ask God to grant you peace to rest in His love and mercy.



Say this Bible memory verse out loud to your parent or faith mentor: **“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”** – Luke 15:7

Parents/Faith Mentors:

Please sign that you have completed this worksheet with your 8th grader by April 21.