



# St John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

## An Introduction to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

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### Why We Have Confirmation

Matthew 28:19-20

Psalm 78:4-7

Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-9

Ephesians 6:4

### Goals of Confirmation

- 1) To publicly confess before the Church and world (“to put a voice to”) the faith into which you were baptized. “To continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.” Revelation 2:10 says, “Be faithful unto death, and I [Jesus] will give you the crown of life.”
- 2) To faithfully follow Jesus in every aspect of your life
- 3) To diligently make use of God’s Word and Sacraments
- 4) To continue to mature and grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the ministries of St. John (become and full member) by:
  - **worshipping regularly** (Hebrews 10:25)
  - participating in **Bible studies** (individual and with a group) (Psalm 1:1-3)
  - attending the **Lord’s Supper**
  - **serving and sharing** in the responsibilities of my church:
    - **praying** for its health and growth (Eph 6:18)
    - learning to **give** regularly, financial support (1 Cor 16:2)
    - discovering **my gifts and talents** and use them (1 Pet 4:10)
    - developing a **servant’s heart** (Phil 2:4-7)
  - supporting the **witness** of my church:
    - inviting your unchurched friends to visit (Lk 14:23; Acts 2:47)
    - serving at outreach activities (Romans 15:7)

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## Class Guidelines

- 1) Be in class unless sick, out of town, or in heaven!!!
- 2) Be on time!!! We start at 10:15 am
- 3) Be prepared for each class – have your materials and Bible, ready to take notes and complete assignments.
- 4) Respect your classmates as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 5) Participate, while being polite to those who are talking.
- 6) Communicate with pastor, parents, and students.

## Evaluation/Assignments

- 1) Weekly reading assignments or other assignments as assigned.
- 2) Memory Work (see schedule).
- 3) 14 Worship Reports will be filled out on Sundays and turned into the pastor who will keep track of them!
- 4) Quizzes after each section and a final exam for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- 5) **8<sup>th</sup> graders only** – Essay and Presentation

## Materials for Confirmation

- *Luther's Small Catechism* (provided by St John)
- Bible – student's own personal copy, they will be writing in them
- *Keeping the Faith* packet
- Notebook and pencil or pen and highlighter

<p><b>Cost for Confirmation instruction (materials provided and other expenses) \$25</b> <b>Payable to <i>St John</i> by October 1</b></p>
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