

**Notes:**

# Confirmation

Bethany Lutheran Church

Memory Packet

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Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you arise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on you forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

-Deuteronomy 6:6-9

## "Questions, Questions"

### A SHORT DIALOGUE ON WHY THERE IS MEMORY WORK IN CONFIRMATION

**CONFIRMAND:** Why do we have to do memory work?

**Faith Formation Team:** Good question. Have you ever had a song stuck in your head and you just can't get it out. Or something happens and you automatically think of a quote from your favorite movie? These things have become part of who you are. They have been woven into the fabric of how you think and what makes you laugh. What if when you were scared you could automatically think, "the Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want." Or when your "friends" make fun of you because you choose not to do something with them you could in your heart say, "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Maybe those are extremes but you see what we are saying. Memorizing scriptures, our confessions and prayers helps it become part of who you are and where you can turn in times of pain and joy.. Please work on your memory work during the 7th grade year. All work **MUST** be completed by May of your 8th grade year.

## The Third Article: On Being Made Holy

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN

### What does this mean?

**Answer:** I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

## The First Article: On Creation

**I believe** in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

### What does this mean?

**Answer:** I believe that God has created me together with all creatures. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. God does all this out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

## The Second Article: On Redemption

**I believe** in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

### What does this mean?

**Answer:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules in eternity. This is most certainly true.

## *It Can Be Easy*

The current memory work requirements for confirmation are the six fundamental aspects of our faith and a few verses that are important to the faith or to you personally:

1. The Lord's Prayer.
2. The Apostle's Creed
3. Luther's explanation of the Apostle's Creed
4. The Ten Commandments in order.
5. The books of the Old Testament in order.
6. The books of the New Testament in order.
7. 6 memory verses (Refer to page 8).

## ***HOW SHOULD I MEMORIZE THESE CRUCIAL ITEMS OF MY FAITH?***

One way to memorize things is by reading a section four times out loud and say it to yourself four times out loud. If you make a mistake start over from the beginning. Also, writing things out many times helps. Have someone quiz you. Try making up hand motions for different words. You may have to just keep trying until it sinks into your memory. Some of it will be easy, and some of it will be harder for you, but never give up.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,

Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

## Apostle's Creed

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creator of heaven and earth.

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary.  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
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he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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## Memory Verses

Memorize 3 of these 9. Then choose 3 of your own memory verses from the Bible and memorize those.

The verses that you choose can be ones that your family has found helpful, that you have enjoyed or say something to you, or even your Baptism verse. They must be at least 5 words in length.

**Psalm 23:1** “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

**Matt. 16:24-25** “Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

**John 10:10** “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

**Ephesians 2:8-10** “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

**I John 4:7-8** “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

**Jeremiah 29:11** I alone know the plans I have for you, plan to bring you prosperity and not disaster; plans to bring about the future you hope for.

**Psalm 51:10-11** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. DO not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Matthew 5:14** You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

## **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other Gods.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle or anything that is your neighbor's.

**OLD  
TESTAMENT  
BOOKS**

Genesis	Proverbs
Exodus	Ecclesiastes
Leviticus	Song of Solomon
Numbers	Isaiah
Deuteronomy	Jeremiah
Joshua	Lamentations
Judges	Ezekiel
Ruth	Daniel
1 Samuel	Hosea
2 Samuel	Joel
1 Kings	Amos
2 Kings	Obadiah
1 Chronicles	Jonah
2 Chronicles	Micah
Ezra	Nahum
Nehemiah	Habakkuk
Esther	Zephaniah
Job	Haggai
Psalms	Zechariah
	Malachi

**NEW  
TESTAMENT  
BOOKS**

Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
Ephesians	2 John
Philippians	3 John
Colossians	Jude
1 Thessalonians	Revelation
2 Thessalonians	