



Confirmation Overview

2021-2022

Confirmation classes are after school on **Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00pm, starting 9/8.**

See schedule, next page.

Parents are always welcome to attend and observe classes!

For 8th graders:

- Confirmation pictures and rehearsal will be **Wednesday, April 27 following the last class.**
- Confirmation Sunday will be **May 1, 2021.**

Attendance

- Confirmands are expected to attend all classes and arrive on time, unless a parent notifies pastor beforehand that he/she will be late or absent.
- If a confirmand is absent without pastor being informed beforehand, pastor will notify the parent about the absence.

Curriculum

- This year's curriculum, *Growing in Grace*, is a systematic overview of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*
- Every student will be assigned a workbook and a copy of *Luther's Catechism*.
- Students must bring both books to class every week.

Confirmation Points

- Confirmation Points are a system for encouraging Confirmands' participation in their own learning and in the life of the congregation.
- Most of the total points are required tasks, the rest are electives.
- See following pages for more info for Confirmation Point descriptions.
- Activity slips for each point should be filled out and turned in to the designated place.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>HW DUE</u>	<u>HW ASSIGNED</u>
September 8, 2021	Lesson 1	Class Introduction	N/A	1
September 15, 2021	Lessons 2 & 3	God's Word; Law & Gospel	1	2
September 22, 2021	Lesson 4	The Triune God Creates the World	2	4
September 29, 2021	No class	Pr. Keith out of town	-	-
October 6, 2021	Lesson 5	God Preserves His Creation	4	5
October 13, 2021	Lesson 6	The Ruin of God's Creation and Our Need for a Savior	5	6
October 20, 2021	Lesson 7	Jesus's Two Natures and His Work	6	7
October 27, 2021	Lesson 8	Understanding Jesus's Work: Prophet	7	8
November 3, 2021	Lesson 9	Understanding Jesus's Work: Priest	8	9
November 10, 2021	Lesson 10	Understanding Jesus's Work: King	9	10 opt.
November 17, 2021	Lesson 11	The Means of Grace and Faith	10 opt.	11
November 24, 2021	No Class	Thanksgiving		
December 1, 2021	Lesson 12	Faith and Good Works	11	12 opt.
December 8, 2021	Lesson 13	The Blessings of Baptism	12 opt.	13
December 15, 2021	Lesson 14	The Meaning of Baptism in My Daily Life	13	14
December 22, 2021 @12:30pm	Lessons 15 & 16	The Blessings of the Lord's Supper; The Proper Reception of the Lord's Supper	14	15 16 opt.
CHRISTMAS BREAK				
January 5, 2022	Lesson 17	The Holy Christian Church & Local Congregations	15 16 opt.	17
January 12, 2022	Lesson 18	The Public Ministry and the Keys	17	18
January 19, 2022	Lesson 19	The Uses of the Law	18	19
January 26, 2022	Lesson 20	Honoring God	19	20
February 2, 2022	Lesson 21	Worshiping God	20	21
February 9, 2022	Lesson 22	Honoring My Neighbors	21	22
February 16, 2022	Lesson 23	Honoring Marriage	22	23
February 23, 2022	Lesson 24	Honoring God's Gifts to My Neighbors	23	24
March 2, 2022	No Class	Ash Wednesday	-	-
March 9, 2022	Lesson 25	Identifying the Source of Sin	24	25
March 16, 2022	Lesson 26	Prayer	25	26 opt.
March 23, 2022	Lesson 27	God's Kingdom and His Will	26 opt.	27
March 30, 2022	Lesson 28	God's Gift of Daily Bread	27	28
April 6, 2022	Lesson 29	God's Forgiveness and Our Forgiveness	28	29
April 13, 2022	Lesson 30	God's Protection	29	30
April 20, 2022	Lesson 31	God's Unending Praise	30	31
April 27, 2022	Lesson 32	Life After Confirmation	31	-

CONFIRMATION POINT SYSTEM

GRAND TOTAL NEEDED: 75 POINTS

Note: 7th grade students have until VBS to reach the grand total. 8th grade students need to be done by the last class on April 27, 2020.

Required Points

Total points: **64pts (8th graders)**
 59pts (7th graders)

ACTIVITY	PT VALUE	TOTAL POINTS
1. Acolyte (8 Sunday min.) <i>Points for acolyting more than 8 Sundays goes to Electives.</i>	2/Sunday	16
2. Sermon notes (10 min.) <i>Sermon notes from other churches only allowed under Electives.</i>	1	10
3. Weekly Homework Worksheets <i>See schedule for assignments. Three Grace Points available – see description for details.</i>	1/lesson	26
4. Lenten Midweek Catechism <i>Participation in one of the Lenten midweek services</i>	2	2
5. Attend Good Shepherd lock-in	5	5
6. Capstone Essay (8th graders only)	5	5

Required Points - Details

1. Acolyte

- Acolytes will:
 - Arrive 15 minutes before service begins to robe up and get ready.
 - Light altar candles at the beginning of service.
 - Sit towards the front (family welcome to sit with).
 - Assist ushers during the offering.
 - Assist deacons during communion by collecting used communion cups.
 - Extinguish altar candles at the conclusion of the service.
- **If a Confirmand is unable to acolyte for an assigned Sunday, it is up to the Confirmand to find a substitute, or exchange a Sunday with someone else.**
- **Pastor should be notified of any acolyting change.**

2. Sermon notes

- Confirmation Sermon Notes worksheets are found next to pastor's office window.
- They should be turned in immediately after service.
- Sermon notes from other churches are assessed only under Electives.
 - Sermon notes from other churches must be accompanied by a worship bulletin autographed by the preacher (the person delivering the sermon).

3. Weekly Homework Worksheets & Grace Points

- After each week's class lesson (with some exceptions), a worksheet will be assigned to be turned in the following week.
 - Worksheets are mostly True/False and multiple choice questions
 - Catechism book & workbook may be used to complete assignment.
 - Students are encouraged to seek help from parents/family.
 - Some weeks, the homework is optional; if turned in on time, elective points will be earned.
- If student has an excused absence, HW may be turned in by the next class session.
- **Grace points**
 - Three grace points are available to be used only on homework worksheets. Grace points are used if HW is not turned in on time. They may also be used if student misses a week of class.
 - After grace points are used up and student does not turn in HW by the due date, student will make up assignment in negotiation with Pastor (e.g., reading Scripture during the service, etc.)

4. Lenten Midweek Catechism

- During Lent, students will read a responsive reading during one of the Lenten midweek services.

5. Attend Good Shepherd lock-in/retreat

- We will have at least one youth lock-in or retreat this year.
- Attendance is expected, but that doesn't mean there's no good reason for not attending. In such case, the points will be distributed to the electives.
- If Confirmand attends more than one lock-in or retreat, it will be assessed under electives.

6. Capstone Essay (8th graders only)

- About a month before Confirmation Sunday, 8th graders will receive instructions for completing the capstone essay. They will have about 2 weeks to turn in the first draft, and another week for a final draft.

Elective Points

Total points: **11pts (8th graders)**

16pts (7th graders)

ACTIVITY	PT VALUE
1. Attend & Participate in Sunday School	1/Sunday
2. Assist with VBS <i>Last June's VBS only available to 8th graders. For 7th graders, next June's VBS applies to this year or next year.</i>	1/day 5pts max.
3. Assist Acolyte during offering	½
4. Extra Sermon notes <i>If visiting another church, attach copy of a bulletin signed by the preacher.</i>	1
5. Christmas Program	3
6. Attend Church Meeting	2
7. Fundraiser	2/event
8. Worship Music (Before service), Group	2
9. Worship Music (Before service), Solo	3
10. Worship Music (During service)	6
11. Extra Youth Lock-in/Retreat	5
12. Extra acolyte Sunday	2
13. Miscellaneous	-

Group B Detailed descriptions

1. Attend & Participate in Sunday School

- This is a popular and easy way to earn lots of points. Just show up!

2. Assist with VBS

- VBS teachers appreciate the assistance of older youth for wrangling the youngins.
- Up to 5 points may be earned, 1 point for each day.
- Last June's VBS only available to 8th graders.
- For 7th graders, next June's VBS can apply to this year or next year.

3. Assist Acolyte during Offering

- If an acolyte by him/herself assists the usher, this means taking care of both sides of the aisle. By assisting the acolyte with the offering, each of you will take care of one side of the aisle.
- Acolytes may find their own assistant, or if you see that there is none feel free to step in.

4. Extra Sermon Notes

- You may turn in more than ten sermon notes to earn extra points. If turning in sermon notes from other churches, you must also attach a copy of the bulletin signed by the preacher.

5. Christmas Program

- Christmas program will be in mid-December. Students Sunday School points for attending rehearsals, then more points for being a part of the program.

6. Attend Church Meeting

- Self-explanatory. Have the meeting leader sign the activity slip.
- Church meetings are usually listed in the monthly calendar.
- Recommendation: contact the church office (or pastor) before attending a meeting to make sure it has not been postponed, etc.

7. Fundraiser

- Points can be earned for assisting with any church fundraiser during the year.

8. Worship Music (Before service), Group

9. Worship Music (Before service), Solo

10. Worship Music (During the Service)

- Confirmands are encouraged to share their musical talents with the congregation.
- As a group or a solo, Confirmands may choose to play music before the service (the Prelude), or play during the service as Special Music (following the prayer of the day) or during the offering.

11. Extra Youth Lock-in/Retreat

- Self-explanatory.

12. Extra Acolyte Sunday

- If acolyting more than the minimum, points are assessed here.

13. Miscellaneous

- Miscellaneous opportunities for points arise throughout the year.