

**CONFIRMATION CLASS, 2019-20**  
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# **Confirmation Class Examination**

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# **WELCOME**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

### **INSTRUCTION AND EXAMINATION BASED ON**

*The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther*

### **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Old Covenant Moral Code)**

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED (Statement of Faith)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God

the Father Almighty.

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (The model Prayer taught by Jesus)**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
    Hallowed by 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,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
    and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **JOHN 14:6** (Christ is the only way to life)

*Jesus said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

### **JOHN 20:31** (The purpose of the Scriptures)

*"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."*

### **PROVERBS 9:10** (The source of wisdom)

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

### **PSALM 51:5** (Original sin)

*"I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."*

### **ROMANS 1:16** (The power of God to save)

*"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."*

### **GENESIS 1:1** (God the Father: Creation)

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*

### **PSALM 19:1** (God the Father: Creation)

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies declare the work of His hands."*

### **JOHN 1:1, 14** (God the Son: Divine and Human)

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."*

**JOHN 3:16** (God the Son: Salvation)

*“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:4** (God the Son: Risen as promised!)

*“Christ was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”*

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**(Grace and Sanctification)

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

**ROMANS 3:23-24** (Sin and Grace)

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*

**ROMANS 6:23** (Sin and Grace)

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:3** (God the Holy Spirit: Faith)

*“No one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”*

**MATTHEW 22:37-39** (New Testament Moral Code)

*“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”*

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:17** (Prayer)

*“Pray continually.”*

**1 JOHN 5:14** (Prayer)

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”*

**1 JOHN 1:8-9** (Confession and Absolution)

*“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

**MATTHEW 28:18-20** (Holy Baptism)

*“Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.’ ”*

## CATECHISM REVIEW QUESTIONS

- **Where is God's truth about our Savior Jesus Christ made known?**  
*This truth is made known in the Bible: the Old Testament, which promises the coming Savior, and the New Testament, which tells of the Savior who has come.*
- **What is the key to the correct understanding of the Bible?**  
*Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is the heart and center of the Scripture and therefore the key to its true meaning.*
- **What does God teach and do in the Law?**  
*In the Law God commands good works of thought, word, and deed and condemns and punishes sin.*
- **What does God teach and do in the Gospel?**  
*In the Gospel, the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God gives forgiveness, faith, life, and the power to please Him with good works.*
- **What is the summary of Commandments 1-3?**  
*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*
- **What is the summary of Commandments 4-10?**  
*"Love your neighbor as yourself."*
- **What purposes does the Law of God serve?**
  - A. *The Law helps to control violent outbursts of sin and keeps order in the world. [Curb]*
  - B. *The Law accuses us and shows us our sin. [Mirror]*
  - C. *The Law teaches us Christians what we should and should not do to lead a God-pleasing life. [Guide]*
- **What is original sin?**  
*Original sin is that total corruption of our whole human nature which we have inherited from Adam through our parents.*
- **What is actual sin?**  
*Actual sin is every act against a commandment of God in thoughts, desires, words, or deeds.*
- **What is the difference between the Law and the Gospel?**
  - A. *The Law teaches what we are to do and not to do; the Gospel teaches what God has done, and still does, for our salvation.*
  - B. *The Law shows us our sin and the wrath of God; the Gospel shows us our Savior and the grace of God.*
  - C. *The Law must be proclaimed to all people, but especially to unrepentant sinners; the Gospel must be proclaimed to sinners who are troubled in their minds because of their sins.*
- **What is a creed?**  
*A creed is a statement of what we believe, teach, and confess.*

- **List the attributes (characteristics) of God.**

- *Spirit (a personal being without a body)*
- *Eternal (without beginning and without end)*
- *Unchangeable (immutable)*
- *Almighty, all-powerful (omnipotent)*
- *All-knowing (omniscient)*
- *Present everywhere (omnipresent)*
- *Holy (sinless and hating sin)*
- *Just (fair and impartial)*
- *Faithful (keeping His promises)*
- *Good (kind, desiring the best for us)*
- *Merciful (full of pity)*
- *Gracious (showing undeserved kindness, forgiving)*
- *Love*

- **How do we know Jesus is true God?**

*Because the Holy Scriptures clearly call Him God, teaching the following:*

- A. *Jesus has divine names.*
- B. *Jesus possesses divine attributes.*
- C. *Jesus does divine works.*
- D. *Jesus receives divine honor and glory.*

- **How do we know Jesus is also true man?**

*Because the Scriptures:*

- A. *Clearly call Him man;*
- B. *Say that He has a human body and soul;*
- C. *Speak of His human, but sinless, feelings and actions.*

- **What do the Scriptures teach about the birth of Jesus?**

*They teach that Jesus Christ, the God-man, was born of the Virgin Mary.*

- **How has Christ redeemed you from all sins?**

- A. *He took my guilt and punishment on Himself.*
- B. *He freed me from the slavery of sin.*

- **Why did Christ descend into hell after His resurrection?**

*He descended into hell not to suffer punishment, but to proclaim His victory over His enemies in hell.*

- **Why is Christ's resurrection so important and comforting?**

*Christ's resurrection proves that:*

- A. *Christ is the Son of God;*
- B. *His doctrine is the truth;*
- C. *God the Father accepted Christ's sacrifice for the reconciliation of the world;*
- D. *All believers in Christ will rise to eternal life.*

- **What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's second coming?**
  - A. *Christ will return visibly and with great glory on the Last Day.*
  - B. *Christ will return to judge the world, not to set up an earthly government.*
  - C. *Christ will return on a specific day known by God alone.*
  - D. *Before Christ returns, there will be increasing turmoil and distress for the church and the world.*
- **How do we know the Holy Spirit is God?**

*Because the Scriptures clearly call Him God, teaching that:*

  - A. *The Holy Spirit has divine names.*
  - B. *The Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes.*
  - C. *The Holy Spirit does divine works.*
  - D. *The Holy Spirit receives divine honor and glory.*
- **What is the special work of the Holy Spirit?**

*The Holy Spirit brings us to faith in Christ and helps us to live a godly life.*
- **What is the holy Christian church?**

*The holy Christian church is the communion of saints, the total number of those who believe in Christ.*
- **How can I be sure that my sins are forgiven?**

*I can be sure of the forgiveness of my sins because God keeps His promises in Christ.*
- **What is prayer?**

*Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts.*
- **How should we pray?**

*We should pray:*

  - A. *In the name of Jesus, that is, with faith in Him as our Redeemer.*
  - B. *With confidence that for Jesus' sake our prayers will be answered.*
  - C. *According to God's revealed will.*
- **How does God answer prayer?**

*God hears the prayers of all Christians and answers in His own way and at His own time.*
- **What is Baptism?**

*Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.*
- **Why are babies to be baptized?**

*Babies are to be baptized because:*

  - A. *They are included in the words "all nations."*
  - B. *Jesus especially invites little children to come to Him.*
  - C. *As sinners, babies need what Baptism offers.*
  - D. *Babies also are able to have faith.*

- **What great and precious blessings are given in Baptism?**
  - Baptism brings forgiveness of sins.*
  - Baptism rescues from death and the devil.*
  - Baptism gives eternal salvation.*
- **How is it possible for a person be saved even if they haven't been baptized?**

*It is the lack of faith in Christ, not the lack of baptism that condemns.*
- **How does Baptism indicate the drowning of the old nature of sin in us (the old Adam) and the rising of the new nature of faith (the new creation)?**

*By Baptism we share in Christ's death and resurrection. As He buried our sin, so we must daily overcome and bury our sin. And as He is risen from the dead and lives, so we too must live a new life in Him.*
- **What are the two parts of confession?**

*The first part is that we confess or acknowledge our sins. The second part is that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness of sins.*
- **What sins should we confess before God?**

*Before God we should confess all sins, even those of which we are not aware.*
- **What sins should we confess to others?**

*We should confess the sins we have committed against one another.*
- **What is the Office of the Keys and why is it called that?**

*The Office of the Keys is the authority Christ has given to His church to forgive sins or to withhold forgiveness. This authority works like a key to open heaven by forgiving sins or to close heaven by not forgiving them.*
- **What does Christ give us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion?**

*In this Sacrament Christ gives us His own true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.*
- **How are the bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the body and blood of Christ?**

*The bread and wine in the Sacrament are Christ's body and blood by sacramental union. By the power of His Word, Christ gives His body and blood in, with, and under the consecrated bread and wine.*
- **What benefits are offered in the Sacrament of Holy Communion?**
  - The forgiveness of sins.*
  - Life and salvation.*
  - Victory over sin and strength for new life in Christ.*
  - A public profession of faith in Christ and unity in His Gospel.*
- **How are we to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament?**

*We are to examine ourselves to see whether:*

- A. *We are sorry for our sins.*
  - B. *We believe in our Savior Jesus and His words in the Sacrament.*
  - C. *We plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives.*
- **Why are even the weak in faith to come to the Lord's Table?**  
*Christ instituted the Sacrament for the very purpose of strengthening and increasing our faith.*
  - **What is confirmation?**  
*Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community.*

## BLESSING

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The Rite of Confirmation will be conducted during the 10:00 a.m. service tomorrow, May 5, 2019. Confirmation Class and individual pictures will begin at 9:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary and a light reception will follow the service in the Garden Room.