

Resurrection Lutheran Church
Plano, Texas

Confirmation Program
2023-2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

At your baptism, God claimed you as His holy child. You were given the free gift of membership in the family of God and set apart for God's work in the world.

Most likely you were baptized as a child, too young, possibly, to fully grasp what was happening. You were also too young to take on the full responsibilities of membership in God's kingdom. Your parents and sponsors took those promises on for you. They included:

- faithfully bringing you to the services of God's house;
- teaching you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments;
- placing in your hands the Holy Scriptures; and
- providing for your instruction in the Christian faith, so that you may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.

Part of providing for your instruction includes confirmation classes. Here we hope to teach you what it means to be an adult member of God's church and prepare you to take on for yourself the promises that your parents made for you. Through the experiences of your confirmation journey, you will:

- Actively participate in the worship life of this congregation;
- Learn about the history and meaning of the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments;
- Become familiar with God's story through the Old and New Testaments;
- Explore God's purpose for your life;
- Deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ
- Cement your place in this community of worship.

To help you, we have designed a number of experiences and activities that will help you with the goals above. Some of those include:

- ❖ RALLY, Sunday School and monthly classes with Pastor and your confirmation mentors on Saturdays;
- ❖ Sermon notes which will help you focus on the weekly message;
- ❖ Servant events and service to the church that will help you see the work of Christ in action when we are able to gather together again;
- ❖ Camp each summer—a concerted time for group building, learning and fun;
- ❖ A Credo Project—a chance for you to share what you believe at the end of your confirmation journey.

This booklet will help you become familiar with the exciting journey that is laid before you.

I am excited to share this journey with you. I want to get to know you better and to help you get to know Christ! Together we are embarking on a wonderful journey!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

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Sunday Confirmation Classes

We will meet each Sunday for an hour of learning and conversation. This will be on the second Saturday of each month at 10am - 2pm (with lunch provided!) in the RALLY Room (SS Classroom 5).

Our classes follow a two year curriculum. One year will look at the Biblical story through the Old and New Testaments and the life of Jesus. The other year will work through Luther's Small Catechism, addressing the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and Faith in Life.

During the 2023-2024 school-year we will explore the Small Catechism.

Here's our Class Schedule for this year:

Date	Lesson
September	Religions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Religions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther and the Reformation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Denominations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lutheran Worship Practices
October	The Ten Commandments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commandments Part 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commandments Part 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commandments Part 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commandments Part 4
November	Faith in Life – Part 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law & Gospel / Sinner & Saint
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Your Neighbor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving Others through Vocation
December	The Apostles Creed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creed Article 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creed Article 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creed Article 3
January	Faith in Life – Part 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship of Creation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship of Money
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theology of the Cross vs Theology of Glory
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forgiveness

February	The Lord's Prayer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greatest Prayer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's Kingdom and Will
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God Gives and Forgives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temptation, Trial, and Deliverance
March	Faith in Life – Part 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected to God through Prayer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saved by Grace through Faith
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share Your Faith
April	Sacraments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Baptism
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word with Water
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Communion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take and Eat
May	Review and Final Jeopardy!

All Class topics are subject to change

You are expected to
regularly attend Worship,
Sunday School and these
Class Sessions.

Sermon Notes

To help you get more out of the sermons each week, we are asking you to take brief notes on 20 sermons over the course of the school year. That's less than 50% of the sermons that are offered.

On the next page is a form for you to use. They will be available on the pamphlet rack in the narthex and online. They will help you think about the setting, the main points, your reactions and your responses to the sermon.

After filling out the form, you will need to have one of your parents review it and then sign off on your work. You'll then turn it in to Pastor, placing it in his box in the office. He'll look it over and give you some feedback. It's a good opportunity to get your questions answered!

How to Listen to a Sermon

In school, you most likely learned that the first sentence of a paragraph or the first paragraph of an essay should contain the topic and that the rest of the composition must support it. While that is true in essay writing, it is typically NOT true of a sermon.

In a sermon, preachers need to "hook" the listeners. They do that in a variety of ways: with an opening story; with a thought provoking question; or even with a joke. They may spend a considerable time building a case for why we need God in our lives - a point that would be antithetical to the point of the sermon.

You need to listen to the whole sermon to understand the main theme. It is usually repeated several times, but is almost never the first thing said.

Then you need to listen for what God is calling you to do in response to the main idea. It's always there.

Careful and complete listening, understanding the structure of the sermon, and listening for action words will make the sermon more understandable and make sermon notes easier to do!

Confirmation Sermon Notes

Name: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed this paper with my child: _____

Today is the _____ Sunday of the Season of _____ or,

Special Service: _____

The liturgical color of this worship service is: _____

1) What lesson did the pastor use as the basis for his/her sermon?

☐ Old Testament ☐ Psalm ☐ New Testament ☐ Gospel

2) What is the main idea that the pastor was trying to communicate?

3) What point made you think...even struggle?

4) What did you learn from the sermon that you never knew before?

5) What was the "Call to Action" of today's sermon?

6) What do you intend to do as a result of today's sermon?

Service

Several times a year we will take the opportunity to be "little Christs" for other people by performing servant projects for them. These events may seem scary at first, but there is real joy to be found in service to others.

These projects may include:

- ✕ Christmas Caroling at a retirement home;
- ✕ Writing cards to military personnel serving overseas ;
- ✕ Delivering gifts or food to the needy; or
- ✕ Wrapping gifts for the Angel Tree.

In addition to serving the wider community, you will be expected to serve your church community in some way for **one hour per month**. This can be in worship as an acolyte, reader, greeter, communion assistant, assisting minister, or usher. You could also serve as a helper in the nursery, a member of the Welcome or Stewardship Team, or help with First Saturday Maintenance.

Choose something that you really like or that you want to know more about and cheerfully serve your fellow church members. Be prepared to document your service to the church.

RALLY

RALLY, your youth group, meets on the first and third Sunday evenings each month from 7-8:30 p.m. during the school year. You will spend time in teambuilding activities, games, service projects, eating snacks(!), and a wide variety of other activities!

Every summer the group meets for family picnic and a swim party. Off-site activities like bowling, scavenger hunts, and retreats are scheduled randomly throughout the year.

Summer Camp

Each summer we travel to Ebert Ranch Camp to enjoy a week of camping pleasures.

At Ebert, you'll get to:

-  Enjoy the bunk house's hospitality in lovely air-conditioning.
-  Work your horse as you learn to ride.
-  Experience small groups and get to know new friends.
-  Explore community through creative Bible study and worship.
-  Wind your way through miles of trails on 400 acres Hill Country ranch land
-  Build your confidence on the challenge course.
-  Roast s'mores over an open fire.
-  Swim, do arts & crafts, play games, shoot archery and more!

Credo Project

At the end of your Confirmation journey, you will be asked to do a Credo Project.

"Credo" is a Latin word that means "I believe." We want you to tell us *what you believe* through a project of your own design. It may be a video, a song, a Power-Point presentation, an essay, a series of posters—whatever will help you relate to others what you believe about God, Jesus, the Bible, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and your future walk of faith.

Prior to being confirmed, you will present your project to the pastor and your confirmation mentors. They will have an opportunity to ask you to explain your

project in greater detail and to touch on other subjects you may not have covered.

Here are some items you may want to think about as you prepare your presentation. This is not a list of prescribed topics!

- What is confirmation?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- What role does the Bible play in your life?
- How do the Creed and Ten Commandments fit in?
- What are sacraments and how do they affect you?
- What is sin? What is grace?
- What happens after death?
- How will you continue to follow Jesus?
- What is your future role in the church?

Other Things to Know

Confirmation will be on Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of October, during your 9th grade year. This helps us remember that confirmation isn't graduation from the church, but the beginning of our new responsibility to the church.

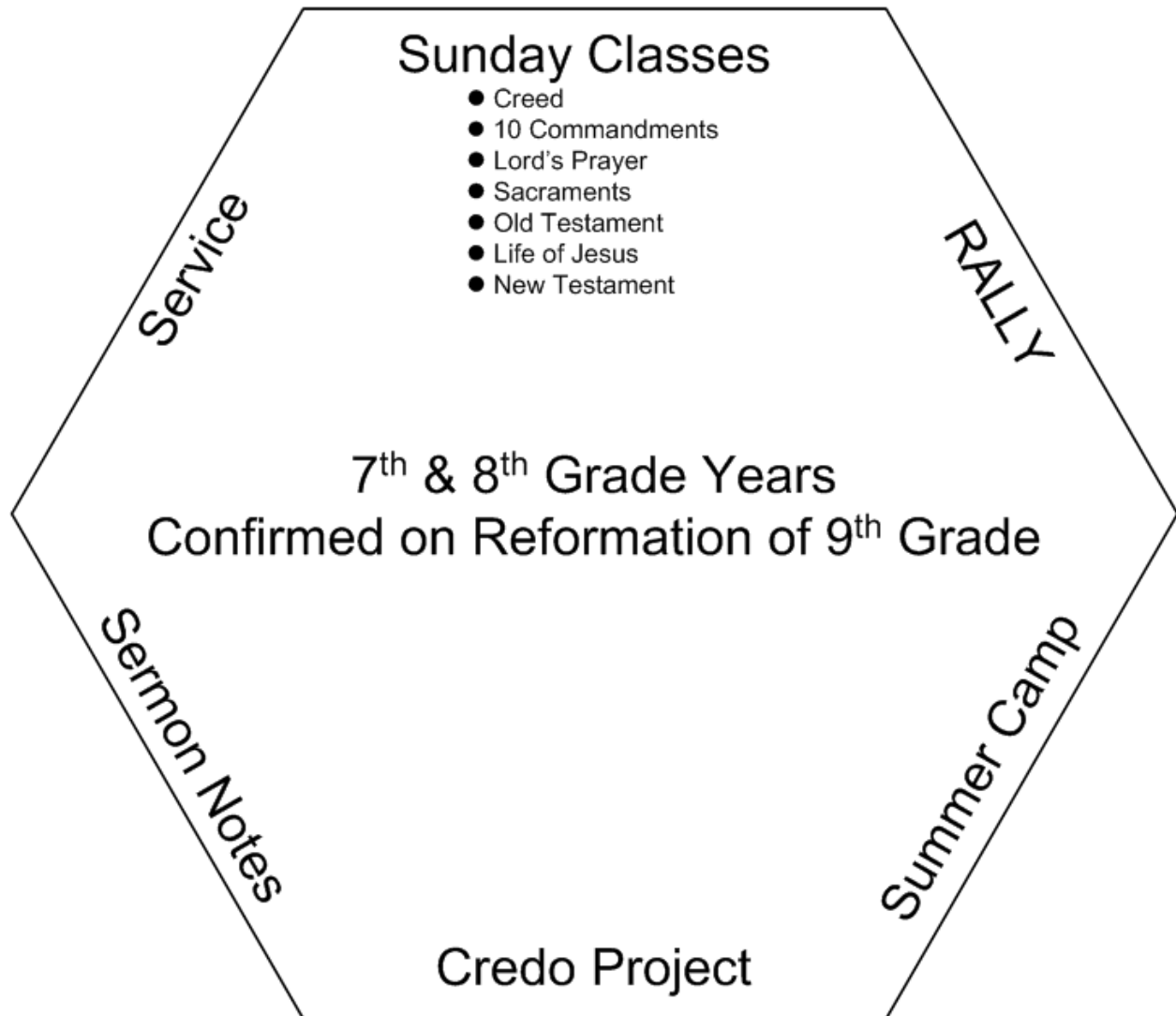
Beginning with the summer before your 9th grade year, you'll join RYOT at their meetings and on Sunday Mornings.

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