



# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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Welcome! Though I am not able to physically worship with you, it is an honor to share God's word with you and direct your worship to our great God, he is most worthy of our praise and worship!

I cannot direct you to the restroom or a quiet place for your children, I trust you to know that wherever you might be. However, I would like to encourage you to put distractions aside, they can wait. Give your time and attention to God. I would also like to remind you of God's promise that his Holy Spirit is actively working wherever his word is (Hebrews 4:12).

I would also like to give you some brief info concerning the service. This particular order of service, was chosen for its simplicity but also because of the message it reminds us of, namely, that God has given to each believer the power to forgive or not forgive sins. Worship in confidence that God hears and recognizes your praise even if it is in the setting of your own home for a time.

You can go through the service together as a family, individually, or with someone leading and the rest joining in on the **bold** sections.

Finally, **links have been included for the two hymns, a sermon, and the children's message.** They will take you to YOUTUBE where there will be words, music and an additional voice singing (for the first hymn but not for the second). If it helps your worship please make use of it, if you don't prefer that, or prefer just follow along and meditate on the words that is, obviously, also fine.

Today is confirmation Sunday. While it is a day that we hear the confession of two young men it is also the day we remember our own confirmation vows. It is the day we recognize to not be the end of learning but just another step of the Christian life. May we praise God for the faith he began in these two young men at their baptisms, the faith that is expressing itself today and the faith we, by God's grace, will encourage them in throughout their life. May God bless your worship and your celebration today!

-Pastor Sam Biebert

## MEDITATION ON THE MINISTRY OF THE KEYS

### Opening Hymn – “Christ Be My Leader”

(Hymn #367 Congregation will sing verses 1 & 3 and soloist will sing verse 2)

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)*

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

**God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness,

**We lie and do not live by the truth.**

If we claim to be without sin,

**We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

### Confession of Sin

**Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake O God, be merciful to me a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

*Silence for personal examination and confession.*

### Absolution

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Only the compassion of God can explain his loving patience and message of grace. To a people who grumbled and doubted and feared and would soon rebel, God sent his servant, Moses. Last week we saw Moses, unworthy though he was, called by God's mercy into ministry. This week we see him practice the words of Jesus: Freely you have received, freely give. God sends Moses back down from the mountain to share the Word of God with the people. Moses' ministry was a blessing from God for the people. He reminded them of their Savior God who brought them through plagues and the sea, through the desert's drought and famine. Then he called them to follow their God with full devotion. In his compassion God gave them a minister to renew the hearts of his covenant people both for their good and the good of the whole world. This would be the people God used to carry out his greatest act of compassion: the incarnation, death, and resurrection of his Son.*

### **First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup> Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. <sup>6</sup> You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup> Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together, "Everything that the LORD has said, we will do."

*Pause and contemplate the great love and compassion of God. Consider the compassion of God as seen in the sacrifice of Christ for the ungodly world. Christ did not die for good Christian folk. He died for the ungodly, the immoral, the enemies of God who wanted nothing to do with this sacrifice. In short, he died for us, because that is what we were before the grace and mercy of God sought us and found us. Martin Franzmann (a learned theologian) once noted, "Since God has come all the way to us in our rebellious impotence, since the incredible has happened, since we stand acquitted by the atoning blood of Christ, the peace we have with God is peace without end. The wrath of God that looms up at the end of all men's ways to judge them and destroy them, does not loom up at the end of our new way; the Christ looms up, and He will save us from the wrath to come."*

### **Second Lesson: Romans 5:6-11**

<sup>6</sup> For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup> But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.  
(Psalm 132:9)

*The compassion of God for the lost and helpless sinner is the reason for Christ's work and the ministry of the Word. The people of Israel had been harassed by their spiritual leaders and left leaderless and helpless. Christ looked upon them and loved them, and then he called the twelve apostles to the ministry of the Word that they might shepherd these lost sheep. The disciples prayed for workers and found God's answer in the twelve men Christ sent out to be leaders of the true Israel and heralds of the coming kingdom. They would go with Jesus' message and Jesus' miracles. They would go by grace to share grace.*

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near!' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

## Examination Questions

[\(Click Here For Video of Examination\)](#)

### Catechism Examination Questions 2020

#### Luther

1. What blessing did God give to Luther early on that would allow him the privilege of even being able to read the Bible?
  - He was able to go to school and study law which allowed him to learn Latin, the language. This schooling allowed him to be able to read the Bible.
2. What was Martin Luther's view of God at first?
  - He looked at him as an angry judge and coincidentally, lived in fear of God.
3. What did Luther's view of God lead him to do and why?

- Lead him to become a monk to earn God's favor in hopes that he would be able to please God through the things that he did
4. What book of the Bible and what truth about God highlighted in that book gave Martin Luther a different view of God?
    - Romans, and the fact that we are justified (declared not guilty) through faith in Jesus.
  5. What was one of Luther's first acts after he discovered that we are saved by grace and not works?
    - He nailed the 95 Thesis to the Castle Church door
  6. The biggest problem Luther had with the teachings of the Catholic Church, was that it taught that a person was saved by works. Name two teachings of the Catholic Church that demonstrated this?
    - Indulgences, Purgatory (earn way into heaven), Jesus' death does not completely pay for sins, Penance (A set order of prayers or deeds to make payment for sins), etc
  7. Does the Catechism teach us everything we need to know about the Bible?
    - No, it is only the basics of the Christian faith
  8. What are the 6 main teachings of the Bible?
    - Ten commandments; The Creed; The Sacrament of Holy Baptism;
    - The Sacrament of Holy Communion; The Use of the Keys and Confession;
    - The Lord's Prayer

### **The Creed**

1. What is a creed?
  - A Statement of what a person or group of people believes and teaches
2. What are the three primary creeds of the church?
  - a) Apostle's; b) Nicene; c) Athanasian
3. What do we mean when we say that God is Triune?
  - He is 3 persons but 1 God
4. How did God create the world?
  - With his mighty word
5. How long did it take God to create the World?
  - 6 days 7th day he rested
6. Why do we believe it only took this long?
  - He tells us in the Bible
7. What do evolutionists believe?
  - It took billions of years to form
8. What is "the image of God"
  - Perfect harmony with God and a love for his commands.

9. How did evil enter God's perfect world?
  - The devil Tempted Adam and eve into sin
10. Give the Bible passage that is the first gospel promise.
  - Gen. 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
11. Why Did Jesus have to be both true God and True Man?
  - So he could be under God's law and keep it perfectly
12. Why is it so important that we recognize Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit?
  - If he was conceived as a regular human He would have been sinful
13. List Jesus steps of exaltation.
  - Descent into hell; Rise from the dead; Ascent into heaven; seated at the Right hand of the Father; Judging living and the Dead
14. Why is Jesus descent into hell considered a part of his exaltation?
  - It shows us his victory over the devil and all the evil angels
15. What does Jesus resurrection prove?
  - He is true God/ That he is our redeemer and that he will raise us from the dead.
16. What does his ascension prove?
  - There is a place where we will be with him forever.
17. What does it mean that Jesus "at the God's right hand."
  - He is ruling over all things for the good of his Church
18. Who will Christ judge when he returns?
  - Everybody
19. Did Jesus die for everyone?
  - Yes
20. Did God Justify everyone?
  - No
21. Will everyone be in heaven?
  - No
22. Why or why not?
  - Not everyone believes the good news. Some reject his message.
23. In the Old Testament, Prophets, Priests, and Kings covered all aspects of life and pointed ahead to Jesus. Jesus is the fulfillment of these positions. Can you explain how?
  - OT Prophet –delivers a message from God; OT Priest -Made sacrifices for the people; OT King- Rules and protects his people  
Jesus as Prophet -Gives us God's word; Jesus as Priest - Sacrificed himself for us; Jesus as King - Rules our hearts and protects us from our enemies

24. What is the Work of the Holy Spirit called?  
- Sanctification
25. How do we come to faith? Give a Bible Passage to prove this.  
- By the Holy Spirit working through God's Word Romans 10:17 "Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."
26. What tool does the Holy Spirit use to bring me to faith?  
- Means of Grace which is the Gospel in Word and Sacrament
27. Define Sacrament?  
- Sacred act established by Christ for his church in which earthly elements are used together with God's Word, as means of offering, giving and sealing to us the forgiveness of sins.
28. What is the purpose of the Law? Of the Gospel?  
- Law shows our sin and the gospel shows our savior
29. How do we know we are saved?  
- God tells us in His word that Jesus died for our sins, risen from death and lives and rules eternally.
30. What is the relationship between faith and good works?  
- Good works are only viewed as good by God when they are done out of faith in him.
31. Can people fall away from the faith once they become a believer? (Use the example of the Parable of the Sower and the seed in Matthew 13.)  
- Yes, Some seeds land in a path where birds eat them, others land in thorns, and some land in a place with bad soil and die under the hot sun
33. What is the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saint, or the Invisible church?  
- It is all believers everywhere
34. What is the visible church?  
- A place of worship
35. Why are there so many churches?  
- Not all teach God's word truthfully, and there are hypocrites
36. What is church fellowship? Why do we practice it?  
- It is being with others who have the same faith as you. We practice it to encourage others in worship as well as show love for the truth of God's word and for our own souls.

### **Baptism**

37. Why Is Baptism a Sacrament?  
- Forgives sins, instituted/commanded by God, uses God's Word with and earthly element
39. Where does Baptism get its power?  
- God's Word

40. Why do we baptize infants?  
 - They are sinful and need to be forgiven and are part of Jesus' words of "all nations"
41. Who can Baptize?  
 - Any Christian
42. Why do pastors usually baptize?  
 - To avoid disorder in congregation and they have been called to administer the means of grace publicly.
43. What blessings does Baptism give us?  
 - Forgiveness of sins, delivers from power of devil and death, eternal life
44. Give a proof passage that Baptism Saves us.  
**Cong: Titus 3:5-7 "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."**
45. What does it mean when the Bible says that we are "Born Again."  
 - Our old adam is washed away, and a new man is born
46. What does Baptism mean for our daily lives?  
 - That our old Adam should be drowned every day by contrition and repentance, and a new man is rise and live perfectly in for God

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

47. Why Is the Lord's Supper called a Sacrament?  
 - Forgives sins, instituted/commanded by God, Uses God's Word and earthly elements
50. What do we receive in the Lord's Supper? Give a Bible passage that proves this.  
**Cong: Bread along with Christ's body, and wine along with his blood Luke 22:19,20 "He took bread ,gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after the supper he took the cup saying This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."**
51. What are the 2 common false teaching's concerning the Lord's Supper  
 - Transubstantiation and representation
52. What do they teach?  
 - Transubstantiation- completely his body and blood; Representation- represents his body and blood
53. Why is Representation so dangerous?  
 - Without faith in Jesus' words you receive condemnation
54. Is the Lord's Supper a Sacrifice or Sacrament? Why?  
 - Sacrament, Jesus only had to sacrifice himself once, It is instituted by God
55. What are the 3 blessings of Holy Communion?  
 - Forgiveness of sins, life and salvation

56. Where does Holy Communion get its power?  
- Jesus' Words
57. What if the person serving Holy Communion is a hypocrite?  
- The power is in the word of God, not in the person administering it. Those receiving it are still receiving the blessings of Holy Communion.
58. Who should take Holy Communion?  
- People who can properly examine themselves
59. Who should not take Holy Communion?  
- Those who are not properly prepared
60. What does it mean that we practice Close Communion?  
- We take Jesus word's seriously and therefore only offer it to those who hold Jesus as their Savior and have the same confession as we do.
61. Isn't this judging people's hearts?  
- No
62. What are we judging?  
- Their outward actions.
63. What is a good way to prepare for Holy Communion?  
**Cong: Remembering Jesus' death, having faith in Jesus' words, examining our lives according to the Ten Commandments and seeing our deep need for the forgiveness of sins.**

### The Use of the Keys

64. What is the use of the Keys? (Give proof passage)  
- Forgiving or not forgiving sins; Mat. 16:19 "I give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
65. How does a person use the binding key?  
- To refuse forgiveness to the impenitent
66. What if person is in a bad mood?  
- That doesn't mean they can withhold forgiveness if a person is repentant
67. What is the losing key?  
- Forgiving sins
68. Who did God give the keys to?  
- All Christians
69. What is a Divine Call?  
- God calling a pastor through the church to publicly administer the gospel in Word and Sacrament

70. What are the qualifications of a Pastor?

**Cong: Above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his family and children well, He must not be a recent convert, He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.**

71. Why do overseers in Church need to be male? (1 Timothy 2:11-13)

- God made man first and gave them authority in this respect

72. Does this mean women are inferior?

- No, but only that in this respect it is to be the role of a man.

73. What is confession?

- The first part is admitting our sinfulness and the second is hearing the comforting announcement that our sins are forgiven.

74. What sins should we confess?

- All our sins, even those we are not aware of.

75. What is absolution?

- The announcement that our sins are forgiven.

76. How valid and certain is it that Pastor absolves us of our sins?

- As Christ did it himself

77. What is excommunication?

- Excluding the impenitent from the congregation

78. What are the Biblical steps?

- Confronting someone in private, taking one or two others along, and finally bringing it to the church. With a heart of love and a desire to proclaim God's forgiveness every step of the way.

79. What is the purpose of excommunication?

- The purpose of excommunication is to lead someone to see their sin and repent.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

80. What is a prayer?

- An act of worship where we speak to God.

90. What may prayers include?

- Requests or thanksgiving about anyone or anything.

91. Who may pray?

- Anyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior

92. What does it mean when we pray "Our Father in Heaven?"

- We are boldly and confidently addressing who our prayer is to

93. What does it mean when we pray "Hallowed be your name?"

- That we are asking God to help us teach and live his Word in the way which keeps his name

holy.

94. What is God's name?

- His titles and everything he has revealed to us about himself in his word.

96. What is Christ kingdom?

- Christ's rule in his hearts by his Word.

97. What is will of God?

- That all men be saved, that his Word is truthfully taught and that we should live a holy life.

98. What are the 3-great enemies of God's will?

- The Devil, The world, sinful flesh

99. What is meant by "Daily Bread"?

- Everything we need for our bodily needs.

100. What does "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us" mean?

- That God would forgive us our sins and lead us also to forgive anyone who sins against us.

101. Does God tempt us?

- No, God does not lead us into temptation.

102. What two things does God promise us about all our temptations?

**Cong: He has the power to guard and keep us from temptation and that he will help us overcome and win the victory over our temptations.**

103. Who is to blame for our hardships?

- The Devil, the world and our sinful nature.

104. Why does God allow these hardships? Write the proof passage: Proof passage Rom. 8:28

- "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." He makes it work out for our eternal good.

105. What is the Doxology?

- Acknowledging that we are sure our Father in heaven will hear and answer these petitions.

106. What does Amen mean?

- Yes, it shall be so

107. Does God hear and answer all our prayers?

- Yes

108. According to whose will?

- God's

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**Offering:** (Though we are not meeting together at this time please do not forget the opportunity to give back what is rightfully God's with respect to what he has given us. Offerings can be mailed or dropped off at church. You can also make use of online giving through the giveplus app or by going to the church's website ([www.christcambridge.com](http://www.christcambridge.com)) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)

**Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, you have fulfilled your promise to send your Holy Spirit on those who are your own. For this we thank and praise you. It is because you have been faithful to your word that others, blessed with the Spirit and his gifts, have brought the Gospel to us. It is because you have poured out that same Holy Spirit on us that we believe in you and rejoice in the spiritual gifts he has given us. May the truth that you continue to keep the promise you made to your disciples give us the confidence that you will keep all your other promises as well.

O Lord, you work righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. Move the hearts of all people, that the barriers which unjustly divide us may crumble, suspicions may disappear, and hatreds may cease. Heal our divisions, that we might live in peace, through your Son, Jesus.

Additionally, we ask that you look in mercy on our nation as we struggle with discord and civil unrest. Frustrate the plans of those who would stir up violence and strife and bless the efforts of all who promote harmony and peace. Give to our leaders and all in authority a special measure of wisdom and patience as they carry out their tasks and grant that justice may prevail throughout our land. Help us as Christian citizens to reflect your love in all we do. Let the preaching of your gospel, which alone can bring true peace to human hearts, be heard throughout our land. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, the Prince of peace, our Savior.

*Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.*

O Holy Spirit, you intercede for us with groans that words cannot express. Transform our human petitions to sanctified prayer through the merits of Jesus, who has taught us to pray:

**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, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

(spoken) **AMEN**

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to use God's Holy Word. Therefore, we invite only current members of Christ, (and those from sister WELS and ELS congregations) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. And thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

⇒ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

In order to maintain proper social distancing, we will be observing "continuous flow" for communion. You will be ushered up one row/family unit at a time. You will receive the bread and the wine and then return to your seats. The communion blessing will be spoken to all following the distribution.

### **BLESSING:**

**The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.**

**Closing Hymn: "He Will Hold Me Fast" Keith and Kristyn Getty (Sung by Soloist)**

**[\(Click Here For Song and Lyrics\)](#)**

### **God's Blessings Wade and Deacon!**

*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." -*

*Hebrews 12:2*