For Confirmation make up work, you are asked to work with your family to complete the work that we normally do in class. This entails going through the weekly liturgy which invites reflection on your lives, recites the parts of the catechism (The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, and the Apostle's Creed), and focuses on a part of Martin Luther's Small Catechism and/or a passage of scripture.

Videos of some prayer practices are available on the church's website, or you can use the prayer practice at the beginning of one of the online worship services available on facebook. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranNP">https://www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranNP</a>

If you wish to save paper in the future, you can print a "Confirmation make-up page" and fill out your answers as you work your way through the liturgy. At the end, bring all your thoughts together and spend a few minutes in prayer. Please hand in your make up work in Pr. Patrick's mailbox or hand it to him the next time you are at confirmation.

# Liturgy for Confirmands

## **GATHERING**

#### Opening

This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Reflection 1:** (as we do in class, we take time to reflect together on the best and worst parts of our week)

When I look back at this week, the best thing about it was...

When I look back at this week, the thing that made it hard was...

# **CATECHISM**

#### Ten Commandments

The Lord God said,

- I am the Lord your God,
- You shall have no other gods before me,
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,
- Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,
- Honor your father and mother,
- You shall not kill,
- You shall not commit adultery
- You shall not steal,
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor,
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house,
- You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or servant, or ox, or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.
- I am the Lord your God.

Read the highlighted Small Catechism and/or Scripture for the week then work your way through the reflection questions.

#### Reflection 2

Based on the Catechism Section and Scripture reading for the day complete the following:

1. **Definitions**: Write down words or phrases you don't understand then work to define them.

— <u>www.lexico.com</u> is a great resource for seeking definitions. Use the American English version.

2. **? Question:** Write down a question that you have about this story. What is the best answer you can come up with as a family?

3. ! Aha: Write down something that you like about the story. Why do you like it?
4. * Story: Write down a few words to remind you of a story from your life that connects to the Bible story. What does this Bible story remind you of?
5. + God: What is God trying to tell you in this section? In what ways is God showing up?
SUMMARIZE THE STORY

We summarize the story both through the text and in our own words. This helps us to make final sense of the story before we prepare to move on.

- 6. Key Verse: Choose one verse from the Bible story that helps to tell the most important point, or the point you most want to remember. Copy it here.
- 7. One Sentence Summary: If you were to tell someone else what you learned in confirmation today, what would it be?

Profess the Apostle's Creed together:

#### **Apostles Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### Reflection 3:

I saw God this week when... (You're invited to reflect on where you might have seen God in creation, in Jesus' teachings, suffering, death and resurrection, in the church(the body of Christ), the saints you know, forgiveness you have received, new life where there was death, or other places you saw God.)

It was hard for me to see God's presence in...

What sort of knowledge, experience, or relationship might help you see God better in the above situation.

### PRAYER:

#### Reflection 4:

I would like to pray for this person/these people or situation(s) in the world...

**Closing Prayer**- The closing prayer brings all of our reflections together and brings them to God. Take turns praying over what has come up during your time together.

Lord God, we thank you for the joys of our lives, for (Highs):

We ask for your presence in these difficult times (Lows):

Thank you for revealing yourself to us in: (Where you saw God)

Help us to see you better in: (Where it's hard to see God)

Be with those for whom we pray and use us as you can, we pray for: (Reflection 4)

And we pray as you have taught us:

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.

**Prayer Practice**- We take 5-10 minutes at the end of each lesson to engage with a prayer practice that can help us, slow down, give thought to what we want to bring to God, and to allow time to listen for and to God speaking in our lives. You can find prayer practices on the church website or at the beginning of worship on facebook.