

First Lutheran Church
Confirmation
Midyear Elder Review Packet
2018-19

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OVERVIEW

This Study Guide is provided so that you as Parents and Grandparents of Confirmation students may help them study and prepare for their Midyear Elder Review.

Please do not consider the Elder Review as a fearful, rigorous testing. Rather, the review is an opportunity for Confirmation students to speak and interact with the Elders demonstrating their growth as young, but maturing, Christians. Students *should not* be nervous or overwhelmed, but they *should* recognize its importance and give the appropriate effort to adequately prepare.

For preparation, students should:

- Review memory work ... *not to be recited, but to re-familiarize them with it again*
- Review the included material which pertains to content presented in class

How to use this Study Guide:

Read and reflect on the questions provided for each "unit." These questions reflect the main points of the lessons and units that have been covered to this point in class. For each question, brief thoughts are provided (**red text**) as guidance for answering the question. Ideally, students show what they know and understand by answering the questions in their own words; but what is provided should hopefully serve as a helpful guide and reminder when needed.

ROLE OF ELDERS

Schedule

9:15-9:30 Meet at Mission House for Donuts

9:30-10:10 Split classes for Review ...

Year 1 in Mission House Southwest classroom

Year 2 in Mission House Northwest classroom

Year 3 in Mission House Main classroom

During Review ...

(approx. 20 min) Life of Jesus questions

(approx. 20 min) Catechism questions

Students will be allowed to use Bibles and Catechisms

Tips/Guiding Principles

- **Mix up the order of the questions.**
- **Call on a specific student and *then* ask the question.**
- **Ask the question multiple times of different students; but *not* back-to-back.**
- **Ask follow up questions to encourage students to share more of what they know.**
 - "How would you explain that to someone else?"
 - "What does that mean to you?"
 - "Tell me more about what you meant when you said _____."

Question Bank . . . LIFE OF JESUS

[Year 1 & 2]

When Jesus said, "If any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also," what did he mean?

- Don't hit back
- Violence doesn't solve anything
- There is more power in resisting violence than in revenge,

According to Jesus, what is the unforgivable sin?:

- Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit
- Denying Jesus Christ and his work

What is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter called?

- Holy Week

Holy Week begins on

- Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem to the cheering crowds

The Thursday of Holy Week is called? What does Maundy mean?

- Maundy Thursday, because Jesus issued a new command on that night
- "Maundy" in Latin for Command

When did Jesus give Holy Communion for the first time?

- On Passover night
- On the night he was betrayed
- Right after washing the disciples' feet

Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____?

- A kiss

When the soldiers came to arrest Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, what did Peter do?

- Seized a sword and cut off the high priest's slave's ear

As Jesus was dying on the cross, he said:

- "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing,"
- "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (to the thief who asked to be remembered)

As he bowed his head to die, Jesus said?

- "It is finished!"

Easter Sunday is know as?

- The day Jesus rose
- The day death, itself, was defeated for eternity
- The day that gives hope to all who die that we, too, will live forever with God
- The day Jesus came out of the tomb

The first people to arrive at Christ's tomb on Easter morning were?

- Three women, coming to prepare his body for a proper burial

When the women arrived at the tomb, what did they find?

The huge stone rolled away from the entrance

The soldiers who had been assigned to guard Christ's grave nowhere in sight

The tomb empty with the grave clothes folded neatly on the stone slab where Christ lay

After Christ's resurrection, he appeared to?

Mary Magdalene in the garden

Two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus

The disciples in a locked room

Over 300 of his followers

Repeat Matthew 28:19-20:

"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."

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" is sometimes called what?

The Great Commission

Question Bank . . . 10 COMMANDMENTS

[YEAR 1]

How should God's name be used?

Prayer.
Praise.
Give Thanks.

How should God's name *not* be used?

Curse.
Swear.
Lie.
Deceive (*mislead, trick, fool*) someone by His name.

"Remember the Sabbath" means to set aside a day for God. Why does He want us to do this?

Remember Him.
Receive His gifts of forgiveness and hearing His word.
Rest physically and spiritually.

Why should we honor our parents and other authorities?

God has graciously placed them over us.
By honoring them, we honor God.

The 5th Commandment says, "You shall not murder," but it isn't just about killing people. Explain.

The true meaning of the 5th Commandment is that we should not hurt or harm our neighbor in **any** way.

What does God desire for married couples?

Husbands and wives are to be faithful to each other.
Husbands and wives are to respect and love one another.

Why is stealing against God's commands?

He promises to provide our needs.
It is wrong to take what is not ours.
He desires for us to love our neighbor by helping him improve and protect what is his.

How should we talk about our neighbor?

We should use words that build him up.
We should not use words that tear him down.

What does it mean to covet?

Wanting something of someone else's in a sinful way.
Wanting something so bad we act in ways that do not please God.
Wanting something so bad we are willing to scheme to get it.

How should we feel about our neighbor and his possessions?

We should be happy for how God has blessed him.
We should support him and help him care for all that he has.

Question Bank . . . THE LORD'S PRAYER

[YEAR 2]

How can we speak to God?

As a child speaks to his loving Father.
With full confidence He hears us.
With full confidence He will answer us according to what is best for us.

How is God's name kept holy?

His name is holy no matter what.
He puts His name on us so our words and actions should reflect His holiness.

Where is God's kingdom?

It is here among us as the Holy Spirit puts faith in our hearts.
It is here now as He is our King and we live for Him.
It is the kingdom of heaven that we will someday enjoy forever.

Why do we pray for God's will to be done, not ours?

His will is perfect.
He knows and wants what is best for us more than we do.
Our will is often selfish; His is selfless.

What is "daily bread" and how does God give it?

"daily bread" is everything we need.
God gives daily bread to all of His creation.
We should remember that all things come from Him and daily thank Him.

What two things do we pray about forgiveness?

We pray that God would forgive us of our sins.
We pray for help to forgive the sins of others.

How are we tempted?

God does not tempt us.
The devil tempts us constantly by making things that are against God's commands seem good to us.
We willingly cave to temptation because of our own desires.

How do we fight temptation?

God always provides a way out.
Only through the Holy Spirit do we have strength to resist the devil.
We also have the peace and confidence knowing that when we fail, Christ still forgives us.

What two ways do we ask to be delivered from evil?

We ask for deliverance from sin and the evil of this world in our daily lives.
We ask to be delivered into heaven forever where there is no evil.

Why is a life of prayer so important?

God wants us to lay our troubles before Him.
God wants us to thank Him for the ways He blesses us.
Our relationship with God grows as we pray.
It gives us great peace to know that the Creator of the Universe hears us and cares about what we have to say to Him.

Question Bank . . . THE LORD'S PRAYER

[YEAR 3]

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BAPTISM

What two things are needed for a Baptism?

Water.
God's word of promise.

What bible verse tells us to go and baptize?

"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." [Matt. 28:19]

Into whose name are we to baptize?

The name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

What benefits does Baptism give?

Forgives sins.
Rescues from death and the devil.
Gives eternal salvation.

Who can perform a baptism?

Anyone.

Who should be baptized?

Everyone.
All nations.
Babies & Adults.

LORD'S SUPPER

What are some other names for the Sacrament of the Altar?

Eucharist.
Communion.
Lord's Supper.
Holy Communion.
perhaps others...

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Under the bread and wine.

What words are spoken over the elements before we commune?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

What is the benefit of eating and drinking the Lord's Supper?

Forgiveness of sins.
Life and salvation.

SACRAMENTS

Define a Sacrament:

A holy act.
Instituted by God.
In which He joins God's Word of promise to a visible element.
and offers, gives, and seals the forgiveness of sins earned by Jesus Christ.

Which two words best describe 'sacred?'

Holy & set apart.

What is the visible element in a Baptism?

Water.

What are the four visible elements in the Lord's Supper?

Bread.
Wine.
Body.
Blood.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

What is Confirmation?

A public confession of the renewal of my baptism.
Saying yes to the God who first said yes to me in my baptism.

Who do you have to thank for your instruction in the faith? Why should you thank them?

Answers vary ... (parents, grandparents, family, church... because they taught me, brought me to church, prayed with me, etc.).

What is God's calling for you?

Answers vary ... (Tell others about Jesus, Share God's love through acts of service, Show compassion and kindness to those in need, Pray with others, etc.).