



# FAITH AND LIFE

## Confirmation at St. John's

### Session I

## Getting Started

### Having the right tools...

#### The BIBLE- God's Word

- Infallible
- Inerrant
- Inspired

Words of life that point us to our active and living GOD.

#### Luther's Small Catechism

A Guide to the Christian Faith and a summary of what God's Word teaches us about faith.

#### Faith Habits

Behaviors that help to keep us spiritually fit and living lives as God would have us live.

- WORSHIP
- SERVICE
- FELLOWSHIP



#### HIGHS AND LOWS- OPENING PRAYER

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What is faith to you? When do you think faith was given to you? Why do you think faith is important? \_\_\_\_\_

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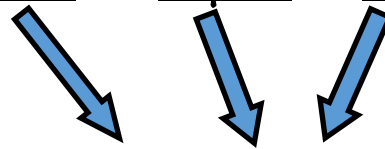
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A Basic crash course on using your Bible.  
 Books= Old Testament- 39 & New Testament-27 (66)

Each Book has chapters and verses



**JOHN 3:16**

READ Hebrews 11:1 and Ephesians 2:8-9; 3:17-19

What do these verses say to you? Has reading them changed your understanding? How? \_\_\_\_\_

Faith is a gift that is given to us! In our baptism God gave to us a faith of the heart. In other words it's a faith that trusts in him and clings to his Word of promises. Now maybe you are thinking to yourself, wait a minute I was a baby when I was baptized so how could I possibly know to trust?

Think about a baby for a moment. From the very beginnings of life a baby by nature knows it can trust its mom and dad (have you ever seen a baby crying like crazy and the immediately comforted once the parent picks him or her up). If we know to trust our parents because they love us, then in our hearts we know we can trust God.

Faith isn't something :  
EARNED.  
REWARDED.

DEVELOPED BY HOW MUCH YOU KNOW.

FAITH IS A GIFT GIVEN TO US in BAPTISM by GOD.

Our faith though, is something that is nurtured and strengthened as we grow in God, learn about him, and live out faith as his children.

Why do you think it is important to remember that faith is a gift rather than something you earn or rewarded?

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Of all the things there are to know about our faith as Christians, what do you think is the most important thing to remember about faith?

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In confirmation we will see that JESUS is the CETER of our FAITH!  
as we grow in our faith and nurture our faith:

- we will come to know about God's love in Jesus
- Desire to make faith our own and live out that faith as his children as we trust him, love him, and serve him.
- We will come to appreciate sharing our faith and spending time with others in the faith who love and support us!

## WHERE TO GO~

As you study through the catechism you will begin to see the common phrase "What does this mean."

So... as a starting point "what does it mean to be Christian?" 

A Christian is:

- A FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST!
- ONE WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN FAITH AND TRUSTS THAT JESUS IN THEIR SAVIOR, REDEEMER, LORD, SHEPHERD AND FRIEND!

Why do you think this matters?

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As Christian's we know that Jesus is for us and never against us. As Christians we know that we are never alone. As Christians we always know where to Go, we know where we are going because of who we follow!

READ- John 14:6

FOR NEXT TIME- complete the Journal page and think about following Jesus.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Think about your name for a minute. Do you know what your name means. For a long time parents would give their children a specific name because of it's meaning (not just because it sounded cool or made the most popular boy or girl names of 2022)

Well... Jesus was given the name Jesus for a reason. The name Jesus is derived from JOSHUA which means "The Lord is my Salvation (the one who saves me)

Now check this out!

READ- Matthew 1:21-23

Then READ: Isaiah 7:14

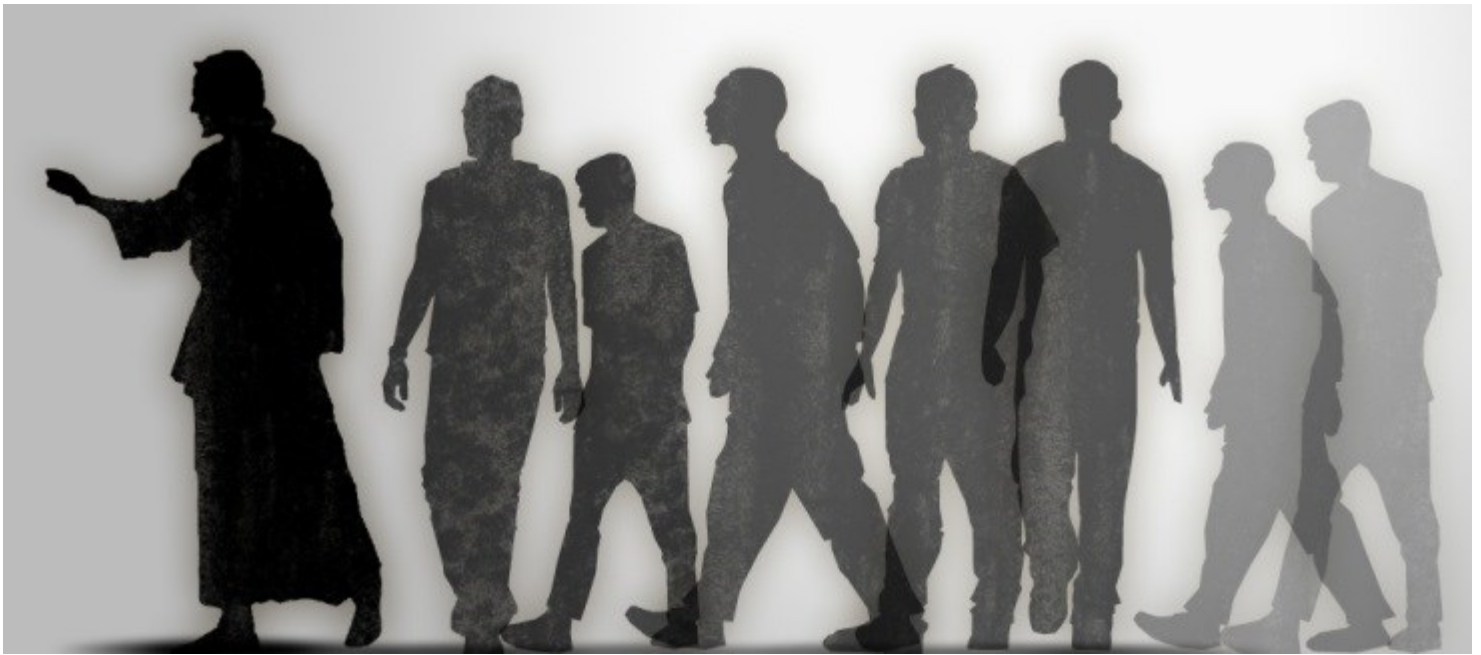
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Jesus—"The Lord is my salvation" he will save people from their sins.

Now about the Christ?

Did you know that Christ isn't part of Jesus name? Instead it is his title!

Christ= the anointed one (set apart for the purposes of saving!

The Hebrew version of Christ = Messiah



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# Session 1- Home Journal Page

As you think about our lesson on faith and being Christian, what stood out most for you?

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As a Christian we are followers of Jesus. What does this look like in your life?

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Being a Christian and following Jesus means believing his Word and promises.

READ- John 8:12. What is the promise Jesus gives to those who follow him?

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READ- John 5:24 and Romans 10:9. What do these verses tell us about Believing in Jesus? What is the most important point to remember?

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*But to all who did  
receive him, who  
believed in his  
name, he gave the  
right to become  
children of God,  
John 1:12*

GO TO YOUR CATECHISM and GO TO QUESTIONS 1, 4 and 5. Read through the questions, answers, verses and notes