

Confirmation Expectations 2025-2026

6:30-7:15 The Order of Vespers.

7:15 - 8:00 Catechism Lesson and Instruction.

1. **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Attendance*** – All youth desiring to be confirmed are expected to attend every class as well as vespers. Parents are encouraged to come to vespers and the adult class as well, setting the good example of hearing and learning God's Word.

2. **Sunday school and church attendance*** – The hearing of God's Word and the receiving of the Sacrament is the highlight of the week for the Christian. Therefore, the family should desire to attend church every Sunday. Also, because we are called to "*Let the Word of the Lord dwell in us richly*", the family should make time to attend Sunday school and Bible study as well. (Proverbs 22:5; Eph. 6:4)

3. **Special services attendance**– Advent and Lent services are additional opportunities to hear the Word of God and worship as a family. As such, these are blessed times for the family to spend growing in the faith and knowledge of the Lord together.

4. **Sermon notes** – Are used to track attendance and progress in understanding and identifying the distinction of the Law and the Gospel. (50% mandatory; Romans 10:14-17)

5. **Memory Work ***– All youth attending confirmation classes are expected to complete all assigned memory work from the **Bible** as well as the **Small Catechism** prior to being confirmed. Someone will be available to hear the memory work. Pastor will also be available upon request.

Parents: It is your responsibility to ensure your children are memorizing the assigned Scripture and Catechism sections prior to class. If a confirmand is having trouble completing their memory work, let pastor know and a time set aside specifically for memory work can be arranged.

Please take this seriously! There have been young people who did not know the Lord's Prayer or the Apostles Creed a week before they were to be confirmed! This shows a lack of commitment to the Word of God and indicates the confirmand is not ready to be confirmed.

6. **Confirmand Questioning:** Pastor will provide a test to study for the questioning. The pastor and elders will question the 8th grade confirmands prior to confirmation. All questions will be from the Small Catechism.

7. **What is required:** Your Bible, Small Catechism, workbook, pencils, a highlighter, a notebook for memory work.

*Please do not lose your Bible, Small Catechism or workbooks and bring them to every class! Please do not leave your Bible, Small Catechism or workbooks at church thinking you will not need them during the week.

In Christ,

Pastor Johnson and the Board of Elders