

Confirmation Ministry 2026-2027



The following requirements are for the 2026-2027 Confirmation Year **for students that do not attend St. John Lutheran School**. Please note that these requirements may change once a new Director of Christian Education is Called to St. John. It is our goal to make this a smooth transition for all our families.

Goals of Program

- Partner with parents to help develop the faith walk of their student
- Prepare students to continue growing in faith beyond confirmation instruction
- Help students be connected to their Christian faith family as they enter high school
- Help students articulate their faith from a Lutheran perspective
- Help students in day school and non-day school to have a connection in faith together

Registration

- Students must register online for Confirmation program so that we can track progress and connect with families.
- Typically, students begin Confirmation in 7th grade but can join later if they choose. **This is a two-year program regardless of when the student joins.**

Sermon Notes

- Students must submit 30 Sermon Notes per year with a total of 60 due by the Rite of Confirmation at the end of their second year of classes.

Faith Formation / Biblical Discovery

- Students must attend the Confirmation Classes taught by our Pastors and/or leaders. During the 2026-2027 Confirmation year there are six Saturday sessions which will focus on the chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism.
- The dates for these classes are from 9:00 AM to 11:00 on September 26, November 7, January 16, February 20, April 10, and May 22. **These are in depth discussions and not repeat conversations from last year.**
- **Class schedules and topics will for the 2027-2028 Confirmation year will be published in the summer of 2027.*
- If students are unable to attend a Confirmation classes, they will be required to reach out to Pastor Tyler to get the materials and make-up work.
- Students that miss more than two (2) classes in a school year may not be eligible for Rite of Confirmation, at the discretion of the Pastors.

Confirmation Retreat:

St. John offers a Middle School Confirmation Retreat that students are encouraged, but not required, to attend. This year the retreat will take place at Camp Arcadia on October 16-18, 2027. Sign-up information will be emailed to families.

First Communion Class:

Students must take the First Communion class (with a parent) prior to the Rite of Confirmation. This class typically meets the month before Easter.

Rite of Confirmation: Faith Examination and Conversation

Upon completion of 2 years of Confirmation Class instruction, students are eligible to take the Faith Examination as outlined below.

Faith Examination

- **Students must take an online exam that will** be no more than 50 questions, consisting of multiple choice and short answer
- The final question of the exam requires the student to select a Confirmation Bible Verse
 - Students may not choose Jeremiah 29:11 or Philippians 4:13
 - Students will be required to write a short answer on why they chose this verse
- Students must pass by at least 75%
- Students will be emailed a link to the exam following their final class. They will have two (2) weeks to complete the exam. The exam is meant to be taken with a parent, it is open note, and open book.

Faith Conversation

- **All students must meet with one of the pastors to discuss their Faith Examination.**
 - This is a 30-minute meeting meant to be a casual conversation answering any questions the student may have.
 - The meeting must be completed by August 15.

Upon successful completion of the Faith Examination and conversation with a Pastor, the student will be invited to join us for the Rite of Confirmation which typically takes place on Reformation Sunday in October.