

# Confirmation Book!

Our Father's Lutheran Church  
Rockford, MN

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Introduction: What you have in your hands is everything you need to complete confirmation and get confirmed in the next three years. Everything that you need to know and all the references to information are contained in this book. However, there's one catch: in order to complete confirmation, you have to complete everything in this book.

A long time ago, likely while you were a newborn kid and maybe even in another congregation, a bunch of people witnessed you getting baptized. At that time, they made some promises to you. One of those was to help raise you in the faith, passing on what they know so that you can come to your own unique faith in Jesus. So, the responsibility for completing this book and getting confirmed isn't all your responsibility, it's theirs as well. That brings me to another catch: you're going to have to talk to those adults, and serve with those adults, if you want to get everything completed in this book and get confirmed.

That might seem like a really challenging task. But we all think you can do it. In fact, we know you can.....because it is out of the love God showed for us in Jesus Christ, that we'll love you through this confirmation process as well. That means: as the congregation, we'll be there every step of the way! All you have to do is ask!

Signed,

The People of Our Father's Lutheran Church

DIRECTIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

*Why do we have to complete this book AND show up weekly to confirmation nights?* It may seem like a lot. However, confirmation, like church, is a relational thing. It's not simply being taught a bunch of information. It's about growing in faith together with others. That's what being part of a faith community is all about. Think about it this way, you are helping adults grow in their faith just as much as you are through confirmation!

*How do I complete this book?* It's pretty simple. 1) you find an adult to discuss or to serve alongside, 2) once you complete the item, have them sign, date, and print their name, and 3) you're done!

*Who can sign for the items in my book?* **Any adult in the congregation EXCEPT for anyone living inside your house with you.** We do prefer that you reach out to a variety of adults to complete this: having only 1-2 adults sign everything may get you completed, but you won't get much out of it either.

*How long do I have to complete this?* Just like regular confirmation, this book is designed to be completed by the end of your 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. You can complete it earlier if you'd like. However, if it takes you longer for whatever reason, that's ok too. You'll get confirmed when you complete it!

*So do I have to attend the weekly confirmation nights then?* Technically, you don't have to attend any of the nights. However, the confirmation nights will be organized to help you complete some of the items by showing up. Also, those nights are designed to help you experience what God and church is all about: community and relationships!!!!

*What else do I need to know?* When you were baptized, did you know that God placed a claim on you, and that no matter what you do or say, God has chosen to love you unconditionally in Jesus Christ? Confirmation is a time to explore just what it means that this relationship with God and Christ exists, and you did nothing to make it so! This is also a time, not so much to find out what you believe, but also how you will reflect on, challenge, and affirm those beliefs for the rest of your life.

# Part 1: Confirmation “Basics”

Your Task: Complete all topics in this section as follows. All grades are required to complete this section, and can do so in any order, and as quickly or slowly as you wish.

Steps: In order to complete each topic, follow these steps.

1. Set up a time to meet with an adult and let them know which topics you’d like to discuss. That way, they can prepare a bit.
2. Follow the directions for each topic, making sure to have any references or materials ahead of time and bring them to your meeting.
3. Have a discussion about the topic.
4. Have the adult sign, print their name, and date the line showing you completed the topic.

## SECTION A: BIBLE BASICS

Google the words “bible” “inspired” “inerrant” and “infallible.” Discuss the definitions, why Christians have different definitions, and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many books are there in the Bible? Where are the following in the Bible (book and verses)?

- a. Lord’s Prayer
- b. Ten Commandments (Hint: it’s two different books of the Bible)
- c. The Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds
- d. Story of Jesus’ Baptism
- e. Story of the Last Supper
- f. How to pray

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick two people. Read together their favorite story from the Bible, (look it up together!) and interview them on why that story is important to them.

Person #1 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Person #2 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B: MARTIN LUTHER

Watch the following video together: <https://youtu.be/5froV5lOo8U> Discuss the importance of the following events/topics as they pertain to Martin Luther:

- a. Indulgences
- b. 95 Theses
- c. Saint and sinner
- d. Saved by grace along, through faith alone.
- e. Reformation Day – what day is it on, and what traditions do we celebrate on that day?

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION C: SMALL CATECHISM

The Small Catechism is located in the back of the Red Hymnals found in the Church Sanctuary, pages 1160-1167. Read the following from the Small Catechism, and its meaning. Discuss what this means to each of you in your daily life now.

<b>The Ten Commandments</b>	Sign/Date/Printed Name:
The First Commandment	
The Second Commandment	
The Third Commandment	
The Fourth Commandment	
The Fifth Commandment	
The Sixth Commandment	
The Seventh Commandment	
The Eighth Commandment	
The Ninth Commandment	
The Tenth Commandment	
Summary of Commandments	
<b>The Creed</b>	Sign/Date/Printed Name:
The First Article	
The Second Article	
The Third Article	
What is a "Creed?" How many Creeds does the Church have? Discuss why you think the Church has one.	

<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	Sign/Date/Printed Name
Introduction	
The First Petition	
The Second Petition	
The Third Petition	
The Fourth Petition	
The Fifth Petition	
The Sixth Petition	
The Seventh Petition	
Conclusion	
<b>Sacrament of Holy Baptism</b>	Sign/Date/Printed Name
Section I	
Section II	
Section III	
Section IV	
How people are taught to confession section. Is confession a sacrament in the Lutheran Church?	
<b>The Sacrament of the Altar (Communion)</b>	Sign/Date/Printed Name
All questions in the section	
Read the following article with an adult and discuss: <a href="#">Transubstantiation, Consubstantiation, or...   Zondervan Academic</a>	
Discuss why Communion so important for Christians?	
<b>Morning, Evening, Table Blessings</b>	Sign/Date/Printed Name
The Morning Blessing	
The Evening Blessing	
Table Blessings	
Discuss why regular prayer is so important for Christians	

## Part 2: 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Your Task: There are Four Sections to complete under Our Father’s Lutheran Church’s Mission Statement: WORSHIP, LEARN, SERVE, and DISCIPLER. Some of the items are discussion based, other are participation in which you will have an adult sign verifying you completed that item/event.

### WORSHIP SECTION

Assist with worship 9 times during the year (it can also be during the summer):

Worship #1 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #2 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #3 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #4 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #5 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #6 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #7 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #8 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #9 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEARN SECTION

Helpful Hint: For this section, I highly suggest using “The Message” version of the Bible. You are free to read from any version or translation, but I find this to be the most helpful one!

Ask an adult what their favorite Psalm is. Read that Psalm, and reflect on why it’s meaningful to you. Go back that adult and discuss with them why this psalm is meaningful for both of you, and what it tells you both about God.

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ask an adult for what their favorite story in the Old Testament is, and where it is in the Bible. Read the story together, and discuss with them what it tells us about God and what it tells us about human beings (us).

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ask an adult for what their favorite story in the New Testament is, and where it is in the Bible. Read the story together, and discuss with them what it tells us about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit and what it tells us about human beings (us).

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVE SECTION

Interview the following people in the church, asking the following questions below.

- What do you do in your role?
- What made you decide to take on this role?
- Why do you think it is important for your faith, and for the church?
- In what ways could you see me helping or being involved in your ministry area?

Person	Sign/Date/Print Name
Tammy Jarvi – Music Minister	
Worship Service Coordinator - Suzanne Otten, Becky Miller, Kathy Lunderby, or Amy Krcil	
OFLC Council Member – Go to <a href="#">Council Leadership - Our Father's Lutheran Church (ourfatherschurch.org)</a> to see a list of Council members	
OFLC Foundation Member – Go to <a href="#">Board Members - Our Father's Lutheran Church (ourfatherschurch.org)</a> to see a list of Foundation Members	
Lindsey Bervig – Sunday School Director	
John Gilb – Building and Property Coordinator	
NourishingHOPE Committee Member – Go to <a href="#">Leadership Committee - Our Father's Lutheran Church (ourfatherschurch.org)</a> to see a list of Committee members	



Love INC/Bedding Ministry – Lynne Greseth or Laurie Hanson	
Coordinator for Community Outreach	
Coordinator for Internal Ministries – Melissa Ungaro	
Pastor Aaron	

## DISCIPLE SECTION

Read the “Power Book: What is it? Who has it? And Why?” (You can order on Amazon [The Power Book: What is it, Who Has it, and Why?](#); or check out a copy with Pastor Aaron)

After reading it, answer these questions:

- What examples of power do you think most closely represent Jesus?
- How do you think God/Jesus/Holy Spirit uses power in the world today?
- How should Christians be using power in the world? Why or why not?
- Do you have power? Why or why not? How can you use your power to best serve God and others?

Set up a time to meet and discuss your answers with an adult.

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Watch the following video [https://youtu.be/Ss2gV\\_6AUEg](https://youtu.be/Ss2gV_6AUEg) with an adult. Have a conversation answer this question: If you could only had 30 seconds to tell someone about what they needed to know about God or Jesus, what would you say?

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 3: 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

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### WORSHIP SECTION

Assist with worship 9 times during the year (it can also be during the summer):

Worship #1 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #2 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #3 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #4 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #5 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #6 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #7 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #8 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #9 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEARN SECTION

Discuss the “liturgical season.” (You can read this and print it out with your discussion with an adult: [The Meaning and Use of Liturgical Colors \(elca.org\)](http://elca.org)) Discuss the following questions:

- a. What is the most meaningful holiday in the church year to you and why?
- b. What is the most meaningful church season to you and why?
- c. Why does our church follow a season and others don’t?
- d. How does following a church season help us in our faith?

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss why we worship the way we do in the Lutheran Church. (Information on the worship service can be found on pages 92-115 in the Red Hymnals at church) Use the following questions as a guide:

- a. Why is this way of worshipping meaningful?
- b. Are there parts we can change or remove and it would still be meaningful?
- c. Why do other churches worship differently than we do?

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVE SECTION

Serve with an existing ministry or volunteer to serve based on an idea of your own 5 times during the year (can also be during the summer):

Service Opportunity #1 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #2 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #3 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #4 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #5 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCIPLE SECTION

Watch the movie, “He Named me Malala” with your parents. Discuss the movie with your parents using the following questions as a guide. (Note to parents: Read the following guide concerning age-appropriateness of this movie - [He Named Me Malala Movie Review \(commonsensemedia.org\)](http://commonsensemedia.org))

- a. What did you find inspiring about Malala’s story?
- b. How do you think what Malala is similar to what we are called to do as Christians?
- c. When do you think it is ok to stand up for something you believe in? Do you think there is a time when we shouldn’t?
- d. Malala was Muslim, meaning she practiced a different religion. Do you think that makes her story less important to you because she is not Christian?
- e. What similarities do you see between Malala’s beliefs and your beliefs? How does that help you better understand God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?

Parent Sign/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Watch the following video with an adult: <https://youtu.be/1IAhDGYlpqY> Discuss it with them, using the following questions as a guide.

- a. Is there a difference between being “spiritual” and “religious”?
- b. Do you agree or disagree with the video?
- c. Is all religion “bad?” How can religion be a good thing?
- d. Why do you think people go to church?
- e. Why do you think going to church regularly would be important to your faith?
- f. We do we miss by trying to follow Jesus but not being part of a church?

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 4: 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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### WORSHIP SECTION

Assist with worship 9 times during the year (it can also be during the summer):

Worship #1 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #2 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #3 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #4 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #5 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #6 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #7 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #8 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship #9 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEARN SECTION

Read the book, “God is Disappointed in You.” (You can order it on Amazon here [God Is Disappointed In You](#) or get a copy from Pastor Aaron) Set up a time with Pastor Aaron to discuss the book and the bible.

Pastor Aaron Sign/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do a google search on a religion other than Christianity that is interesting to you. Learn as much as you can about it, and discuss with Pastor Aaron what you learned.

Pastor Aaron Sign/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVE SECTION

Serve with an existing ministry or volunteer to serve based on an idea of your own 5 times during the year (can also be during the summer):

Service Opportunity #1 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #2 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #3 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #4 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Opportunity #5 Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCIPLE SECTION

Do a google search and learn about the following topics and organizations below:

- a. Young Adults in Global Mission ELCA
- b. Lutheran Volunteer Corps
- c. Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
- d. Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
- e. ELCA Youth Gathering
- f. Minneapolis Area Synod (look at sections specifically for Candidacy, Youth, and Outreach)

Select an organization that interests you, print off information about it, and discuss with an adult in the congregation.

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Set up a time with Pastor Aaron to discuss “accompaniment” and how it applies to the organization that interests you.

Sign/Date/Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 5: FINAL THINGS

Your Task: These are to be completed after you complete Parts 1-4 of this book.

Prerequisite: Parts 1-4 are complete.

Pastor Aaron or E&C Leader Sign/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Statement Paper Written & Discussed with a member of Council.

(A mentor will be assigned to you to help you write this paper, including telling you the details of the assignment)

Council Member Sign/Date/Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Final discussion with Pastor Aaron.

Pastor Aaron Sign/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL SIGNATURE: I certify that this confirmation student has completed all requirements to be confirmed, and has publicly affirmed that they wish to affirm their baptism before the congregation.

Engage & Confirm Director Sign/Date: \_\_\_\_\_