

Classroom Instruction Behavior Policy
K.I.C.K., Confirmation, Sunday School and Release Time

Our goal is to have an atmosphere where all children and youth learn to become Disciples of Christ. Discipline will occur if a child interferes or prohibits the learning process of the class or is disrespectful.

Classroom Behavior Rules

- 1) I will respect God and the church
- 2) I will respect the adults
- 3) I will respect all other children and youth
- 4) I will participate and listen

Resolving Behavior Issues

- 1) Once another child's learning has been compromised, notify the Youth Director or leader. The child will be removed from the classroom or followed for the remainder of the day.
- 2) A second incident will result in a conversation between the caregiver and Youth Director and a plan to change behavior will be put in place.
- 3) If the behavior continues, or a new behavior arises, the caregivers will be asked to attend a meeting with the child, Youth Director, and Pastor.
- 4) If the behavior is not changed, the caregiver may be asked to attend all future youth ministry events with the child or other alternatives as discussed with the Youth Director and Pastor. If the actions continue, the child may be removed from the program.

The leadership at Our Savior's Lutheran Church is fully committed to take the time to contact and mediate any problems.

CONFIRMATION

Includes Acolyte and Communion Guide

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Why Confirmation?

Confirmation instruction is the place and time where we explore the 5 Gifts of Discipleship as promised in Baptism and Affirmed by the student in 9th grade.

The Faith Practices Initiative of the ELCA urges members of this church to “put their faith into practice” by living out the promises contained in the liturgy for the Affirmation of Baptism. In that promise, we pledge as members of the body of Christ through baptism to:

- **live** among God’s faithful people
- **hear** the word of God and **share** in the Lord’s supper
- **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- **serve** all people following the example of Jesus
- **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth

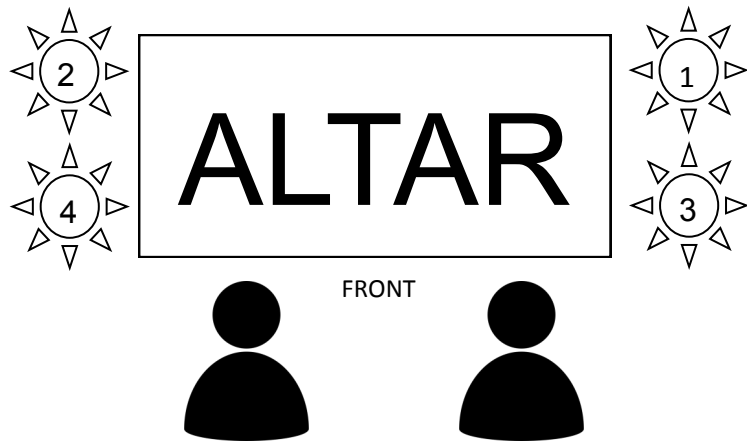
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)

These Five Gifts of Discipleship are faith practices—five gifts to be unwrapped, discovered, and re-discovered. The Holy Spirit uses these gifts to teach discipleship, stir the embers of faith, create bold leaders, and transform congregations to be communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world.

Adult Communion Helper

- 1) Begin by filling wine glasses 20-30 minutes before service time in the Sacristy.
 - Fill the appropriate number of trays with plastic glasses. A reference guide with attendance records is hanging on the cabinets.
 - Wine is in the Sacristy refrigerator . Additional wine supply in a box in the robe closet.
 - Put wine in the dispenser.
 - Fill the glasses 1/3-1/2 full.
 - Fill 2 glasses per tray with grape juice and place in the center.
 - Do not put glasses in the outside ring of the big trays.
- 2) Bread with be on the counter or in the refrigerator. The bread is to be placed on the pottery plate stored in the upper cupboards and covered with a cloth. Put 2-3 gluten-free wafers on a separate plate and cover.
- 3) Put a small amount of wine in the pottery chalice, enough to cover the bottom of the cup. Place a cloth over the chalice.
- 4) Place wine trays, bread plate and chalice on the altar.
- 5) Place silver baskets on table by the altar platform. Line baskets with paper towels. (1 basket for Saturday, 2 for Sunday)
- 6) During Communion
 - Come to the altar to assist with communion.
 - Watch the wine and bread servers and replace their supplies when necessary.
- 7) After Worship
 - Leftover bread should be taken home and used or torn up and laid on the ground.
 - Unused wine should be poured into the chalice and poured on the ground. Do not pour down the drain. Throw the empty plastic glasses.
 - Wash all communion ware.
 - Write number of trays used on the chart on the cabinet.

How are these Gifts Used?



- 1) Before worship:
 - Walk down aisle with lit candle lighter. If you are acolyting with a partner, walk in at the same time.
 - Bow in front of the altar.
- 2) Light the candles:
 - One Acolyte: Light Candles 1,3,2,4.
 - Two Acolytes: Light candles 1,2,3,4.
- 3) Extinguish candles during first verse of sending hymn:
 - One Acolyte: Extinguish candles 4,2,3,1.
 - Two Acolytes: Extinguish candles 4,3,2,1.

Confirmation doesn't happen only on the day you stand before your congregation and affirm your faith. It's doesn't start in sixth grade when you begin classes. Confirmation starts at baptism with your parent's promises to help you live out your faith using the 5 Gifts of Discipleship.

Baptism – By grace, God saves you, and makes you a member of Christ's body and receives you into his Kingdom.

Home and Classroom instruction – Your parents and others begin to teach you the Good News that you are a child of God.

Grade Five (for most children) – You begin to receive Holy Communion after a preparation class.

Grade Six – You begin your confirmation instruction by studying to understand how God revealed himself in the Old Testament.

Grade Seven – You continue confirmation instruction by studying the New Testament as the primary source for understanding Christian life.

Grade Eight – You finish your confirmation instruction by learning more about our Lutheran heritage, the Bible, and the Small Catechism. There is a Confirmation Retreat in the summer after 8th grade where you will prepare and begin to write your Faith Statement.

Affirmation of Faith – (Confirmation) is not an end but a beginning in your Christian walk. We equip you to begin living the Christian life where you are responsible for continuing to nurture your Christian Faith. You have a life-long calling to continue as a faithful follower of Jesus and a faithful member of his body, the church.

Sixth Grade

Meets at 2:45-5:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Sixth graders will study the Old Testament. The student is required to bring a Bible and writing materials to each class. By the end of the year, each student should have a general idea of how God revealed himself in the Old Testament.

Each student is required to choose and work with a mentor throughout the calendar year. The program will be explained and resources handed out on orientation night. You will be notified of the date. Mentors are encouraged to attend Advent and Lenten worship with their student.

Students are encouraged to get involved with church life and explore the five gifts of discipleship. Each must complete a minimum of 15 sermon notes and complete additional activities throughout the year to equal 25 points. A form will be handed out and can also be accessed on the website.

Sixth Grade Schedule

2:45-5:00 PM

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

Acolytes

All students are scheduled for acolyting (lighting the candles and assisting the pastors at worship services.) One acolyte is scheduled for Saturday evening and two for Sunday morning. When there are Wednesday worships we will need one or two acolytes.

Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of worship with your parent/guardian. Go to the Sacristy. Check the chart for the different gown sizes and select one appropriate for your height. Robes should be 6-8 inches from the floor. Circle the rope around your waist twice and tie to the right side.

Check with the pastor for any special instructions.

Pick up a candle lighter (located in Sacristy.) Five minutes before the start of worship, light the wick. Light the candles in the instructed manner and extinguish the flame by sliding the taper back. After the flame is extinguished, push the wick back out 1/2 inch. Hang the lighter on the north wall behind the altar or place it on the floor or chair near you.

When it is time to receive the offering, go to the front of the altar on the floor (or behind the rails if they are up) and receive the offering from the ushers. Bring the offering plates to the table on the side of the altar platform.

Extinguish the candles at the beginning of the first verse of the sending hymn.

During a worship with communion, come forward to assist. You will follow behind the wine server with a basket to collect the empty glasses.

Mentors

Goals

- Helping young people to relate their faith to everyday life
- Getting to know an adult member in whom they see faith being lived out
- Providing an opportunity for each young person to share their faith with an adult on a personal basis
- Encouraging the young person to remain active in the life of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Requirements

- Someone 21 years or older and Christian
- Someone other than the student's parent or relative
- The same gender as the student
- Someone other than a member of OSLC's staff
- A mentor to only one young person
- Willing to meet 5-8 times for 30-60 minutes

Mentors are Encouraged to

- Pray together and for each other. Prayer is powerful
 - Foster knowledge and understanding of God's word
 - Grow in their ability to share their faith story
- 1) You will be given a Mentor Booklet. These booklets are used as a tool to help in guiding the mentor/mentee conversation only. Sixth grade Mentor Booklets are different than the 7th and 8th grade booklets.
 - 2) Sixth grade – please complete one worksheet per meeting if possible. 7th & 8th grades – there are no worksheets.
 - 3) It is understood that mentors and students commit to meeting 5 to 8 times. Please remember your discussions are confidential except for discussions that lead to concerns about the well-being of the student. If there are concerns please contact the local authorities.
 - 4) Remember church staff is available to help.
 - 5) You must meet in a public place – Advent and Lenten midweek worship and supper in church are encouraged as good times to meet.
 - 6) Encourage your student to work on their Confirmation coursework and Faith Journey.

Seventh Grade

Seventh graders will meet on Wednesdays at 2:45-3:45 PM to learn about the New Testament of the Bible. We will learn about the life of Jesus, some of the miracles he performed and a few of the parables he told. Then we will look at how the Christian church got started and see what the letters of Saint Paul teach us about how to live as Christ followers.

All students are to pick an adult who can be their mentor to meet with throughout the year. The mentor program will be fully explained on orientation night.

So students can experience what our church is all about and what it has to offer, we encourage them to attend worship and events throughout the year. Every student must write up notes on 15 sermons and complete other activities during their seventh grade year. Youth must complete work to equal 25 points. Forms will be handed out a orientation.

Eighth Grade

Core Classes: (Class time – 2:45 – 3:45 PM)

Eighth graders will study the Small Catechism this year going over the 10 Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and basic doctrines of the church. There is generous use of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. At year's end students will better grasp the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith and our Lutheran heritage as held by the ELCA. All students must complete a Faith Journey,

Mentor Program

Each student is required to choose and work with a mentor throughout the calendar year. Mentors must be over 21, a Christian and not a member of the student's family. No staff at OSLC may be a mentor. Mentor's will meet with and attend Advent and Lenten worship with their student.

Materials that fully explain the program will be given to you at your first class in the fall.

Faith Statement

Each student will be required to write a faith statement at the completion of the eighth grade year to be presented on Confirmation Sunday. There will be a Confirmation Retreat the first part of August at our Bible Camp in Brimson, Minnesota (near Two Harbors) to help with this. At the retreat students will attend 2 classes helping them to prepare to write their faith statement and a third class where they will begin writing. They will also have abundant free time to spend on the lake there at camp and chances to participate in site seeing. The retreat is scheduled for August 4-9, 2019.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Schedule

Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 PM

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

December- No Class (Advent)

January 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

March-April 17- No Class (Lent)

April 24

May 1

Advent 2018

Worship at 5:30 PM

December 5, 12, 19

Lent 2019

March 6 (Ash Wednesday; Worship 7 PM)

March 13, 20, 27 (Worship 5:30 PM)

April 3, 10 (Worship 5:30 PM)

April 18 (Maundy Thursday; Worship 7 PM)

April 19 (Good Friday; Worship 7 PM)

April 21 (Easter Sunday)