

**2020-2021 Confirmation Schedule
Year 3: Early Church, Lutheranism
& Our Neighbors' Faith
The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish
Lesson 23: The Small Catechism: Confession**

What is Confession

Confession consists of two parts.
One is that we confess our sins.
The other is that we receive the absolution,
that is, forgiveness,
from the pastor as from God himself
and by no means doubt but firmly believe
that our sins are thereby forgiven
before God in heaven.

Which sins is a person to confess?

Before God one is to acknowledge
the guilt for all sins,
even those of which we are not aware,
as we do in the Lord's prayer.
However, before the pastor we are to confess
only those sins of which we have knowledge
and which trouble us.

Which sins are these?

Here reflect on your place in life
in light of the 10 Commandments:
whether you are father, mother, son, daughter,
master, mistress, servant;
whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy,
whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed;
whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted,
or injured anything.

What is the “Phrase That Pays?”

React to the reading from Luther’s Large Catechism. Respond to his assertion that anyone who avoids or ignores confession should not be considered a Christian! (50 words MINIMUM)

Now that you know that Luther expects us to practice confession, what are some of the benefits that you would expect from this practice? (25 words MINIMUM)

Now that you know that Luther expects us to practice confession, what are some fears or beliefs holding you back? (25 words MINIMUM)