



Parents of Confirmation students:

August 17, 2026

Welcome to the new year of Confirmation classes at Zion! Our year will be filled with learning, growing in faith, and engaging activities.

Confirmation is a very important part of Christian education in the home and at church where you grow your faith, grow in God's love, and grow in living a Christian life. We study Luther's Small Catechism, which consists of six chief parts: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession and Absolution, and The Sacrament of the Altar. We also learn some reformation history and reinforce events throughout the church year. The church is here to assist parents in raising their children in the faith.

Beginning in 5th grade, students are encouraged to attend catechesis (confirmation classes) with a parent or guardian at Zion. Pre-confirmation classes are led by Pastor Otto. The curriculum includes 100 lessons to provide a solid Biblical foundation. There is one year of Old Testament lessons, and a year of New Testament Lessons. Confirmation Classes are led by Pastor Marcis & Kristin and lessons are from Luther's Small Catechism, which is taught over a two-year time span.

Each week there is a lesson & memory work. After completing the required classes, students participate in the Rite of Confirmation, which happens the first week in May. More information will be handed out at the parent meeting, Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm. There is also a **brand-new Confirmation Handbook** available on our website, zionbismarck.org/confirmation, which includes information about classes, sermon notes, servant events, and schedules for each class. Regular Confirmation classes are from 6:00-7:30 pm on Wednesdays beginning September 16th.

There is a \$15 confirmation fee to cover the cost of curriculum, supplies, and resources, which can be paid at the parent meeting. Students will receive a catechism, binder, and other supplies at the meeting or on the first day of class.

If you are new to Confirmation, we welcome you and look forward to getting to know you better as we grow in faith together! The information can be a bit overwhelming at first, but we will walk with you through all of it! Pastor Otto, Pastor Marcis and I look forward to seeing you.

Serving Christ,

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