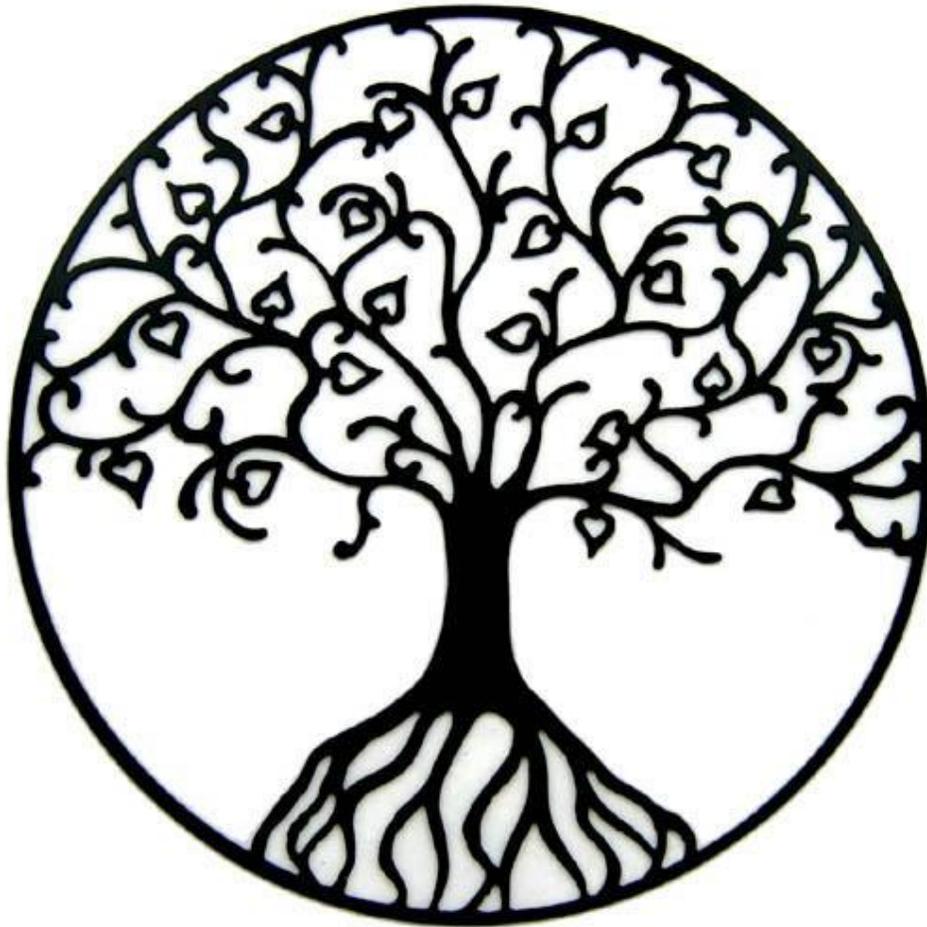


A Living Faith Head, Heart & Hands



Guided Journey for Confirmands and Families
8th Grade Year

Name: _____

Lutheran Church of the Cross
2022-2023

For this booklet, Confirmands are encouraged to choose someone from their family to be their “mentor” as they work through the questions—such as a parent, guardian, grandparent, older sibling, aunt, or uncle.

Module 1

A Living Faith: Use Your Head!

~ Mentors & confirmands discuss your responses to the following questions. Only confirmands are asked to write down their responses. ~

1. If “faith” is a noun, a thing, a set of beliefs, what parts of Christian faith has been helpful to you in your life?

2. What parts about Christian faith are “easier” to believe and why?

3. What parts of Christian faith are harder to swallow? Why?

4. Do you think Christians can have serious doubts about parts of Christianity and still be followers of Jesus? Why or why not?

5. If God offered to answer any three questions right now, what would you ask?

6. Why might belief in God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit bring hope to people?

Module 2

A Living Faith: Use Your Heart!

~ Mentors & confirmands discuss your responses to the following questions. Only confirmands are asked to right down their responses. ~

1. Did you know that since the beginning of Christianity, hundreds of thousands of believers (and possibly even millions) have been persecuted and even died because of their faith? How does it make you feel to hear other Christians in the world even today are killed because of their love for Jesus?

2. People have suggested Jesus could have changed the world by using his power and authority rather than suffering and dying on the cross. What do you feel God was telling and showing us by suffering for us rather than using power?

3. Most Christians in the United States are very wealthy compared to Christians in other parts of the world. When Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven," was he wrong? Don't we believe in this country that people who have more money are more blessed?

4. Did you know that there are LCC families who give \$25,000 per year to the church, some give \$100,000 per year, some pray every day for our church? How does it make you feel to hear people make sacrifices in their life to support a church so that you can learn and practice Christian faith?

5. Do you feel God is calling you to do something with your life? What might that be?

Module 3

A Living Faith: Use Your Hands!

~ Mentors & confirmands discuss your responses to the following questions. Only confirmands are asked to right down their responses. ~

1. Jesus said the greatest of all of God's teachings is to love your neighbor and love God, and that these two things are actually the same thing. This means Christians are not to just live for themselves but for others. What are three needs in your school or community? What could Christians do to meet these needs?

2. Loving our neighbors means to love not just the people who live next to us, but all people. Have you ever been the recipient of someone else's love (other than family)? How were you loved/served?

3. Is it more important to talk the faith or live the faith? Why?

4. In the Gospel of John, the word "faith" is always a verb, something we do not something we think. Why do you feel this is?

5. God doesn't just say we are loved, but God shows us love each day. How is God showing you love today?

The End

Congratulations on completing this booklet for the 8th grade year! Be sure to thank each other for the time you had together, and for the ways each of you were gifted by the other's presence in your life.

Your final task (students only) is to return your mentor book to Pastor Megan via email or mail **before the final week of Confirmation (May 10th)**. Please remember to **put your name on the cover**.

