



# Confirmation

*Middle School @ St. John's*

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# Who is God?

*The Apostle's Creed*

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# Module 1.1: The 1<sup>st</sup> article of the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

A creed is what we \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_.

The Apostles Creed teaches us who \_\_\_\_\_ is and what God \_\_\_\_\_.

The terms of God's relationship with you are this: God gave you your \_\_\_\_\_ and God continues to \_\_\_\_\_ everyday of your life.

The Creed is not about what we have earned or \_\_\_\_\_ but instead about God.

"God gives us all these things as pure \_\_\_\_\_, not because we have \_\_\_\_\_ it. As Luther puts it, 'All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy though I do not deserve it.' God, the Father, your God is a \_\_\_\_\_."

"This is most certainly \_\_\_\_\_."

Video source: Google "The Apostles Creed, Luther House"

## The 1<sup>st</sup> article of the Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

### Martin Luther's explanation of the 1<sup>st</sup> article

"I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true."

## Module 1.2: The 2<sup>nd</sup> article of the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD,  
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED;  
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD.

ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN;  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER,  
AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

The Creed claims that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

"The future he has in store for you is the \_\_\_\_\_ to live life to its fullest."

The Creed claims that Jesus became a \_\_\_\_\_ -- one of us.

"He experienced all that it means to be \_\_\_\_\_ and all that life brings with it --  
\_\_\_\_\_, the consequences of sin, and \_\_\_\_\_."

"When Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, he defeated those same powers." They  
no longer have the final word over us! We are free! Free to live as \_\_\_\_\_ intended us to live!

"This is most certainly \_\_\_\_\_."

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*Circle the words or phrases that are confusing to you.*

## Martin Luther's explanation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> article

"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true."

## Module 1.3: The 3<sup>rd</sup> article of the Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

"It might surprise you that Martin Luther began his explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed by saying, 'I \_\_\_\_\_.'"

"Luther recognized our relationship with God is very personal -- however, it is not between \_\_\_\_\_. " God has all the cards so God sends the Spirit to make us \_\_\_\_\_.

While we \_\_\_\_\_ believe on our own, the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ make us Christians.

"So what's the effect of being made holy - what does it feel like?... You are \_\_\_\_\_ to live as God intended you to live... You \_\_\_\_\_ God... You are freed to be a good \_\_\_\_\_.... You live in \_\_\_\_\_."

"This is most certainly \_\_\_\_\_."

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## The 3<sup>rd</sup> article of the Creed

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THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

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## Martin Luther's explanation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> article

"I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true."



# Teach Me How to Pray

*The Lord's Prayer*

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## Module 2.1: The Lord's Prayer

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1

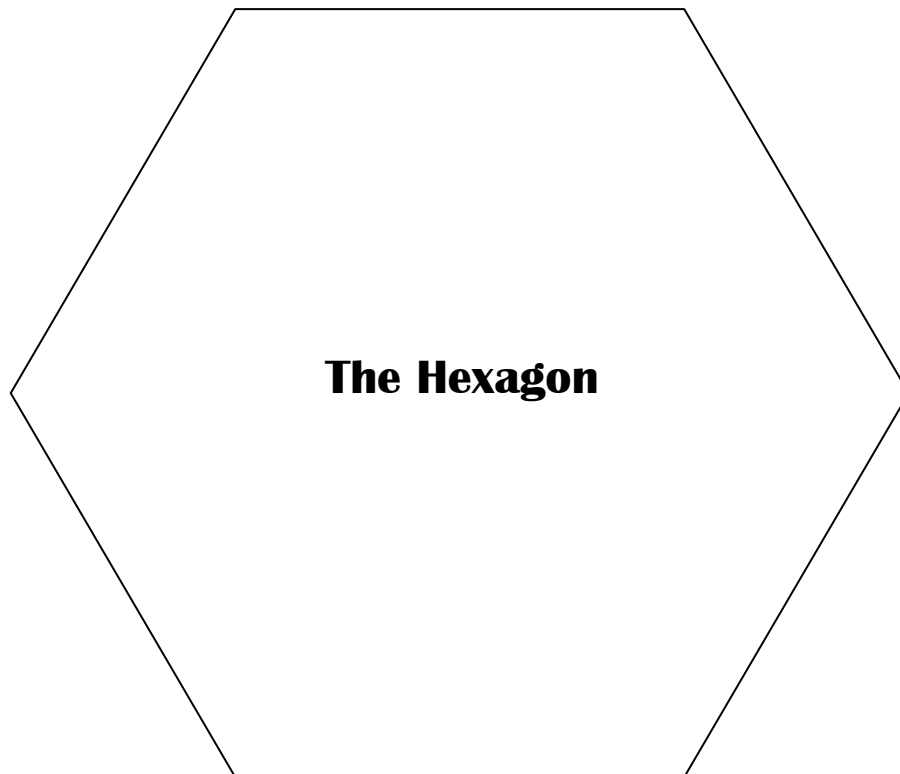
Question: How should we pray?

God wants two things of us:

- 1.
- 2.

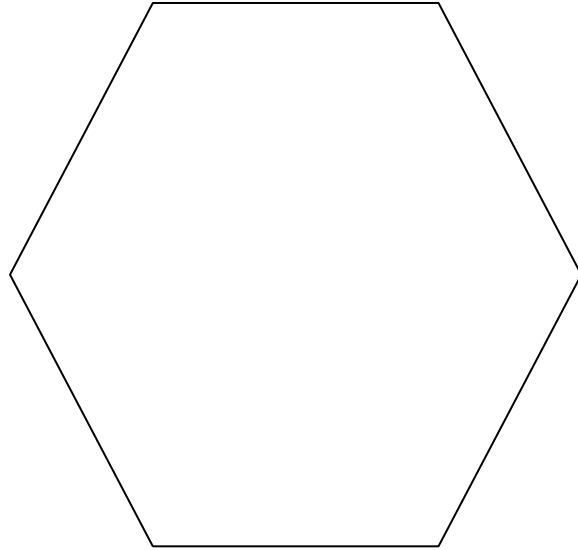
Why should I pray?

How should I pray? (hint: like Jesus taught us!)



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## Module 2.2: The Lord's Prayer



Using your own language, define:

God's Character:

God's Kingdom:

God's Provision:

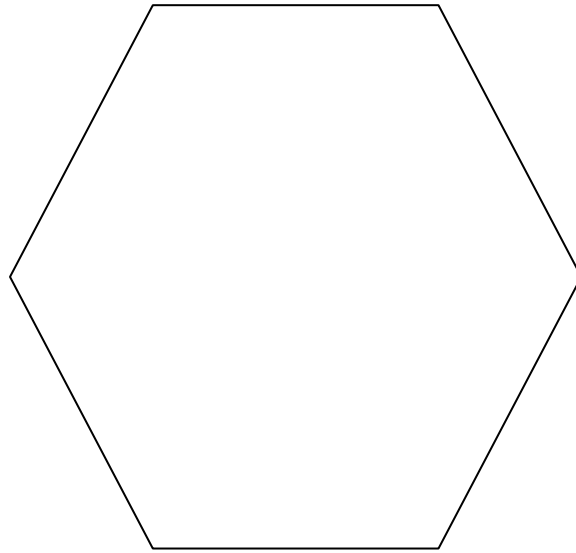
Now write a prayer that relates to these three parts of the Lord's Prayer:

God's Character:

God's Kingdom:

God's Provision

## Module 2.3: The Lord's Prayer



Using your own language, define:

God's Forgiveness:

God's Guidance:

God's Protection:

Now write a prayer that relates to these three parts of the Lord's Prayer:

God's Forgiveness:

God's Guidance:

God's Protection:



# Who are We?

*Life in the Church*

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## **Module 3.1: History of the Church**

What book of the Bible tells the history of the church?

Where did it begin?

Identify 3 key moments in the early church.

1.

2.

3.

What emperor brought Christianity to the Roman Empire?

What do you know about his story?

## Module 3.2: History of Lutheranism

Let's talk about some major changes in history:

0-

500-

1000-

1500-

2000-

Who is the major figure in the Reformation?

What is the most important date in the Reformation?

Three phrases that define the Reformation?

Sola Scriptura

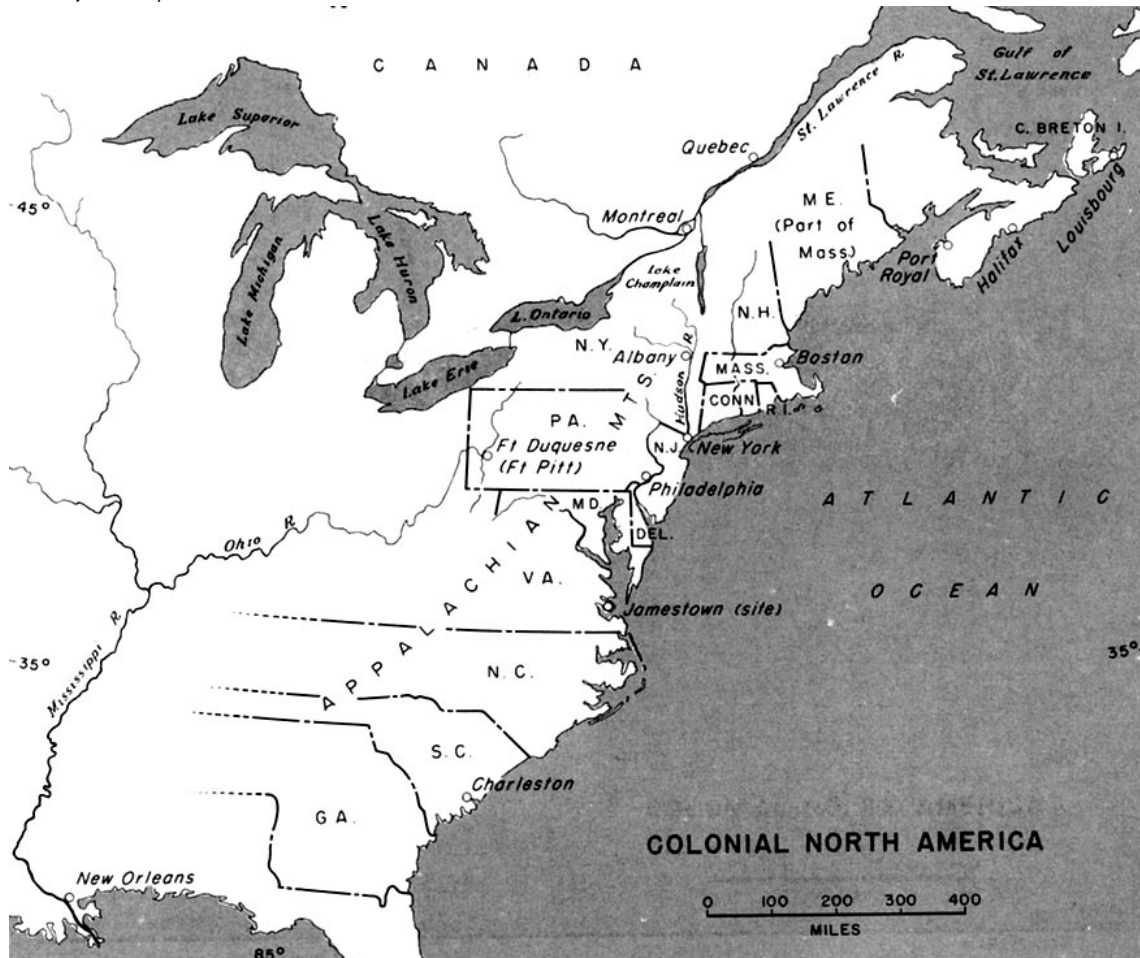
Justification by Faith

"Here I stand!"



## Module 3.3: History of St. John's

Track the journey.



When did Lutherans first begin to meet in Salisbury?

When did we build our first church? Who did we share it with?

When did the church nearly close its doors? Why?

Some significant people in the life of St. John's:

## **Module 3.4: The Life of a Disciple**

Define disciple.

Define the four disciplines of a disciple.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Write the one verse that most clearly defines the life of a disciple.



# Faith Alive

*Holy Communion*

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# Faith Alive Retreat

What are three things that you learned about Holy Communion this weekend?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What does Holy Communion mean to you?

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Share about one experience at camp where you felt close to God?

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# Extras

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# Stuff you should know

Name the four gospels:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Name four parables that Jesus told:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Name the first five books of the Bible:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Memorize the Apostles Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer

Memorize the following Bible passages:

John 3:16

Philippians 4:13

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 22:37-39

Romans 8:28

Micah 6:8

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:16

Galatians 5:1

Galatians 5:13

Ephesians 3:18-19

1 John 1:8-9

Genesis 1:1

Romans 8:38-39

Stretch passages:

Luke 1:46-55

Psalms 23

Psalms 100

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