

FUEL



APOSTLES' CREED
SACRAMENTS + CONFESSION

WELCOME

You're about to begin . . .

A time in your life where every week you carve out time to have a blast learning about God through media, discussions, and relevant messages (not to mention the junk food, and crazy games!). Plus, every day you're going to be reading God's Word, where you will connect with God and grow in your faith.

My hope is that the next three years of your life will be a fun and meaningful experience, and one day be able to publicly declare the Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior!

- Mike Edge

Director of Student Ministry

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TEACHING TRUTH & TRANSFORMING LIVES

FUEL OVERVIEW

FUEL

Sunday nights from 4:00 - 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for grades 6-8

Overview

3 Year Program to dive deep into God's Word, and apply it to our lives. By the end of the program, students will have read through most of the Bible at home, and will have been taught the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism in a relevant sermon-style message.

This year (2024-2025), we are on Calendar B.

Calendar A

Read at Home

Genesis - Deuteronomy

Taught at Fuel

Lord's Prayer, Confession, Baptism and Communion

Calendar B

Read at Home

Joshua - Nehemiah

Taught at Fuel

Apostles' Creed, Confession, Baptism and Communion

Calendar C

Read at Home

New Testament

Taught at Fuel

10 Commandments, Confession, Baptism and Communion

FUEL FORMAT

FORMAT

4:00 - 4:35 p.m.

Students will engage in food, games, and activities that are fun and welcoming.

4:35 - 5:15 p.m.

Mike Edge will give a talk based upon Luther's Small Catechism and will teach the essentials of the Christian faith by relating it to the world around them.

Students will take notes on the topic (like sermon notes) and those will be used to study for the tests.

Videos and audio will also be recorded and posted online so if a student misses he can easily receive the content (available on the students page on the website)

Students will have completed 100% of the Fuel notes and will show them to Mike Edge throughout the year (they will not turn them in but keep them in their workbook)

Testing

2 times each year students will be tested on what they've learned at Fuel.
Tests will be November 24 and May 4.

Homework - Reading Summaries

Students will be given reading summaries of scripture (this year: Joshua - Nehemiah), and are to be shown to Mike Edge monthly. We are not turning anything in: reading summaries and Fuel notes will be completed but remain in the workbook to keep.

Students will purchase Lutheran Study Bible (ESV not NRSV, \$40) and optional Luther's Small Catechism (\$15)

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

INVESTMENT

Both students and parents will need to heavily invest this year.
Confirmation is NOT just another extra curricular activity -
make your faith a priority.
You're busy, so plan ahead

1

**FUEL
ATTENDANCE**
80% attendance
6 absences allowed
throughout the year

4

SERVE
Pick a ministry to
serve - greeter, usher,
coffee, POW WOW,
chancel, events, etc.

2

FUEL NOTES
100% completed
Take notes during
Fuel. If you miss,
listen or watch online

5

SERMON NOTES
Students will attend
worship
Year 1: 10 Notes
Year 2: 15 Notes
Year 3: 20 Notes

3

**READING
SUMMARIES**
100% completed
Due once a month

6

ESSAY
Year 3 students will
write a 3-4 page essay
on their faith story
and what they believe

SCHEDULE

Dates listed we will meet Sundays at 4pm, unless otherwise noted

Fall Semester

August 18 - Kickoff Sunday

August 25

September 1 - No Class, Labor Day

September 8

September 15 - Reading Summaries due

September 22

September 29

October 6 - No Class, Fall Break

October 13 - Reading Summaries due

October 20 - Archery Tag

October 27

November 3

November 10

November 17 - First Communion at 11:00am

November 24 - Test 1 and Reading Summaries due

December 1 - No Class, Thanksgiving

December 8 - Christmas Party

Spring Semester

January 12

January 19

January 26

February 2 - Reading Summaries due

February 9 - No Class, Super Bowl

February 16

February 23

March 2 - Reading Summaries due

March 9 - No Class, Spring Break

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6 - Reading Summaries due

April 13 - Essay due for Year 3 students

April 20 - No Class, Easter

April 27

May 4 - Last Day of Class, Test 2, Reading Summaries due

May 11 - Confirmation Sunday at 11:00, No Class due to Mother's Day

May 18 - August 10: Summer Fuel

COVENANT

I Believe:

- Jesus is my risen Lord and Savior, whom I follow and trust
- Confirmation is a valuable time to grow closer to Christ

As a result, I will heavily invest in Confirmation this year, and make my faith a priority. I will:

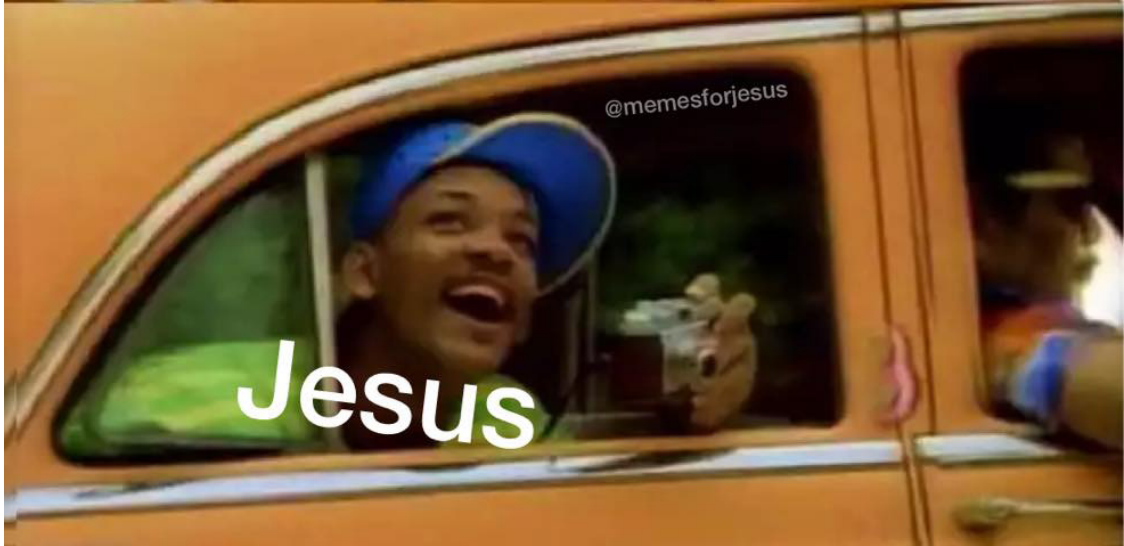
- Attend Fuel 80% Fuel (6 absences each year)
- Complete 100% of Reading Summaries
- Complete appropriate amount of sermon notes and attend worship regularly
- Pick a ministry to serve in and I will be on time and participate when scheduled
- Complete 1 essay (Year 3 students only)

Student Name

Parent Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature



FUEL NOTES

Everything we do at FUEL is designed for you -

Middle School students who are growing in their faith. We come together to play fun and hilarious games to help everyone feel welcome.

Most importantly, we dive into God's Word and apply the Bible to our lives. This year, we will focus on the Apostles' Creed, which teaches us about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Check List

- Bring this workbook and your Bible to FUEL every Sunday at 4:00pm
- During the lesson, take notes
- If you miss a week, watch the video on the Students page on the website
- This is due by the following week
- 100% completion to move up or get confirmed. Show them to Mike Edge, but keep them in your workbook.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FUEL NOTES #1

August 18, 2024

How To Read The Bible

1. Actually _____ It And _____ It
2. Don't Get Tripped Up On Big _____
3. Use Study _____
4. First Time Is _____
5. Second, Third, Fourth, Is God _____

FUEL NOTES #2

August 25, 2024

REVIEW OF PENTATEUCH

1. God makes a promise to create a nation and a land with _____
2. God's people end up in slavery in _____
3. God frees them from slavery, and gives them the 10 Commandments at _____
4. They sin, so they wander the _____ for 40 years
5. After 40 years, the next generation gets to inherit the _____

BOOK OF JOSHUA

Joshua = new _____,

Tells them to obey God

God commands them to destroy the Canaanites living in the land

This is because God is punishing them for their sin and is giving the land to the Israelites

Battle of Jericho

_____ = walls falling down

Battle of Ai

_____ = defeat

Conquer rest of land

Joshua divides up the land

This shows that God fulfilled His _____!

FUEL NOTES #3

September 8, 2024

Spiritual Gifts

Read Romans 12:3-8 (ESV) and fill in the blanks

“3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

What Spiritual Gifts actually ARE.

- They are _____ special abilities.
- They are given to every believer according to God’s design and grace
- They are designed to be used in service to God and one another.

“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.” 1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV)

What Spiritual Gifts are NOT

- They are not your _____
- They are not the same as your natural talents/abilities.
- They are not the same as the fruit of the Spirit. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

Why does God give spiritual gifts? “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

- To fulfill our unique role in the body of Christ
- For the _____. For the good of the entire body of Christ - the Church.

The ultimate goal of this course is not the discovery of your gifts (although you do need to have an idea of what they are); it is USING them in service to God and His people-especially those yet to know Him!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment on the Students page on the website

Scroll down and find the assessment. It should take 20 minutes, and answer quickly with your “gut” feeling. At the end, you will receive your top three gifts.

MY TOP 3 GIFTS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Congrats, you now know your top three gifts!

Using Your Spiritual Gifts

The point is to not only discover your spiritual gifts, but to USE them!

Part of confirmation this year is to get plugged into a ministry and serve all year. You will be evaluated each semester on your performance (show up on time, participate, good attitude, etc). Here are some ministries to get involved in. Pick at least one on the next page.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Usher

Gifts: Hospitality, Encouragement, Evangelism

Ushers make people feel welcome during Sunday worship services by passing out the bulletins and helping seat people (especially when it's crowded). Greeters are stationed inside the sanctuary, and also in the courtyard. You will need to arrive 15 minutes prior for contemporary services, and 30 minutes prior for traditional services to help greet or pass out bulletins.

Coffee House

Gifts: Hospitality, Encouragement, Evangelism, Creative Communication

Baristas serve coffee and pastries, and handle a cash drawer. This ministry welcomes many guests, so you will need to be friendly and arrive when scheduled.

Chancel Guild

Gifts: Administration, Giving, Helps, Wisdom

Help prepare communion by filling the wine and bread, and cleaning up afterwards.

Kids Ministry

Gifts: Shepherding, Teaching, Knowledge

Shepherds assist the teacher and help the children with crafts and learning about Jesus. Middle school students can help out with K-2, Preschool, and Nursery.

P.O.W. W.O.W

Gifts: Craftmanship, Giving, Helps, Knowledge, Leadership

Produce On Wheels Without Waste is a food distribution ministry where the 1st Saturday of the month where our community can receive up to 70 pounds of produce for only \$15. You will help work the distribution lines by setting out produce and breaking down boxes.

Church Beautification

Gifts: Craftmanship, Helps, Giving, Knowledge, Administration

Help keep the church and its facilities looking good through cleaning and maintenance. This is an easy way to serve and help make our space welcoming and presentable for guests.

Monthly Family Event Helper

Gifts: Hospitality, Administration, Craftmanship, Helps, Evangelism

During events, help setup, participate, and clean up. Many of our events are focused on guests, so this is important to help events run smoothly.

The Ministry (or Ministries) I will serve this year: _____

FUEL NOTES #4

September 15, 2024

SACRAMENTS PART 1

Why Does God Give Us Sacraments?

_____ way God shows us He loves us

_____ from God - NOT about what we do, but about what God does

Reminder of forgiveness

What does a believer need to stay strong in the faith?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Like 3-legged stool: the more legs, the sturdier

Similar to Relationships - various ways God shows us He loves us

Words - God tells us He loves us in His _____

Gifts - God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit in _____

Physical Touch - God gives us a "hug" during _____

Point - you never have to doubt

What is a Sacrament?

1. Offers _____
2. Commanded by _____ (specifically Jesus)
3. Has a _____ element

Combined with God's Word

FUEL NOTES #5

September 22, 2024

SACRAMENTS PART 2

Baptism

Baptism

_____ = entrance into God's kingdom

Who should be baptized? _____ ages

Why?

All are sinful from birth (Psalm 51:5)

All need _____

It's not about US DOING something, it's about GOD ADOPTING into His kingdom

There is _____ in baptism

Salvation and forgiveness (Romans 6:3-5)

What is the correct method to baptize?

_____ single correct method - sprinkle, immerse, or pour

Is it OK to get baptized again? _____

Baptism is permanent, no need to re-baptize

Ephesians 4:5

Only exception - if you don't know if you were baptized

Commanded to Baptize

Matthew 28:19

FUEL NOTES #6

September 29, 2024

SACRAMENTS PART 3 Communion

What Is Communion?

There is _____ in communion, namely forgiveness
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

You are receiving Jesus' _____
(not just representation)

Confession

You need to _____ self prior

Worthy Manner

1 Corinthians 11:27 speaks of the need to recognize the body and receive in a worthy manner
If you're not repentant for a sin, don't receive communion

What is the correct method?

_____ correct method mentioned in the Bible - kneel, continuous, etc.

FUEL NOTES #7

October 13, 2024

SACRAMENTS PART 4 Confession

God gave Adam and Eve _____

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”- Genesis 2:15

God also gave them a way to _____ God

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”- Genesis 2:16-17

Why? Because otherwise we'd be _____

Satan tempts Eve by doubting God's _____

“He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”- Genesis 3:1-3

FUEL NOTES #7

October 13, 2024

Satan tempts Eve by _____ to her

“But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- Genesis 3:4-5

Adam and Eve ate the _____

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

- Genesis 3:6

Result: _____ and _____

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”

- Genesis 3:7

Adam: _____

[God] said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

- Genesis 3:11-12

True Confession:

I’m _____

No “but”

True Repentance

“I’ll try not to do it again”

Actively turn _____ from sin

FIRST COMMUNION

November 17, 2024 at 11:00am Service

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction of confession and the Sacrament of the Altar.

Edge: You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

Pastor: In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit? If so, then together answer, "Yes I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: **Yes, I believe.**

FIRST COMMUNION

Pastor: Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others? If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe".

Students: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life? If so, then answer, "Yes, with the help of God".

Students: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Edge: Parents, sponsors, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

Church: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love towards others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Pastor walks behind altar]

Edge: We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace T be with you. Amen.

FUEL NOTES #8

October 27, 2024

RECAP JUDGES

God's command for His people:
Obey God, and don't worship idols

Pattern for Judges:

1. God's people would _____ God
2. God would punish and discipline them by sending in the _____
3. God's people would _____
4. God would raise up a _____ who would lead the people and cast out the Philistines
5. There would be peace in the land (repeat to #1)

Series of Judges who were military and political leaders

Pretty Good

Otheneil
Ehud
Deborah

Okay

Dideon

FUEL NOTES #8

October 27, 2024

Bad
Jephthah

Worst
Samson

Yet, God worked through all of these to rid the Philistines

Chapters 17-21 stories that are very violent and explicit

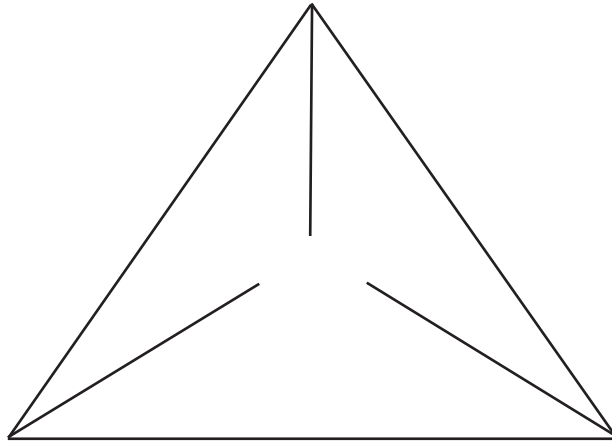
Point: If you turn from God, there are _____

Summary: In those days, Israel had no king and everyone did what was right in their own eye.

FUEL NOTES #9

November 3, 2024

TRINITY



God is _____
3 headed monster
Change from one to the other
3 parts of God

Instead, God is _____ GOD, but is 3 _____
Like a piano chord - 1 sound, but 3 distinct notes

Jesus' Baptism

_____ - voice from heaven "This is my Son, whom I am well pleased."

_____ - Jesus getting baptized

_____ - Dove sat on Jesus' shoulder

FUEL NOTES #9

November 3, 2024

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

God is:

1. _____

which means ALL _____

2. _____

which means ALL _____

3. _____

which means _____

FUEL NOTES #10

November 10, 2024

FATHER PART 1 GOD THE FATHER

How can we know that God exists?

1. _____ Knowledge

- Look at nature - assume there's a god
- Look at a painting, assume there's an artist
- iPhone - assume someone designed and assembled it

2. _____ Knowledge

- Bible - tells us about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Jesus died on the cross and rose
- Through baptism and faith in Jesus' we have eternal life

God is:

Spirit	John 4:14
Eternal	Psalm 90:1-2, 1 Timothy 1:17
Unchangeable	Psalm 102:27, Malachi 3:6, James 1:17
All-knowing	Psalm 139:1-4, John 21:17
All-powerful	Genesis 17:1, Matthew 19:26
Present everywhere	Jeremiah 23:24, Acts 17:27
Holy	Leviticus 19:2, Psalm 5:4-5, Isaiah 6:3
Just - fair -	Deuteronomy 32:4
Faithful	2 Timothy 2:13
Good	Psalm 118:1, Psalm 145:9
Merciful	Jeremiah 3:12, Titus 3:5
Gracious	Exodus 34:6-7
Love	(John 3:16, 1 John 4:8)

Which of these attributes of God have you seen?

FUEL NOTES #10

November 10, 2024

God created humans in His _____

- They were righteous and holy and did God's will
- This image was lost when they ate the fruit and rejected God
- God is restoring our image (righteous) in us today
- It will be fully restored in heaven

FUEL NOTES #11

November 17, 2024

FATHER PART 2 GOD THE CREATOR

1. God has always _____

2. Out of nothing God created _____

3. God created the world in 6 days

Day 1 - _____

Day 4 - _____

Day 2 - _____

Day 5 - _____

Day 3 - _____

Day 6 - _____

What About Evolution?

_____ - Origin of Species

- Common ancestry, Slow, billions of years
- No cause - accident
- No God
- Death is natural from the beginning

FUEL NOTES #11

November 17, 2024

_____ (God's Word)

- God created each according to its kind
- Quickly - He spoke creation into being God initiated and is involved with His creation
- Death is a result of sin, not God's plan

Bottom Line:

Science changes, but God's Word does not

Angels

1. Angels are spiritual beings who were created _____

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day"

- Genesis 1:31

2. Some angels rebelled against God and became _____

"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment."- 2 Peter 2:43

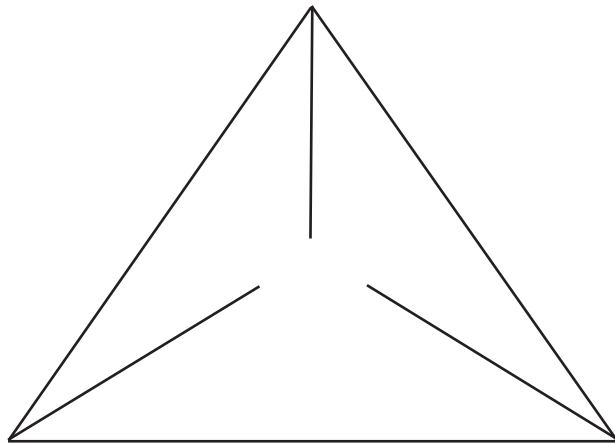
3. Angels are many and _____

Serving God and helping us

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God"- Luke 2:13

REVIEW TEST #1

Be able to write out the Trinity diagram



REVIEW TEST #1

Recap on readings (Joshua, Judges)

Review sacraments - baptism and communion

Review 1st article of the Apostles' Creed
"I believe in God the Father, maker of heaven and
earth"

FUEL NOTES #12

January 12, 2025

RECAP ON READINGS - 1 AND 2 SAMUEL

1. In Israel, there is not supposed to be any king but _____

2. _____ governed the area and rescued them from the Philistines

3. Some judges were good, some ok, some terrible

4. As a result, God's people wanted an earthly _____

3 main characters in Samuel

_____ - prophet

_____ - Israel's first king

_____ - Israel's second king

5. Saul has some success, but has _____ in his life

- Dishonest
- Lacks integrity
- Prideful

These become his downfall

6. Saul actively _____ God's Commands

- Israel needs a new king who's humble and obedient

7. God chooses _____ to be Saul's replacement

FUEL NOTES #12

January 12, 2025

8. David and Goliath - _____

- Saul becomes jealous of David

9. Saul _____ David

- David runs and hides

10. David has many opportunities to kill Saul, but he doesn't

- Saul falls on his _____

11. David becomes king

- David has success - unifies tribes

12. David has a _____

- Adultery, murder, coveting, lying
- David is confronted by the prophet Nathan and repents

13. David experiences a _____

- He's forced to flee again from his son Absalom

14. Absalom dies, David regains throne

- Ending - David sits on throne wounded

FUEL NOTES #13

January 19, 2025

JESUS PART 1 FULLY HUMAN, FULLY GOD

What does it mean that Jesus is fully God?

Some Biblical references the Skit Guys gave were:

- Jesus casting out demons
- Jesus healing Lazarus
- Jesus calming the storm

What are some other examples you can think of that show Jesus' divinity (being God)?

What does it mean that Jesus is fully Human?

Some Biblical references the Skit Guys gave were:

- Jesus weeping over the death of his friend Lazarus
- Jesus being tired and sleeping through the storm

What are some other examples you can think of that show Jesus' humanity?

FUEL NOTES #13

January 19, 2025

FULLY HUMAN, FULLY GOD

Why would it be bad if we viewed Jesus JUST as a human?

Why would it be bad if we viewed Jesus JUST as God?

When we use this term “fully” what does it mean that Jesus is 100% God and 100% man, shouldn't He be like 50% of each?

The Skit Guys concluded with these words:

The storms, the seas, the winds, they all seem to listen to Him, who is He? You know who He is, He's a God who understands what it means to be hungry, tired, and worn out. He understands what it means to be popular, He understands what it means to weep over someone who's dying. But He's also the God who can do something about it. Fully human, Fully God.

Based upon this statement, How is our God unique? How can we proclaim this uniqueness in the midst of culture wanting Jesus to look like just another religious “option”?

How does this statement bring you comfort?

FUEL NOTES #14

January 26, 2025

DATING

God created sexuality for _____

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”- Matthew 19:4-6

God’s law is not _____

Do not commit adultery - 6th commandment

Anything outside of God’s boundaries is _____

- Lust
- Pornography
- Pre-marital sex
- Same-sex relationships

FUEL NOTES #14

January 26, 2025

Sex has a price tag:

1. _____

- Pregnancy
- STI's or STD's (which ever sounds "better")

2. _____

- Damages heart
- Baggage into future relationships

3. _____

- Affects your relationship with God
- Try to push God out of your life

Repent, receive _____

FUEL NOTES #15

February 2, 2025

JESUS PART 2

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord

All the way back to Adam and Eve, God promised a _____
Genesis 3:15

Messiah means _____

He is going to save and rescue us

Old Testament Prophecies of this Messiah:

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”
- Micah 5:2

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”
- Isaiah 7:14

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
- Isaiah 9:6

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
- Isaiah 53:5-6

This Savior is _____

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us)
- Matthew 1:23

“The Word became flesh and dwelled among us”- John 1:14

FUEL NOTES #15

Jesus saves us from _____

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

- John 17:3

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

- John 3:16

Lord

- Ruler of all things
- That He is the Lord God (Yahweh) in flesh
- Confessing that Jesus is Lord means I believe

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

John 3:36

Jesus is _____

“He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”- Matthew 17:5

Jesus is _____

“For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.”- Hebrews 7:26-27

Jesus is _____

“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

- John 18:36-37

FUEL NOTES #16

February 16, 2025

JESUS PART 3

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary

Jesus was _____ not made

Eternal - Jesus has no beginning

“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made”

- John 1:3

Jesus was _____ by the Holy Spirit

- No human father
- God is Jesus' Father
- Joseph was Jesus' legal father, but not biological father

Mary was engaged to Joseph but not _____

- She was a virgin when Jesus was conceived
- Miracle, fulfilled prophesy

Mary was faithful, but she was not _____

- Mary loved Jesus and was a dedicated follower, even to the cross and grave
- But we don't worship or pray to Mary

FUEL NOTES #16

FUEL NOTES #17

February 23, 2025

JESUS PART 4

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried

Pontius Pilate was the _____ of Judea

Jesus was arrested by the Jewish leaders because they thought he committed _____

“Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

- Mark 15:61-62

Jesus was _____ and _____“

And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

- Matthew 26:28-29

Jesus was _____ on the cross

“And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull) . . . And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots”

- Matthew 26:33, 35

FUEL NOTES #17

February 23, 2025

Jesus was _____ in a tomb

“And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.”

- Matthew 26:59-60

On the cross, Jesus defeated _____

- Jesus paid our price for sin on the cross

We are saved from the pits of hell (what we deserve) and are given eternal life

FUEL NOTES #18

March 2, 2025

JESUS PART 5

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

Jesus went to hell to _____ to the captives

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.”- 1 Peter 3:18-20

An _____ rolled back the large stone

“And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.”
- Matthew 28:3

FUEL NOTES #18

March 2, 2025

Jesus rose from the _____

“And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”

- Mark 16:5-7

Jesus' resurrection proves that Jesus:

Really was the _____ and Lord of all

Can conquer even _____

Will rise us from the grave in our bodily _____

FUEL NOTES #19

March 16, 2025

JESUS PART 6

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Jesus ascended into _____

“And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.”

- Acts 1:9

Jesus sits at the _____ of God the Father

Right hand = important position, ruler

Meaning, Jesus is exalted and in a position of power

Jesus will return _____

“Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

- Matthew 24:30

Jesus will return _____

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only”

- Matthew 24:36

FUEL NOTES #19

March 16, 2025

Before Jesus returns, there will be intense _____

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake.”

- Matthew 24:9

Jesus will _____ the living and dead

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.”- Revelation 20:11-12

FUEL NOTES #20

March 23, 2025

RECAP ON READINGS - 1 AND 2 KINGS

God promises a King (Jesus) in 2 Samuel 7, but the Book of 1 and 2 Kings are going to show us how these kings did not live up to God's standards.

Beginning - construction of the temple

Ending - destruction of the temple

1. Solomon becomes _____ and asks for _____

2. Solomon builds _____
God's presence (embassy on earth)

3. Solomon marries foreign women and brings in _____

4. Israel Splits into _____

- Southern Kingdom = Judah
- Northern Kingdom = Israel

5. _____ for Kings

- Worship the God of Israel?
- Rid Israel of idolatry?
- Faithful to the covenant?

6. _____ Israel - 0/20 Kings were good

7. _____ Judah - 8/20 Kings were good

FUEL NOTES #20

March 23, 2025

8. Prophets spoke on behalf of _____

- Not fortune-tellers
- Called out idolatry and return to God

9. Elijah confronted King _____ and false god Baal

- Elisha came after Elisha and both were unsuccessful to get Israel to repent

10. Northern Israel gets exiled by the _____

Southern Judah

11. A few good _____, like Hezekiah and Josiah

- But they too reject God
- God sends in the Babylonians to exile Southern Judah

12. God will restore _____

- God will return them to their land
- God will eventually give us Jesus

FUEL NOTES #21

March 30, 2025

HOLY SPIRIT PART 1

I believe in the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd member of the _____

- Remember, there is 1 God, but 3 persons
- God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

2. Other Names for the Holy Spirit

- Holy Ghost
- Spirit of Truth
- Spirit of God
- Counselor
- Comforter

3. Holy Spirit is _____

- God is not distant, up in the clouds
- He cares about you, active in your life

FUEL NOTES #21

March 30, 2025

4. Holy Spirit _____ you faith

- Baptism - you are given the gift of the Holy Spirit, faith, and salvation
- You can later choose to reject this gift

5. Conversion - person receives faith through the Holy Spirit

- Fancy word - _____

6. Holy Spirit _____ your faith

- Communion - you are given forgiveness and strength
- HS gives you ability to resist the Devil
- You grow in your faith
- Fancy word - _____
- God alone saves, but you can reject Him

FUEL NOTES #22

April 6, 2025

HOLY SPIRIT PART 2

The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins

1. God calls us to _____ Him

- Weekly set aside time for rest and worship (sabbath)
- Gather in community for Word and Sacrament
- You receive forgiveness of sins, strength, God's message, etc.
- This is how you grow in your faith
-

2. Use your spiritual gifts to _____

- Make an impact by helping others and getting involved in serving

3. Avoid _____ teachers and preaching

- Some churches have abandoned God's Word
- Some may seem cool, but always check out a church's theology!

FUEL NOTES #22

April 6, 2025

4. Worship God for the rest of your _____

Don't give up on the faith when you're older

Jesus said only a fool would gain the world but lose his soul

5. _____

Examine our past week

Say we're sorry to God

Receive forgiveness

6. In _____ we receive Jesus' true Body and Blood

Means of grace - avenue to receive forgiveness and strength

FUEL NOTES #23

April 13, 2025

HOLY SPIRIT PART 3

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

When I die, my _____ will go to heaven

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”- Luke 23:43

God will raise _____ at the end times

“For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.”- 1 Corinthians 15:52

In _____ there will be:

- Worshipping God
- Riches, treasure, gold
- No tears, pain, or sin

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

- 1 Corinthians 15:55

FUEL NOTES #23

FUEL NOTES #24

April 27, 2025

Recap on readings - Ezra and Nehemiah

1. Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem, and took many into _____

2. 50 years later, some are allowed to return back to _____

3 Key Leaders

Zerubbabel - rebuilds _____

Ezra - rebuilds community and teaches _____

Nehemiah - rebuilds _____

3. Zerubbabel rebuilds temple, but some people _____
Elders remember Solomon's temple, and say the new temple isn't as pretty

4. Some Jews who didn't go into exile wanted to help build temple, but weren't allowed to
This goes against prophet's vision for Israel coming together

5. Ezra was a _____

FUEL NOTES #24

Ezra noticed many of the exiled Israelites were married to non-Israelites

Deuteronomy 23:1-4 calls Israelites to only marry Israelites
Decree - women and children to be sent home

6. _____ - Israelite official serving Persian government

7. He hears about ruined state of Jerusalem's walls

- King Artaxerxes allows Nehemiah to go and was given resources

8. Nehemiah faces _____

9. Spiritual _____

- Festival, read and teach Torah
- Confession of sins
- Covenant renewal
- Vow to follow the Torah
- Great celebration

10. _____

- Nehemiah sees that:
- Temple neglected (Zerubbabel's work undone)
- Sabbath dishonored (Ezra's work undone)
- Within sight of Jerusalem's walls (Nehemiah's work undone)

11. Begins with hope, ends with _____

- Torah read, temple rebuilt, but they need a new heart
- God later sends us Jesus

REVIEW TEST #2

Be able to write out Apostles' Creed

Practice it a couple times below:

READING SUMMARIES

One of the best things you can do. . .

To grow closer to God is to be in His Word. God gives us the Bible to reveal who He is and His plan to save us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We also receive strength and encouragement to face the challenges of everyday life. You will read a chapter or two each day, and you will develop lifelong habits for doing a personal devotion.

Check List

- At home, read 1-2 chapters per day from the Lutheran Study Bible (ESV).
- After you have read the section, answer the questions on your reading summary. This is to help you understand what you've read.
- Write down any questions you have and bring it to FUEL.
- Once a month your progress will be checked.
- Keep the reading summaries in your workbook, do not turn them in.

JOSHUA 1-5

Read Joshua 1-5, Due September 15, 2024

Background

God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and gave them the Promised Land. They sent in spies to scope out their new land they were about to conquer.

Read Numbers 13:26-33

What was the report of the spies? (verse 28)

Compare Caleb's reaction to the other people's (verse 30 compared to verse 31).

They did not trust God, and as a result, they had to wander the desert for 40 years. That entire generation (except for Caleb and Joshua) would die in the desert, and their children would inherit the Promised Land. Here's a map of the Exodus. Joshua 1 starts here.



JOSHUA 1-5

Re-Read Joshua 1:1-6

What does God promise His people?

Re-Read Joshua 1:7-9

God commanded His people to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid **OVER AND OVER** again in this chapter. Why do you think people needed to hear that?

God commands us to do these same things. What does it mean to “meditate” on God’s Word?

Whenever we become afraid, what are some ways that we can offer those struggles to God?

What would you say to a Christian friend who is struggling with a conflict with her parents. You tell her to pray about it, but she doesn’t believe God can heal either of them. What would you say to them?

JOSHUA 6-11

Read Joshua 6-11, Due September 15, 2024

Background:

God promised His people the land of Canaan back in Genesis to Abraham. However, God did not remove the Canaanites at that time because their sin had not reached its fullest. When Joshua arrives, their sin is complete (Genesis 15:16), and as punishment they need to be removed from the land, and now Joshua and God's people can live there.

Remember, the people living there were giants (Numbers 13:28) and Jericho is heavily fortified.

Re-Read Joshua 6:1-2

How do you think Joshua felt when God reminded him that He's delivering Jericho into their hands? Do you think he still felt nervous?

God gives us many promises today, but many Christians don't really believe in them. For example, God promises to never leave us, to give us hope, and to forgive our sins. Yet, we have a hard time actually believing these things. **Why do you think that is?**

Re-Read Joshua 6:3-5

What is God's strategy for defeating these strong people?

What do you think was the point of this?

JOSHUA 6-11

Re-Read Joshua 6:6-14

What do you think God's people were thinking? How about the enemies?

Have you ever stood up and done something right, even though it was really difficult? What happened? How did others react?

Re-Read Joshua 6:15-21

When the walls came down, what does this tell us about God's promises? Can they be trusted?

Re-Read Joshua 6:22-26

These were some of the most wicked and evil people in all of human history. God was patient with them, but eventually their sins were so great God chose to wipe them out (Genesis 15:16). **What does God's punishment of sin tell us about how seriously God treats sin?**

JUDGES 1-10

Read Judges 1-10, Due September 15, 2024

Pattern for Judges:

1. God's people would reject God
2. God would punish and discipline them by sending in the Philistines
3. God's people would repent
4. God would raise up a Judge who would lead the people and cast out the Philistines
5. There would be peace in the land (repeat to #1)

Read Joshua 4:1-7

What did these Israelites do to teach the younger generation about Yahweh (God)?

FAST FORWARD - Joshua Son of Nun dies, and a new generation rises up

Re-Read Judges 2:10

Compare this new generation with the previous one.

JUDGES 1-10

Re-Read Judges 3:12-14

What happened in this section?

Re-Read Judges 3:15

Who did God raise up?

Re-Read Judges 3:16-23

What did Ehud do to Eglon the King of Moab?

Re-Read Judges 3:24-30

How did Ehud escape?

How many Moabites died?

Did God rescue His people from the Moabites?

JUDGES 11-21

Read Judges 11-21, Due October 13, 2024

Background:

Judges in the Old Testament did not sit in a court with a black robe and a gavel. Instead, they were leaders of Israel who God called to bring His people back to Him.

Re-Read Judges 14:1-4

Samson was commanded to marry an Israelite, but instead he wanted to marry a Philistine. **This is a really big deal, why do you think this is a big deal to God?**

Today, God commands us to marry someone who's a Christian (2 Cor 6:14). **Why do you think God commands this? What is the benefit of marrying a Christian? Why is it a bad idea to marry a non-Christian?**

Re-Read Judges 15:14-15

What does this show about Samson's strength?

JUDGES 11-21

Re-Read Judges 16:1-21

Write down a brief outline of the events here.

Why do you think Samson was so dumb to stay with Delilah, who is trying to kill him?! Why do you think he finally told her?

Re-Read Judges 16:23-31

Even in Samson's execution, how did he take down several Philistines?

RUTH

Read the Book of Ruth, Due October 13, 2024

Re-Read Ruth 1:1-5

Opening Tragedy

1. Free-For-All

Verse 1 said this story happened in the days of the Judges. Write down Judges 21:25 below.

2. Famine

Where was there a famine? It's ironic because this town in the Hebrew is "House of Bread"

3. Failure

Where did they move to? This is a failure because Moab comes from Lot's incest in Genesis 19, and the Moabites worship the false god Chemosh. Basically these people don't worship God and accept sin, and now this Jewish family is going to live there.

4. Funerals

Who died? This is ironic because they moved TO Moab to escape death, and yet they still died.

5. Facing Reality: Re-Read Ruth 1:6-14

What is Naomi's request to her daughter-in-laws?

RUTH

What does Orpah do? (by the way, the talk show host Oprah was supposed to be spelled like Orpah, but they misspelled it!)

Re-Read Ruth 1:15-22

On the other hand, what does Ruth do? How does this show loyalty?

Re-Read Ruth 2:1-3

By Jewish law (Deuteronomy 24:19), farmers plowed the harvest once, and left the corners full of crops. Poor people and foreigners were legally allowed to eat the leftovers. **Ruth and Naomi find a field, but who does it belong to?**

“Boaz” means “strong man” and he is going to be a godly man to these widows.

Re-Read Ruth 2:20

Naomi describes Boaz as a close relative, and what other word does she use to describe him?

Fun fact: a “redeemer” was a close family member who in the event of a death, would marry a widow, acquire the land, and protect the family. Boaz is able to do this.

Re-Read Ruth 3:11

Ruth asks Boaz if he will be their redeemer. What is his response?

Read Ruth 4:13-17

Who does Ruth give birth to?

This ending is not only a reversal of the tragic beginning, but this baby is in the lineage of King David, and eventually, Jesus!

1 SAMUEL 1-10

Read 1 Samuel 1-10, Due October 13, 2024

Re-Read 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Briefly recap how God called Samuel

Israel does not have a human king, because who is supposed to rule over them? (hint: look up Judges 8:22-23)

Re-Read 1 Samuel 8:1-3

Samuel's sons rejected God and chose to pursue sin instead of God. What are some examples of people doing this today?

Re-Read 1 Samuel 8:4-5

Even though Israel is not supposed to have a king but God, they wanted one anyways. What reason do they give in verse 5?

1 SAMUEL 1-10

Re-Read 1 Sam 8:6-9

What is Samuel's reaction?

What does the Lord tell Samuel?

By God allowing people to reject Him, what does that say about who he is?

Re-Read 1 Sam 8:10-22

Samuel tells these Israelites that if they choose to go down this path, then they will have to face consequences. Even after hearing that, they still chose to disobey God's will and chose to have a king over them. **Why would they do that? Have you ever seen someone deliberately disobey God and have to face the consequences? (without using names) what happened?**

1 SAMUEL 11-20

Read 1 Samuel 11-20, Due October 13, 2024

Re-Read 1 Samuel 10:1

Who did Samuel anoint to be Israel's first king?

Re-Read 1 Samuel 11:11

Saul had some success as king. What enemy did he defeat?

Re-Read 1 Samuel 12:24-25

Samuel was a prophet of God, which meant that he spoke the Word of the Lord to the people. Some of his last words are recorded here. What are they?

Re-Read 1 Samuel 14:47-48

With God on Saul's side, what other enemies did Saul defeat?

Re-Read Samuel 15:1-23

What was Saul's commands from God? (verse 3)

1 SAMUEL 11-20

Saul did not completely destroy the Amalekites, as God commanded. In verse 6, he spared a group of people, who were they? **What reason did he give for sparing them?**

In verse 8-9, Saul spares the king and their livestock. It is possible he wanted to keep the king prisoner to parade around and show off who Saul captured. **What was the king's name?**

Even though Saul was instructed to completely wipe out the Amalekites, fear and pride got in the way. **As a result, how did God respond in verse 10 and 11?**

In verses 20-21, Saul tells Samuel that in his mind he followed God's commands, but he blames sparing of the livestock on who?

How does Samuel respond in verses 22 and 23?

1 SAMUEL 21-30

Read 1 Samuel 21-30, November 24, 2024

Re-Read 1 Samuel 18:6-9

Why was Saul jealous of David?

Re-Read 1 Samuel 18:10-11

Out of jealousy for David, what did Saul try to do? Because of this, David runs from Saul.

Re-Read 1 Samuel 24:1-4

While Saul was “using the facilities” (really, v.3), what did David do in verse 4?

Rather than doing this, do you think David could have killed Saul? After all, Saul was his enemy trying to kill him.

1 SAMUEL 21-30

Re-Read 1 Samuel 24:5-7

Even though he just cut off a piece of his robe, how did David feel?

Re-Read 1 Samuel 24:8-15

What reason did David give for not killing Saul in verse 10?

What does this passage teach us about how to treat those God placed in authority, even if they do evil?

We live in a culture that teaches us that if someone harms you or your reputation, you have to get even. Rather than moving on, people want to go after blood and seek revenge. **Read Matthew 5:38-42. What does Jesus say about revenge?**

2 SAMUEL 1-7

Read 2 Samuel 1-7, Due November 24, 2024

Re-Read 2 Samuel 2:1-7

David inquires of the Lord, and moved to what city?

When David and his family moves to Hebron, what happened to David in verse 4?

Early in Saul's reign, he rescued these people from Jabesh-gilead from the Ammonite army. The citizens remembered that Saul did this, so when Saul dies, what do they do in verse 4?

David sees this act of loyalty, and decides to offer peace to the people. What does he say to them?



2 SAMUEL 1-7

Background

The Ark of the Covenant was a gold-covered wooden chest that contained the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. The presence of God was also understood to be in the ark, so as a result, God had very special instructions on how to carry the ark. Only Levites were supposed to carry it, and you weren't supposed to touch the ark.

Re-Read 2 Samuel 6:5-11

Rather than follow God's commands of how to carry the ark, they 1) chose to recruit Uzzah who was not a Levite, to 2) roll the ark on a cart rather than carrying it, and 3) Uzzah touches the ark to prevent it from falling off the cart. **By breaking all of God's commands, should this be a big deal to God?**

What happened to Uzzah in verse 7?

Even though Uzzah had good intentions, he was dishonoring God. **What does this say about how seriously God takes sin?**

What was King David's reaction in verse 9?

Re-Read 2 Samuel 6:16-23

The ark of the covenant came to the city of David, so how did King David celebrate in verse 16?

2 SAMUEL 8-14

Read 2 Samuel 8-14, Due November 24, 2024

Re-Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5

Roofs were flat and functioned as extra room. **What did King David see?**

When he saw that, the best thing is to flee from temptation and forget about it. **But, what did David do in verse 3?**

In verse 3, David learns about Bathsheba. **Is she single or married?**

Even though King David knew she was married to Uriah the Hittite, and for sure they were not married together, he sinned in verse 4. **What happened in verse 5?**

Re-Read 2 Samuel 11:14-17

There is a consequence to sin (as there always is) - this time in pregnancy. Now their private sin is public, and that means Bathsheba's husband, Uriah is going to find out. **Instead of confessing his sin, what does David do to Uriah in verses 14-17?**

2 SAMUEL 8-14

This is called a cover-up. We all have tried to cover up our sins when we feel ashamed. But now, David committed another sin to hide his first sin. He dug himself a deeper hole rather than confessing! **Out of the 10 Commandments, how many did David break here? See Exodus 20:3-17.**

Re-Read 2 Samuel 12:1-6

God uses prophets to speak truth into the lives of the kings. Nathan tells a parable to King David. **Why did he tell David this parable?**

How did David react in verses 5-6?

Re-Read 2 Samuel 12:7-15

What did Nathan say back to David in verse 7?

What was David's confession in verses 13?

Nathan prophesied in verse 14 that the baby Bathsheba was pregnant with a son who would die. That was one of the consequences of this train-wreck of sins. Still, King David was forgiven by God and is known as "a man after God's own heart". David married Bathsheba, and they had a son named Solomon who became the next king of Israel.

2 SAMUEL 15-24

Read 2 Samuel 15-24, Due November 24, 2024

Re-Read 2 Samuel 15:7-12

What did Absalom tell the people to shout when they heard the trumpet in verse 10?

Absalom was King David's son, but he wasn't king. This is called a conspiracy and it's a plot to overthrow David as king.

Re-Read 2 Samuel 15:13-17

In verse 14, what does David propose they all do?

Why? What is the fear, according to verse 14?

Re-Read 2 Samuel 15:30-31

What did David and his men do?

Why were they crying?

2 SAMUEL 15-24

Re-Read 2 Samuel 18:5-15

In verse 5, what was King David's command to his men (Joab, Abishai and Ittai) about how to treat Absalom?

In verse 9, what happened to Absalom? Considering that he's trying to lead an army to overthrow King David, this is bad for him!

In verse 10, a man saw Absalom hanging there, but what did he do?

In verse 14, what did Joab do?

Re-Read 2 Samuel 19:31-33

What news did the Cushite give King David in verse 31?

What was David's response in verse 32?

What did David do in verse 33?

1 KINGS 1-11

Read 1 Kings 1-11, Due February 2, 2025

A Definition

High places = places pagans offered sacrifices to foreign gods. When Solomon became king, Jews went to these places to offer sacrifices to the true living God because there was no temple. This upset God because He didn't want to be worshiped in the same spot as other gods. This is why Solomon followed God, except for worshiping in the high places (1 Kings 3:3)

Re-Read 1 Kings 3:1-5

Solomon just became the king of Israel - a HUGE and important position. How do you think he felt? While feeling this way, he ran straight to God to pray to Him. Have you even felt nervous and needed prayer? When?

Who initiated the conversation between God and Solomon? Why do you think that's important?

Re-Read 1 Kings 3:6-9

What do you notice about Solomon's prayer? How does he start it off? What does this say about Solomon's heart?

What does Solomon ask for?

1 KINGS 1-11

Re-Read 1 Kings 3:10-15

How did God respond to Solomon's request?

How will Solomon receive wealth and honor even though he did not ask for it?

In verse 14, what promise does God give Solomon?

Re-Read 1 Kings 3:16-28

Why did the 2 prostitutes go to Solomon's court?

What was Solomon's solution? How did this prove who was the real mother of the living baby?

What did this ruling prove about Solomon? (remember what he asked for in verse 9)

1 KINGS 12-22

Read 1 Kings 12-22, Due February 2, 2025

Background

Elijah = prophet of God

Baal = foreign god, idol, many Israelites worship Baal not God

Ahab = King of Israel, supposed to follow God but follows Baal instead

Re-Read 1 Kings 18:16-21

Ahab called Elijah a troubler of Israel. Elijah's message is to turn away from the idols and worship God only. Who is the real troubler of Israel (verse 18).

How did the people respond when they were told to choose between God and Baal in verse 21?

Re-Read 1 Kings 18:22-24

What is about to happen? Why?

Re-Read 1 Kings 18:25-29

What things do the Baal followers do to summon Baal

Re-Read 1 Kings 18:30-37

What did Elijah repair in verse 30?

What did they pour on the wood? Why do you think they did this?

What do you notice about Elijah's prayer?

1 KINGS 12-22

Re-Read 1 Kings 18:38-40

In what way did God show up?

Elijah commanded that the fire consume the Baal prophets. Why? Isn't that mean?

What are other "gods" in our culture (not just other religions, think about what things are more important to people than the true living God)

Elijah told the Israelites they couldn't worship both gods, they had to choose. How can we follow God and leave behind our idols today?

2 KINGS 1-12

Read 2 Kings 1-12, Due February 2, 2025

Background

God sent prophets to teach people the Word of God, and to call them to repentance. Elisha was a prophet, and God worked miracles through him.

Re-Read 2 Kings 4:18-20

What happened to the boy?

This is really tragic! Have you ever lost somebody in your life?

Re-Read 2 Kings 4:21-25

The boy's mom (the Shumanite woman) left her home to go see who?

Re-Read 2 Kings 4:26-31

The grieving mom put her arms around what for comfort? (v.27)

In verse 31, what is the condition of the boy?

2 KINGS 1-12

Re-Read 2 Kings 4:32-37

What did Elisha see in verse 32?

What did Elisha do in verses 33-35?

How did the mom react in verse 37?

Have you ever seen a miracle from God?

Read 2 Kings 7:1-7

Why did these lepers leave their area and go into the enemy's tents? What did they find?

Read 2 Kings 7:8-11

What was their first reaction to food?

2 KINGS 13-25

Read 2 Kings 13-25, Due February 2, 2025

Re-Read 2 Kings 22:1-2

How old was Josiah when he became king?

According to verse 2, was he a good king or a bad king?

Re-Read 2 Kings 22:3-7

The temple where they should worship God, do animal sacrifices, prayers, festivals, etc. was largely abandoned and in need of repair. **What do you think this shows about the spiritual health of Judah? Were they following God or not?**

Re-Read 2 Kings 22:8-10

What did Hilkiah the high priest find?

2 KINGS 13-25

Re-Read 2 Kings 22:11-13

What did King Josiah do when he read it?

What did he fear would happen in verse 13?

Tearing clothes signified repentance, a way of saying “I’m sorry” to God. Considering that they weren’t following God’s Laws, Josiah is turning his nation back to God.

Re-Read 2 Kings 22: 14-20

What did God’s people deserve in verses 16-17?

What does God give them in verses 18-20?

1 CHRONICLES 1-11

Read 1 Chronicles 1-11, Due March 2, 2025
You can skim the genealogy in 1 Chronicles 1-9

Background

This section is mainly genealogy and shows that scripture is accurate historically, which is cool if you're a historian. But if you not a historian, you don't need to study the names.

Chronicles is simply retelling the stories of Saul, David, and many other kings. You'll (hopefully) remember many of these stories from Samuel or Kings. It's a familiar story, but from a different perspective. It focuses more on the spiritual aspect of what is going on, so David is more like a priest rather than a king. Today we are going to skip chapter 1-9, and read about David becoming king in chapter 10.

Read 1 Chronicles 10:13-14

According to this account, why did Saul lose his kingship and die?

Read 1 Chronicles 11:1-3

What does God promise David?

Read 1 Chronicles 11:4-5

What did David's opponent's say?

But what happened?

From a spiritual perspective, why do you think David was able to do that?

1 CHRONICLES 1-11

David writes in Psalm 27:1 “The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?” God promises to be with us, so we should not fear anyone or anything. This doesn’t mean that life will be easy, but it means you don’t have to go through it alone. **What are ways we can seek God when we are tired / stresses / angry / going through difficulties?**

Re-Read 1 Chronicles 11:6-9

Look at verse 9 again. Do you think David could have done all of that without the Lord? Why or why not?

Are people able to do things today without the Lord? Why or why not?

1 CHRONICLES 12-19

Read 1 Chronicles 12-19, Due March 2, 2025

Background

Chronicles is re-capping a lot of the events we read in Kings. So why is there Chronicles??? It gives us the same events, but from a different perspective. It focuses more on the spiritual side, how God was working at that time. David is more like a priest rather than just a king, and that's really true at this story we will read.

Re-Read 1 Chronicles 16:1-6

What is the Ark of the Covenant, and why is it such a big deal? (reference Exodus 25:10-22, and 2 Sam 6:2-3)

Re-Read 1 Chronicles 16:7-36

David was a song writer, and these songs are recorded in the book of Psalms. **Out of all of the lines here, which ones are your favorite?**

If you ever read the Psalms, you will notice that one Psalm talks about how much David loves God and praises God for being a faithful provider, and then the next Psalm is angry wondering where God is and he's not providing. For example read Psalm 22:1-2. You may notice that Jesus actually used these words on the cross. At the time, David was being hunted by Saul, so he was desperately crying out to God. **Why do you think David used these words here?**

1 CHRONICLES 12-19

You'll notice that the next Psalm is Psalm 23, which talks about God's goodness and presence in our lives. **How can David write a Psalm of joy, and then turn around and write a Psalm questioning God?**

Do you think it's ok to honestly share your feelings with God? Can you ever go too far?

What are some examples of when you have had a "spiritual high" with God?

Have there ever been times when you've had a "spiritual low" with God? How did you feel?

1 CHRONICLES 20-29

Read 1 Chronicles 20-29, Due March 2, 2025

Re-Read 2 Chronicles 22:1

What does David want to build?

Up until this point, they used the Tabernacle which God commanded them to use for worship and sacrifices. Now David wants to make a more permanent structure.

Re-Read 2 Chronicles 22:2-5

What materials does David gather to construct the temple?

In verse 5, what does he want it to look and feel like?

Re-Read 2 Chronicles 22:6-10

According to verse 8, why couldn't David build the temple?

What is God's promise in verses 9-10?

1 CHRONICLES 20-29

Re-Read 2 Chronicles 22:11-16

What materials are given to work with? Why do you think David chose those materials?

What command is Solomon given in verse 16?

Re-Read 2 Chronicles 22:17-19

What promises of God does David remind Solomon?

What command is Solomon given in verse 19?

2 CHRONICLES 1-12

Read 2 Chronicles 1-12, Due April 6, 2025

Background

Chronicles was written a few hundred years after the events took place, so it's a recap of Kings. The difference, though, is that Chronicles focuses more on the spiritual aspect, how God was working. We are going to read about a queen of another (and pagan) country, possibly around the Arabian Peninsula. She hears about the Kingdom of Israel and Solomon, so she visits them. When she arrives, she sees how God has blessed them, and has a spiritual experience and begins to believe in the true, living God.

Read 2 Chronicles 9:1

The Queen of Sheba had some hard questions to ask Solomon, which were probably about how they became so powerful but also about God. **What questions today do you think people ask about God?**

You can label her a “spiritual seeker” in that she’s searching for answers.

Read 2 Chronicles 9:2

What is Solomon’s reaction to her hard questions?

What if a friend asks you a really hard question about God, but you don’t know the answer? What do you do?

2 CHRONICLES 1-12

Below is 1 Peter 3:15. How does this relate to our discussion?

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Read 2 Chronicles 9:3-4

The Queen was overwhelmed, as in she had this immense spiritual experience where she for the first time experienced God. Let's apply this to youth group. If a teenager comes in for the first time, and no one says hi and makes him feel comfortable, he will leave and never come back. **What are some ways we can make the environment feel comfortable and welcoming?**

Read 2 Chronicles 9:5-9

What was the Queen's reaction to experiencing God?

Read 2 Chronicles 9:9-12

What was Solomon's reaction?

2 CHRONICLES 13-24

Read 2 Chronicles 13-24, Due April 6, 2025

Read 2 Chronicles 14:2-6

From this introduction, what do you learn about King Asa?

Read 2 Chronicles 15:1-8

What does the prophet tell King Asa?

How did Asa respond? (v.8)

How can we apply this, especially verse 2 and 7?

Asa's Turn / Background

Asa followed God when it was convenient, but something big was about to happen. Israel, the kingdom to the north, waged war on Judah, where Asa was king. He freaked out, and decided to make an alliance with a foreign country called Aram.

2 CHRONICLES 13-24

Read 2 Chronicles 16:1-3

What did Asa do when he freaked out? What was God's promise with Asa, back in chapter 15?

Why do you think King Asa followed God, but turned his back on him? What are some examples of this happening today?

Read 2 Chronicles 16:7-10

King David (2 Samuel 12) also sinned against God and had a prophet come to David and tell him he was sinful. Do you remember how David responded? How can we be like David?

2 CHRONICLES 25-36

Read 2 Chronicles 25-36, Due April 6, 2025

Read 2 Chronicles 28:1-4

What do you notice about Ahaz? What kind of king was he?

Read 2 Chronicles 28:5

Why do you think God allowed Ahaz's enemies to conquer them?

Read 2 Chronicles 29:1-11

What do you notice about Hezekiah as a king?

How is he different than his father Ahaz?

2 CHRONICLES 25-36

Read 2 Chronicles 32:1

Even though Hezekiah was faithful to the Lord, he still experienced difficulties in his life. Why do you think that is?

A cool quote: “Just because you’re following God, it doesn’t mean life will be easy. But, it does mean you’ll never have to be alone.” What do you think this means? What’s an example?

Read 2 Chronicles 32:20-23

When Hezekiah faced difficulties because the foreign army showed up, what did he do?

How did God answer Hezekiah’s prayer?

EZRA

Read the Book of Ezra, Due May 4, 2025

Background

At the end of Kings and Chronicles, God's people reject God so much that God finally removes them from the Promised Land. The northern Kingdom (Israel) was conquered by the Assyrians in 722 B.C., and the southern Kingdom (Judah) was conquered by Babylon in 586 B.C.. God not only allowed this, but he USED these foreign nations to discipline God's people. They were captured and taken into exile to Babylon, and lived there for 40 years. A new king allowed some of God's people to go home, back to Jerusalem, but the city is in ruins. Ezra was a Torah scholar, so this book focuses on the spiritual side of things. Nehemiah was the new leader so next we will focus on re-building the city

Read Ezra 1:1-4

Who was King of Persia?

What does this king want to do for God in verse 2?

Read Ezra 1:5-11

It was a priority to rebuild the house of the Lord. Why do you think this was such a big deal.

Re-Read Ezra 2:1

God promised the people that they would return to their land. What happens in verse 1? What does this show about God's promises?

EZRA

Re-Read Ezra 3:1-3
What did they rebuild?

Re-Read Ezra 3:8-13
What did they rebuild?

Re-Read Ezra 6:13-15

God delivered and gave them success! Can you think of a time when you've been given success?

Re-Read Ezra 10:1-6

Ezra noticed that God's people were living in sin! He confronted them on their sins, and then he wept. Unfortunately, many today don't confront others when they're sinning. Instead, many allow their friends to walk down a road away from God. **Why do you think people do this? What are some effective ways to confront someone?**

NEHEMIAH

Read the Book of Nehemiah, Due May 4, 2025

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Re-Read Nehemiah 1:1-11

How did Nehemiah react once he heard the news?

Does Nehemiah blame God for this? Who does he get upset with? Why?

Re-Read Nehemiah 2:1-10

What request does Nehemiah bring to the king?

NEHEMIAH

Re-Read Nehemiah 2:11-20

Why do you think the walls should be the first thing rebuilt?

How did some locals in Jerusalem feel about Nehemiah or this project?

How did Nehemiah respond (verse 20)?

Fast Forward - 3 guys named Sanballat, Tobias, and Geshem all tried to stop them, but couldn't. Nehemiah assigned each of the 12 tribes of Israel a section of the wall.

Read Nehemiah 6:15

How long did it take to rebuild the wall?

SERVICE REPORTS

God gave you spiritual gifts . . .

So you can USE them, not just sit on them! This year you're going to pick a ministry (or two) and you're going to serve. Use your spiritual gifts (from Fuel Notes #2) to pick a ministry, and you will have fun helping make an impact in our community and church.

Check List

- Complete the spiritual gifts assessment (from Fuel Notes #2)
- Pick a ministry (or two) to serve in and tell Mike Edge to get you plugged in
- Each semester, tear out the Service Report and hand it to the head of the ministry you served
- They will evaluate whether you were on time, gave effort, had a good attitude, etc.
- If you were unsuccessful in serving, you will not be confirmed or move up.

ESSAY

Due April 13, 2025 (Year 3 students only)

Format

12 pt font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, double spaced, 3-4 pages, written in a standard essay format (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion).

Discussion Questions

1. What is your faith story? As in, when did you start going to church, when did God become “real” for you, how have you grown in your faith, what challenges have you experienced in your faith, etc.
2. Why did you join confirmation? What were you hoping to get out of it? What did you get out of it?
3. Who is Jesus? How is He your friend? How is He Lord of your life?
4. What is your confirmation verse? Why did you pick it?
5. How are you going to grow in your faith during your high school years? In other words, what is your next step? List at least 3 goals for growing closer to Christ AFTER confirmation.

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Due April 13, 2025 (Year 3 students only)

Note: You may pick your own verse, outside this list, but you must explain why it is meaningful.

Revelation 2:10 - "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Hebrews 13:5 - "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

John 10:27-28 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Acts 16:31 - "And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

1 Corinthians 6:20 - "For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Luke 11:28 - "But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

John 8:12 - "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalms 37:5 - "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Due April 13, 2025 (Year 3 students only)

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Romans 8:38-39 - "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 Corinthians 13:11 - "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Psalms 62:1-2 - "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."

Isaiah 6:8 - "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"

Psalms 27:14 - "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Psalms 25:4-5 - "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long."

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Matthew 7:7 - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Psalms 23:1 - "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalms 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

CONFIRMATION RITE

May 11, 2025 at 11:00am Service

Leader: At this time, we get to hear a profession of faith from our confirmation students. These young people, each baptized believers in Christ Jesus, have studied God's Word, and have learned the belief and practice of His people. They are here today to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

[Mike invites up confirmands individually, they come to the rail with their family and sponsors. Confirmand kneels and family and sponsors place hands on confirmand.]

Pastor: [The pastor places his hand on the confirmand's head and makes the sign of the cross while praying]
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing NAME to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving Name. Grant that he may continue to trust in You and follow You all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Edge: Confirmands, please stand. Let us pray. O God our Father, we praise You for gathering us as Christ's people and for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank You for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together may we live in Your Spirit and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "You did not choose me, but I chose and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit". And, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven".

CONFIRMATION RITE

Edge: Friends, Jesus Christ has chosen you, and in baptism has joined you to Himself. He has called you, together with us, into the church, which is His body. Now, He has brought you to this time and place, so that you may confess His name before me, and go out to serve Him as faithful disciples.

Pastor: NAME, who is your Savior and Lord?

Confirmand: Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.

Pastor: Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His word and to live in His love? If so, say, "I do".

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? If so, say, "I will".

Confirmands: I will

Edge: NAMES, you are disciples of Jesus Christ. He has commissioned you. Live in His love and serve Him always. May the Lord stir up in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, confirm your faith, guide your life, empower you in serving, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Welcome to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Go, and serve the Lord. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Confirmands, turn now to the congregation, and congregation, let us welcome them. [applause]

Pastor: You may be seated.

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