



Greetings Confirmation Family, I hope this finds you well!

As we prepare for our Confirmation services, I wanted to share with you final thoughts in our preparation.

First of all, **thank you**, for making the reservation process a smooth one. I was thankful that we did not have to limit any requests because you, as a family, were willing to ask the question of who was necessary to attend and who would be able to attend virtually. It all worked out very well for us to have a very safe, socially-distanced service.

With that, this document is intended to help you in your preparation for your Confirmation service. Included in it are:

- ***Seating charts for both services.*** At this point, if you have any adjustments to your reservations, please email me at hopfl@trinityklein.org. At this point, I would love to devote my time moving forward to the sermon and spiritual elements of the service so please only adjust those reservations if a) you will be moving to a virtual participation in the service or b) there is a drastic adjustment that needs to be made to your reservation.
- ***Instructions on the process for the Confirmation blessings*** follow the seating charts. Looking at the charts you will see where parents and students should sit in relation to your reservation. Each confirmation participant will join the pastor at the rail with their parent(s)/guardian(s) behind them. This is limited to just parents and guardians.
- ***Questions and answers for Rite of Confirmation and First Communion.*** Please have your student ***practice*** saying these answers—and saying them ***loudly!*** During the service our students will be spaced out throughout the sanctuary and asked to respond in unison with a cadence. Practicing saying these things will help the group to stay together.
- ***Confirmation gift and first communion chalice ideas.*** With confirmation comes a great opportunity to celebrate your student. We have created a document with some ideas as to ways to celebrate with your student. Similarly, we have a link if you would like to purchase a commemorative, wooden communion cup in celebration of your students first communion. In the past, we have been able to provide mini-silver chalices to each student. Unfortunately, our supplier is no longer making those. Every family will be receiving a refund check for those in the mail for those who would have been receiving them this year.
- ***Instructions for Virtual Confirmation and First Communion*** for those families participating virtually with us. Please let me know if you have any questions on the process once you've read those instructions.
- ***FAQs and reminders*** to close out the document.

Other notes to look forward to with the service:

- ***At confirmation.trinityklein.org you will find a picture reservation sign up link <https://signup.com/go/mVUdeHB>.*** Each of our Confirmation students will be asked to arrive early for pictures. Every confirmand will take a professional picture as an individual and an additional one with the pastors. Families also have the opportunity to purchase ones with them in it as well. Time slots are available beginning at 8:30am on each of those days.
- We have a mom who has ***provided every confirmand with a special white mask*** for these services so that they are all matching! They are wonderful. Thank you for that gift! We will provide those to confirmands as they enter the building.
- ***For families who will be livestreaming the service***, please share with them the link trinityklein.live. Let them know that the pre-service slides will begin at 10:15am and the service will begin promptly at 10:30am. Logging on early is always helpful to make sure you are there on time!
- For all participants joining us physically on campus, ***please continue to exercise safe distancing and practices***. A reminder of things that you can expect when arriving at Trinity Klein:
 - We will all be in **masks** while we are on campus. This is vitally important particularly when students come forward for their confirmation blessing.
 - Please enter into the sanctuary and **make your way to your seat!** Make yourself at home when you arrive and let us take care of our neighbor as we remain at six feet or greater with masks on as we interact throughout the morning.
 - **If for any reason you are exhibiting any symptoms** (fever of 100 degrees or greater, headaches, loss of taste, cough, diarrhea), please refrain from joining us physically and enjoy the joy of joining us virtually.

Thank you for reading through the entirety of this letter! We will all be blessed with all of us being as informed as possible for these services.

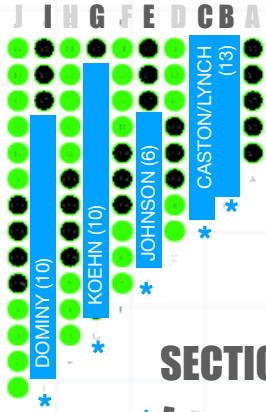
Once you have read through this letter and explored confirmation.trinityklein.org, please feel free to share any questions you may have with us as we prepare to celebrate.

God be with you always,

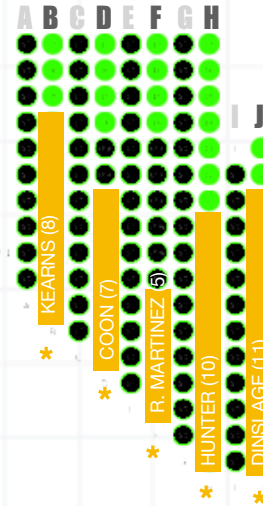
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RITE OF CONFIRMATION WITH FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

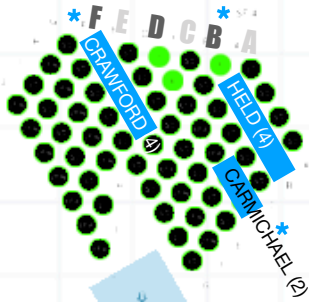
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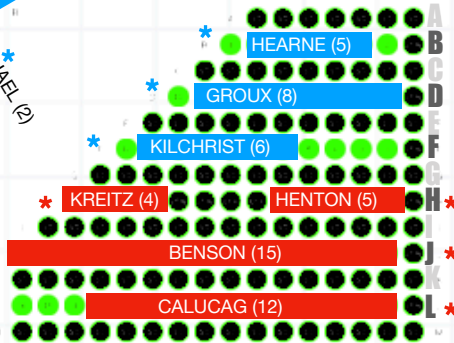


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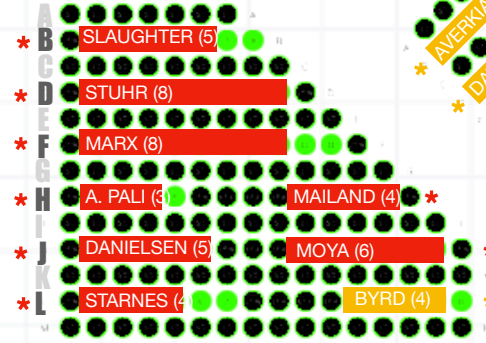
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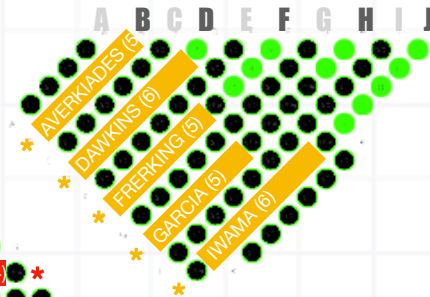
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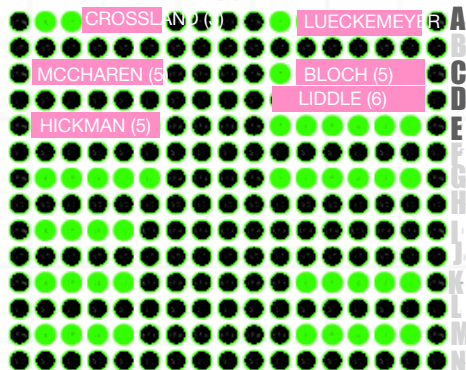
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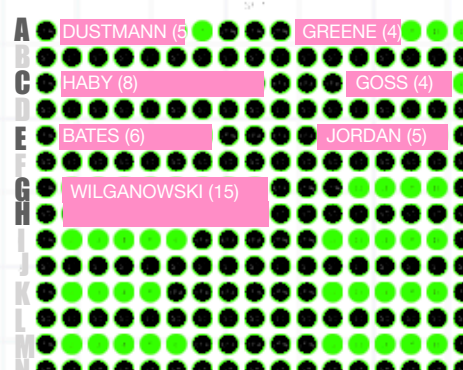
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**ORDER OF
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*This is the order in
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service for their
Confirmation blessing.*

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|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Hearne | 11. A. Pali | 21. Kearns | 31. Koehn |
| 2. Slaughter | 12. Andrew Garcia | 22. Caston | 32. Mailand |
| 3. Averkiades | 13. Carmichael | 23. Henton | 33. Dinslage |
| 4. Groux | 14. Danielsen | 24. Coon | 34. Dominy |
| 5. Stuhr | 15. Iwama | 25. Lynch | 35. Moya |
| 6. Dawkins | 16. E. Crawford | 26. Benson | 36. Bowen (Virtual) |
| 7. Kilchrist | 17. Starnes | 27. R. Martinez | 37. Galler (Virtual) |
| 8. Marx | 18. Byrd | 28. Johnson | 38. Parikh (Virtual) |
| 9. Frerking | 19. J. Crawford | 29. Calucag | 39. Pruski (Virtual) |
| 10. Held | 20. Kreitz | 30. Hunter | |

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Below you will see the order for who will be confirmed at your station.

For example, when the time for the confirmation blessings is about to begin, **Hearne, Slaughter, and Averkiades**, (student and parents) will make their way to their station and the student will kneel with the parents placing a hand on each shoulder behind them. We will have X's on the floor for parents at each station.

Once **Hearne's** name and verse have been read as a blessing, **Hearne** and parents will return to their seats while **Groux** and parents make their way to Pastor Lee's station and kneel with parents placing a hand on each shoulder behind them. During this time, we will hear **Slaughter's** name and verse being read. When **Slaughter** is done receiving a blessing and is returning to their seats, **Stuhr** will come forward and kneel with parents behind at Pastor Chris' station.

Please take a look at your station's list to see who is in front of you at your station. Once that student and their family are returning to their seat, please make your way to the rail to receive your blessing.

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**ORDER AT
PASTOR LEE STATION**

- Hearne
- Groux
- Kilchrist
- Held
- Carmichael
- E. Crawford
- J. Crawford
- Caston
- Lynch
- Johnson
- Koehn
- Dominy

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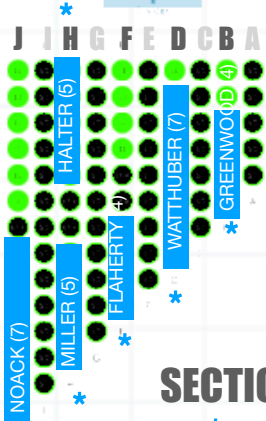
- Slaughter
- Stuhr
- Marx
- A. Pali
- Danielsen
- Starnes
- Kreitz
- Henton
- Benson
- Calucag
- Mailand
- Moya

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PASTOR JOHN STATION**

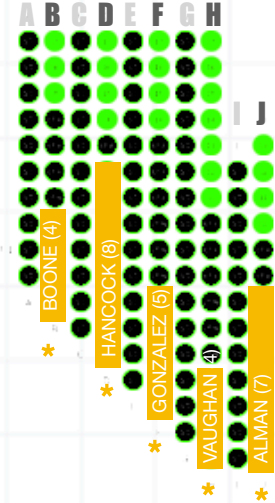
- Averkiades
- Dawkins
- Frerking
- Andrew Garcia
- Iwama
- Byrd
- Kearns
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RITE OF CONFIRMATION WITH FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

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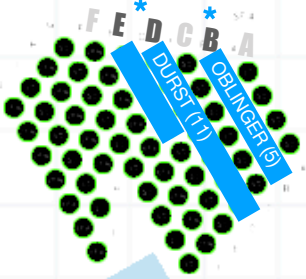


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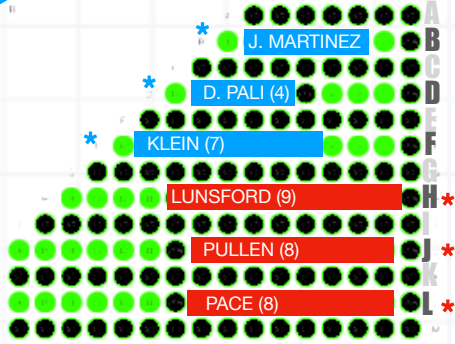
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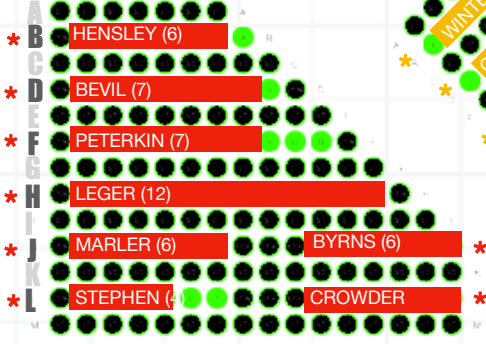
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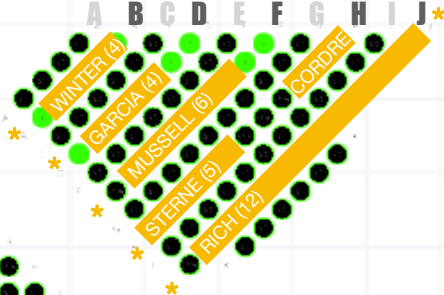
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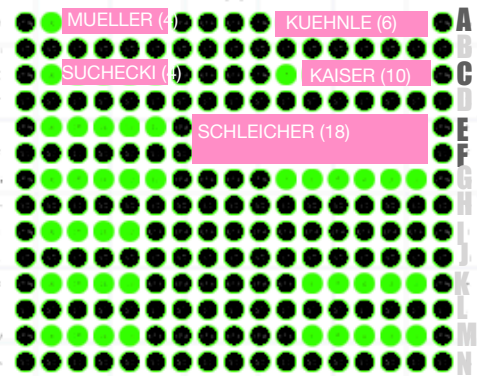
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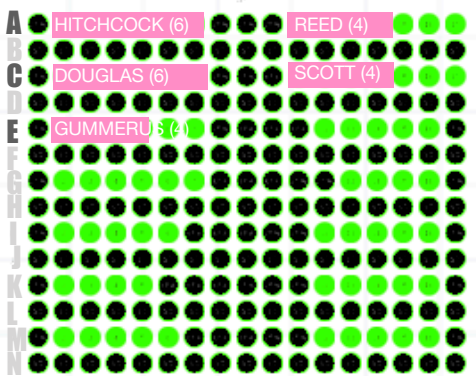
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| 1. J. Martinez | 11. Leger | 21. Boone | 31. Noack |
| 2. Hensley | 12. Sterne | 22. Flaherty | 32. Crowder |
| 3. Winter | 13. Durst | 23. Pullen | 33. Alman |
| 4. D. Pali | 14. Marler | 24. Hancock | 34. Riley Sadosky
(Virtual) |
| 5. Bevil | 15. Rich | 25. Halter | 35. Parikh (Virtual) |
| 6. Angelica Garcia | 16. Greenwood | 26. Pace | 36. Yeates (Virtual) |
| 7. Klein | 17. Stephen | 27. Gonzalez | 37. RJ Sadosky
(Virtual) |
| 8. Peterkin | 18. Cordrey | 28. Miller | 38. Harris (Virtual) |
| 9. Mussell | 19. Watthuber | 29. Byrns | |
| 10. Oblinger | 20. Lunsford | 30. Vaughan | |

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Once **Martinez's** name and verse have been read as a blessing, **Martinez** and parents/guardians will return to their seats while **D. Pali** and parents make their way to Pastor Lee's station and kneel with parents placing a hand on each shoulder behind them. During this time, we will hear **Hensley's** name and verse being read. When **Hensley** is done receiving a blessing and is returning to their seats, **Bevil** will come forward and kneel with parents behind at Pastor Chris' station.

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- J. Martinez
- D. Pali
- Klein
- Oblinger
- Durst
- Greenwood
- Watthuber
- Flaherty
- Halter
- Miller
- Noack

**ORDER AT
PASTOR CHRIS STATION**

- Hensley
- Bevil
- Peterkin
- Leger
- Marler
- Stephen
- Lunsford
- Pullen
- Pace
- Byrns
- Crowder

**ORDER AT
PASTOR JOHN STATION**

- Winter
- Angelica Garcia
- Mussell
- Sterne
- Rich
- Cordrey
- Boone
- Hancock
- Gonzalez
- Vaughan
- Alman

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Pastor Chris: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R **Yes, I do.**

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R **Yes, 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.**

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R **I do.**

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R **I do.**

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God; to continue steadfast in this confession and church; and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and suffer all even death, rather than fall away from it?

R **I do, by the grace of God.**

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

P | As a disciple of Christ and a member of this congregation, will you commit and promise to:

Worship weekly, hearing His Word and regularly receiving the Lord's Supper, and bringing your offerings to the Lord for His work here? If so then answer: I will.

R | I will.

Do you commit to growing in your faith with others in Grow Groups and in the study of His Word? If so then answer: I will.

R | I will.

Do you promise to serve here with your talents and gifts and to allow this congregation to serve and minister to you when you are in need? If so then answer: I will.

R | I will.

And will you share your story, and God's story wherever you go, working with this congregation and her urgent mission to reach the tens of thousands, making them disciples of Christ who worship, grow, serve, and go? If so then answer: I will.

R | I will.

P Now may the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

R Amen.

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. Upon this your profession and promise I invite and welcome you to kneel before the Lord and receive His Word and the laying on of hands as a blessing for you.

FIRST COMMUNION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P: Who instituted the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: Jesus Christ, who is true God and true man, instituted this sacrament.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (NIV)

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: What does Christ give us in this sacrament?

C: In this sacrament, Christ gives us His own true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

P: Do all communicants receive the body and blood in the sacrament, whether or not they believe?

C: Yes, because the Sacrament depends on Christ's word, not on our faith.

P: What does Christ command when He says, "This do in remembrance of me"?

C: Christ commands in these words that His Sacrament be celebrated in the church till the end of time as a living proclamation and distribution of His saving death and all its blessings.

1 Corinthians 11:26

26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: Does everyone who eats and drinks the Sacrament also receive forgiveness, life, and salvation?

FIRST COMMUNION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

C: Forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are truly offered to all who eat the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament, but only through faith can we receive the blessings offered there.

P: When do we receive the Sacrament worthily?

C: We receive it worthily when we have faith in Christ and His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

1 Corinthians 11:27-28

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

P: How are we to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament?

C: We are to examine ourselves to see whether we are sorry for our sins; we believe in our Savior Jesus Christ and in His words in the Sacrament; we plan, with help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives.

CONFIRMATION GIFT IDEAS

Things to keep in mind—

- Confirmation is all about your student confirming their baptismal faith—so keep *baptism* in mind!
- Secondly, *the confirmation verse* is one that is typically (but not always!) incorporated into gifts. So as soon as we know that verse, start looking!
- Christian symbols that come to mind on a day like today: shell and water, the Holy Spirit, Jesus (!), the cross, the Word of God.

You know your student *best*! So take a look at some of the ideas below and see what reminds you of your student and go with that direction.

Some sort of trinket with your student's verse on it.

Think jewelry, dog tags (we used to order large dogtags with a 20" chain from *Eve's Addiction*—product code NL10270-20), pocket knife, compass, the ideas are endless!

Something to remember the day by.

Consider engraving a *picture frame* where their confirmation picture or their confirmation certificate could go into it or a *box* where they can keep their things from confirmation.

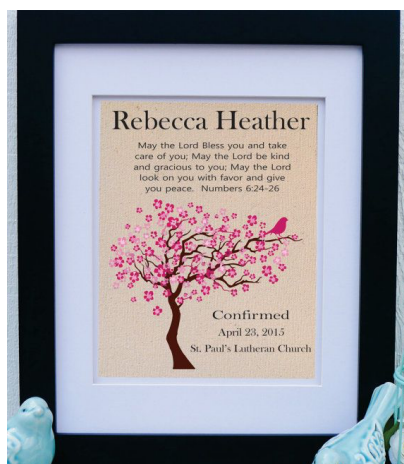
A study bible!

- Consider getting a good study bible with a leather cover and engrave their name on the front.
- Want to find the right one for your student? Google your favorite translation and add the words “study bible” to it. For example, Pastor Lee would google “Christian Standard Bible Study Bible.”

A piece of wall art that incorporates their verse.

- Think painted wood or art prints.
- There are some incredible things on Etsy.com that do neat things with verses.
- Also check out the work of a former youth worker at Trinity, Lauren (search “Niet Designs” on Facebook and scroll through the pictures).

Check out Pinterest or Etsy for more ideas.



FIRST COMMUNION CHALICE IDEAS

Here are a few places where you could order a wooden chalice

- This one ships from Jerusalem and needs ten days for delivery

<https://zaksjerusalemgifts.com/lords-supper-olive-wood-communion-cup-holy-land.html#>



- Here is another option from Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/Holy-Land-Market-Chalice-Communion/dp/B07TS3Y7F8/?tag=aquaequipment-20&th=1>



VIRTUAL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTIONS

Following the message and the offering announcement, we will move into the Rite of Confirmation. Confirmation students will be asked to stand and answer the Rite of Confirmation questions. Please have your student join with their classmates for this part of the service. A copy of the questions and answers is available at confirmation.trinityklein.org. Please have your student practice saying these answers so that they can join in unison with their classmates.

Following the questions and answers, students will be invited forward for the confirmation blessing. Please see the seating chart document for your service (June 20th or June 27th) to see the order in which the names will be read.

For you joining at home, I would have your confirmation student stand and prepare to receive the blessing about three or four names prior to yours. Have the family join around the student and place hands on the student during this time.

When the time comes for your students name to be read, you will hear their name, a bell toll, and their confirmation verse read. As a family, you are invited to recite that verse with us. For our virtual confirmands, that verse will be displayed on the screen as it is read.

Once the blessing is complete, the family may have a seat as the service continues.

VIRTUAL FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

First, please know that these instructions are specifically for the Rite of Confirmation with First Communion services on June 20, 2020, and June 27, 2020. These instructions do not sanction participation outside of those two services.

With that, please take a look at online communion resources that we have shared as a community at Trinity Klein during the last few months:

- Communion in Homes During Times of Crisis <https://www.trinityklein.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Communion-in-Homes-During-Times-of-Crisis.pdf>
- Communion Wafer Recipe <https://www.trinityklein.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Communion-Wafer-Recipe.pdf>
- Home Altar Instructions <https://vimeo.com/405234783>

Instructions on how to prepare the elements for your family at home are included in the links above.

As to what to expect from the service, following the Rite of Confirmation and the Confirmation blessing, the song *Never Once* will be played. Following that song, we will ask all participants receiving their First Communion to please rise and answer the First Communion questions (see confirmation.trinityklein.org for copy so that students may practice saying them so that they can be in unison with other participants).

Following the questions and answers, the pastor will invite all those to stand and address those at home who are not prepared to take communion (that's not you—you will be prepared having read through this document).

Immediately after the pastor addresses those at home, he will then speak the Words of Institution and we ask that the spiritual heads of each household joining us at home join with the pastor in saying these words:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

These words will be on the screen as well to assist you. The pastor will then continue with our communion liturgy ending with the sharing of the peace.

For distribution, the pastor will address the congregation by holding up the bread and saying, "Take and eat, the Body of Christ given for you."

- If everyone in your house has individual servings ready in front of them, this is an appropriate time for them to consume the bread.
- As spiritual heads of the household, you may also choose to receive at this time and then distribute the bread to each of your family members saying, "Take and eat, the Body of Christ given for you."

The pastor will also address the congregation by holding up the cup and saying, "Take and drink the Blood of Christ given for you."

- If everyone in your house has individual servings ready in front of them, this is an appropriate time for them to consume the wine.
- As spiritual heads of the household, you may also choose to receive at this time and then distribute the wine to each of your family members saying, "Take and drink the Blood of Christ given for you."

As we move into the distribution of the Lord's Supper follow along with the pastor as we commune together. We are asking the spiritual heads of each household to lead their family in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The pastor will then address anyone who is not partaking of communion and would like to receive a blessing. The invitation is for you, as the head of the household, to turn to those individuals and offer them the following blessing as you place your hand over their head or upon their should and sharing with them this promise from God: "May you know how wide, how long, how high, and how deep the love of Jesus is for you" (Ephesians 3:18).

The pastor will then conclude the communion liturgy and the service will continue.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION WITH FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE FAQs

How will communion work?

When you enter the sanctuary, each person who is communing in the service will receive pre-packaged communion elements. At a certain point in the service we will celebrate communion from our pews.

Students receiving their First Communion for the first time will also receive a nice mini-communion cup to take home as a remembrance of the event.

How will the Rite of Confirmation work?

Students will stand as a collective to be asked the questions we ask of all Confirmands and they will collectively answer (we will provide in advance—no memorization necessary, just good to practice). Once students have answered all questions, we will invite them to come forward and kneel at the rail for the blessing:

- We will have multiple pastor stations pre-identified for each student. As they go forward, they will kneel in front of their designated pastor along with other students who will be at the rail.
- Parents/Guardians (please limit this to two people) will be behind each student at the rail.
- One at a time the student's name will be read, a bell will ring, and the confirmation verse will be read as a blessing over the student.
- During this blessing the pastor will place his hand on the confirmand's head and the parents will be invited to place their hands on the student as well as parents/guardians are invited to read the confirmation verse together with the pastor.
- Once the verse is completed, the student will return to their seat and another student and their parents/guardians will come forward while other students are receiving their confirmation blessing from other pastors at difference stations.
- Prior to the service and again prior to the Rite of Confirmation all pastors will wash hands with soap and water. In between the blessing of individual students, pastors will apply hand sanitizer.
- Per the guidelines of the State of Texas, masks will be worn throughout the service and especially during this portion at the rail.

What about Confirmation Pictures?

As a church we like to get both individual pictures and pictures with the pastors. Families are also welcomed to order professional family pictures. Please see confirmation.trinityklein.org to reserve your time for these pictures.

There will be no group picture this year, but I am hopeful with all of those individual pictures and modern technology that we will be able to be very creative and create something special.

Because these pictures are all taking place on the day of the event, no pictures will be displayed on the screen during this service.

What do I wear?

Look nice! Sunday best. Think Easter (Pastor Lee will be in a bowtie when he's not in his alb).

- *For boys:* A long-sleeve shirt, tie, slacks, and good shoes work very well. The biggest thing is to just put your best forward.
- *For the young ladies:* A nice dress works well. If one of our confirmands, the robes are made of thin material. Any patterns will show through and lighter dresses typically work well.

Some things to avoid: jeans, flip flops

What safety precautions are being made for these services?

I hope that many of those precautions have been made plan at this point. Social distancing (6ft separation) and masks are the primary guidelines put forth by the State of Texas, so we will be honoring their recommendations. From what we've set forth, we believe our services will be very safe in relation to opportunities for the virus to spread.

PLEASE be safe leading into this service.

As you can see, we are taking things very cautiously for the purpose of doing our best to slow the spread of this virus and not overwhelm our health care system.

In the coming weeks, please exercise caution. If you are showing any of the symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, soar throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish, measuring a temperature of 100 degrees or greater) or if you have known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19, please refrain from participation.

We all need to look out for one another and that is a great way to do it. Pastor John can empathize! He was sick for his oldest son's confirmation and had to stay home. It seems like something that cannot be missed but I promise you God has many more opportunities and plans ahead to celebrate with you and your student.

With that, if for some reason a known case of COVID-19 were to step foot on our campus at any point, we would follow the guidelines set forth by government and health officials by closing down the campus for two weeks. Please be safe as we approach these services. So many things are opening up and that is wonderful, isn't it? Let's be safe as we enjoy this time together so that we can have both of these services without any issues.