

## **FINAL REQUIREMENT FOR CONFIRMATION**

### **Sharing of the Faith –God’s Hand in My Life**

**1st Draft due - Due 4/13/11**

**Final draft due 4/20/11**

**Sharing the Faith night is 5/7/09**

All essays shall be no less than 2 pages (up to 3) typed and double-spaced on 8 ½ X 11 paper, Times New Roman 12 point font with one inch margins, **even the rough drafts**. The essay should be double spaced and cover the following information:

#### **Introduction**

- Name, hobbies, interests
- Family history...ie. "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ person in my family to be confirmed in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod." My family has been a member of LOG for \_\_\_\_\_ years. I have also attended (other churches), etc.

#### **Body of the essay should include the following:**

##### **Your Faith**

Write your own statement of faith concerning

- Explain being saved by Grace through Faith
- Jesus Christ: Who he is and what He did for you
- The meaning of Holy Communion
- Your Confirmation verse, why you picked it and what it means to you

##### **Your faith life – write the last part of the essay describing how God has worked in your life? For Example:**

- How and when did you become a Christian?
- Why is Your faith in Christ important to your every day life? What difference has your faith made in your daily life
- Share Personal experiences that have helped increase your faith and trust in God.
- Share experiences that describe how God helped you or one of your friends or family members through a particularly difficult situation or time period.
- How has God used His word to help you grow in your faith?

#### **Conclusion:**

What commitments do you want to make concerning how you will continue to grow in Christ and live as His child (Include here a statement of how your baptism, attendance at worship, and the Lord’s Supper will be a part of this)

Pastor DJ, Brandy Ramm, or Pastor Braun will be available to help you with this project. Likewise, you can use your family members for ideas and information but remember, IT'S YOUR ESSAY and you are responsible for the content. Confirmation Class sessions will be devoted to review and working on the essay. The final draft is due on April 20th.

## .: Possible Confirmation Verses :.

Genesis 4:7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me and I will tell you great and unsearchable things that you do not know

1 Timothy 4:12 Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, instead set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work

1 John 3:16 This is how we know what love is; Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

1 John 3:24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them, and this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit he gave us

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen God: but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us

1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:7–8 Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God, Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 2:28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself

Philippians 2:14–15 Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength

Philippians 3:13–14 Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:16 Let us live up to what we have already attained

Galations 5:6 The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love

Galations 3:24 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith

Galations 2:19 For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God

Galations 3:2 I would like to learn one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?

Galations 1:11 I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up

Galations 1:10 Am I now trying to win the approval of men or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes

Ephesians 5:1–2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

Galations 5:22–23 The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose

Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus

Romans 3:23–24 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus

Deuteronomy 6:5–6 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to us in the past saying: I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness

Ecclesiastes 7:14 When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my strength and my salvation of whom shall I be afraid

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Psalms 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil

Psalms 34:1 I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

Psalms 73:23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

Psalms 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever

Psalms 73:29 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds

Psalms 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

Psalms 90:2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalms 62:2 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken

Psalms 115:1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness

Psalms 118:5 In my anguish I cried to the Lord and he answered by setting me free.

Psalms 118:6 The Lord is with me ;I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Psalms 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to man but in the end it leads to death

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

Isaiah 26:8 Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts

Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "this is the way, walk in it."

Isaiah 41:13 For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 43:11 I, even I, and the Lord and apart from me there is no savior.

Isaiah 65:24 Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets

Matthew 7:24 Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 10:22 All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest

Matthew 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 25:40 the King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Luke 11:9 so I say to you: ask and it will be given to you' seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:28 Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

John 5:24 I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

John 6:24 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me

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

John 13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them

John 14:23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 15:13 Greater love has no man than this; that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us

Romans 10:9 The if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chooses the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 9:19 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God

1 Corinthians 16:14 Do everything in love

2 Corinthians 5:13 If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God

2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal

2 Corinthians 5:15 And he did for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again

Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good

2 Corinthians 12:10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Galatians 5:14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men

Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things

Colossians 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Titus 2:7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever

Hebrews 13:1 Keep on loving each other like brothers

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says

James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, Prepare your minds for action' be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed

1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us

1 Peter 4:16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name

1 Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. 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

1 Peter 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us