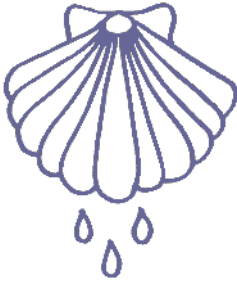


# ZION LUTHERAN

— W A Y S I D E —

## Confirmation Statement of Faith



As part of their final preparation for Confirmation students will express their faith through a “Statement of Faith” to be written and shared on a Sunday (both services) leading up to Confirmation. These faith essays will be written in the form of answering two core questions:

1. A **general** question of faith that all students will answer
2. A **specific** question or two that the students may choose from the attached list.

**Rough Draft-** The beginning of the Statement of Faith process is where the student will write his/her personal answer to each question based on the information they have learned in Confirmation classes into a 2-3 page double spaced typed rough draft. Pastor will then give him/her resources from the Catechism and Bible to redirect, bolster, or refocus each answer-in short, to help in overall development of the Statement of Faith. This will be due about **four weeks before**. Submitted hard copy in class OR via e-mail to **(PastorKyle@zionwayside.org or PastorJed@zionwayside.org)**

**Final Draft-** Then the student will take his/her rough draft, the additional information received from Pastor and, with his/her parent(s) expand the answers of the first draft. This will be submitted via e-mail to **(PastorKyle@zionwayside.org or PastorJed@zionwayside.org)** as a final draft. This final draft is due on **the Wednesday before**.

**Parents:** The link to sign your child up for a date to present their Statement of Faith can be found at **zionwayside.org** by clicking the MINISTRY tab, and following the Confirmation link.

*Be sure to practice reading your statement of faith out loud before your presentation!*

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Begin your essay by introducing yourself and telling people about your faith up to this point in your life. Introduce yourself and tell your faith story:

- a. Introduce yourself and when your faith began
- b. Why is your faith important to you and how does it change the way you live and the decisions you make in your life. Give an example.

- c. Make sure to talk about **Jesus!**

### Essay Questions

1. **What does it mean to you to be a Christian / Follower of Jesus and why do you believe you are ready to publicly “Confirm” your faith?**
2. **Who is an influential faith role model in your life and why are they important to your faith?**
3. **Talk about how your faith will impact the way you live your life as you move on to high-school and beyond.**

*The first two questions are to be answered by all students. This is the first half of your essay.*

*For the next part, the question(s) you pick have to be supported by Bible verses. Now, for the second half of your essay **choose one** of the following questions...*

4. Choose one of the 10 Commandments. Write about what God tells us what to do and not to do in that Commandment, and why that is important in our relationship with Him and other people.
5. What are three uses of the Law? How does each of these uses help you in your life as a Christian?
6. How does the Triune God make Himself known to you? Give real life experiences of how each person of the Trinity has been made known to you.
7. For what reason is there evil and suffering in the world? What is God’s answer to it?
8. What does it mean when we say that Jesus Christ is my Redeemer?
9. What does it mean when we say that Jesus is our Prophet, Priest, and King?
10. What does the Bible teach about Christ’s Second Coming and why is that a comforting thing for you as a believer?
11. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in your life? What gifts has the Holy Spirit given you?
12. What is the Holy Christian Church? What is life in the Church supposed to be like?
13. What is Baptism? How does God want your Baptism to impact you every day?
14. Why is taking Holy Communion important to you personally? What gifts does God give you in Communion?
15. What is Confession? Why is it so important in the life of a Christian?

