

CONFIRMATION RETREAT #A-2

"BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH"

PRE-RETREAT HOME ACTIVITIES

Student _____

Parent(s) _____

I. Answer the following questions in your own words

To you, what does it mean to be "saved"?

Why do people *need* to be saved?

If people asked you what it would take to be sure of going to heaven when they die, what would you say?

What are some questions you have about salvation, death, heaven, etc.?

II. *Ask your parent(s) the following questions and write down their answers.*

Is there a Bible verse that is especially meaningful to you? What is it, and why is it so meaningful?

What does forgiveness mean to you?

What would you say is the basic message of the Christian Gospel?

When was the time in your life when you found the Gospel promises especially meaningful?

For you personally, why does it make a difference that you trust in Jesus as your Savior?

III. Memory Work

Memorize the following portions of Scripture and The Augsburg Confession, and say them for your parent(s). Have them sign after you have completed each portion.

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."

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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 because of works, lest anyone should boast."

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Augsburg Confession, Article 4

It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness.

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