

Unit 6: How does God interact with me and how do I interact with God?

- How do we answer the question above (that we're asking in Units 5, 6, and 7)? With the Means of Grace (Baptism, God's Word (especially His Word of forgiveness, and The Lord's Supper).
- In this Unit we talked about how God interacts with us in confession and absolution:
 - How do I interact with Him? I confess my sins.
 - How does God interact with me? He hears and forgives my sins.
- All lessons for this unit were online at confirmation.trinityklein.org:
 - Part 1 Lessons:
 - God wants to give His grace to us and for us to know it personally. We see this in baptism, confession, and the Lord's Supper.
 - We don't work our way to God, it's about Him coming to us. Grace is a *gift*.
 - God is holy, set apart, and wants nothing to do with sin. That's not us. So how in the world can we interact with God? Confession and absolution. He takes care of our sin problem so He can have an eternity with us.
 - Part 2 Lessons:
 - We returned to Genesis 3 to see our sinful nature at work.
 - We defined sin as "anything that's counter to or different from God's will or design."
 - Confession is an opportunity for us to own our sin and take responsibility before God. As we do this, God takes our sin and brings a renewal to our lives through forgiveness.
 - Our hope is not to be "good" it's to be "alive." Jesus came to take us from death to life. So confession doesn't have to be scary because we're all in the same boat of being sinners and falling short.
 - 1 John 1:8-9 is an important verse, "If we say we have no sin..."
 - Romans 3:12 "...There's no one who does God, not even one..."
 - Romans 6 "All have sinned and fallen short..."
 - John 8 "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone..."
 - Part 3 Lessons (Mean Girls Examples and college football story):
 - Confession helps us to get all the poison/junk out.
 - Our problem usually is, "We don't go deep enough." Confess the full nature of your sins to receive the fullness of grace.
 - "I forgive you" is a powerful statement that does something.
 - What happens when we confess? We quit faking it and claim God's promise.
 - Part 4 Lessons:
 - Catechism definition of confession: it has two parts, confession and absolution.
 - Confessing sins and receiving forgiveness restores relationships.
 - *Repent* literally means to turn around, *contrition* means we're truly sorry.
 - *Original* sin (sinful by nature) and *actual* sin (sins we do, think, say).
 - Confess sins you've done against others to them, confess sins that trouble you and only deal with you to your pastor (or parent!).
 - We confess to remind us that we aren't alone and others can carry our burdens with us. We also confess and call on God for His promise.
 - Part 5 Lessons:
 - Office of the Keys (check out the catechism)
 - "Cheap Grace." The reality is that grace came at a cost—just not to us.
 - Faith Habit #5: Repent and be forgiven.

IMPORTANT SPRING DATES CONFIRMATION 2021

FEBRUARY 14TH EMAIL GEOCAF@TRINITYKLEIN.ORG HEIGHT AND WEIGHT.

MARCH-APRIL CELEBRATION INTERVIEWS (see Sign Up). March 14 (SUN), March 21 (SUN), MARCH 27 (SAT), MARCH 28 (SUN), APRIL 10 (SAT), APRIL 11 (SUN).

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH VERSE FORM DEADLINE (see Electronic Form)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH CONFIRMATION CHURCH #7, 10:30AM-12PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY DUE BY EMAIL TO PASOR LEE AT HOPFL@TRINITYKLEIN.ORG.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE, 7PM, SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH

- CONFIRMATION CHURCH #8, 10:30AM-11:30AM, THE PIER
- CONFIRMATION RUN THROUGH & PICTURES, 4:00-5:30PM, SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND RITE OF CONFIRMATION, 8:30/10:30AM, SANCTUARY

Keep the Conversation Going at Home: The Goal is for them to be able to Articulate Their Faith.

- Unit 1 (The Bible)
- Unit 2: Who am I? (The Ten Commandments)
- Unit 3: Who is God? (The Apostles' Creed)
- Unit 4: How do I live my life? (The Lord's Prayer)
- Unit 5, 6, and 7: How do I interact with God and how does God interact with me? (Baptism, Confession & Forgiveness, and Lord's Supper)
- Unit 8: Continuing the Journey (with our Faith Habits for the Journey)

The ultimate question for the celebration interviews:

“What do you believe about _____ and why?”