

3. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner...

will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:27-28

Do you know the Lord's Prayer? Please lead us in it.

Yes. Our Father who art in heaven...

Guidelines for Pastoral Examination

Prior to First Communion 2019-2020

Examination Questions and Answers

Do you know the Ten Commandments? What are they?

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep my commandments." Exodus 20:5-6.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it.

How do you know that you are a sinner?

From the Ten Commandments. God's law shows me my sin.

What do you deserve from God because of your sins?

His wrath and punishment.

Do you also have the certain hope of salvation?

Yes.

Who do you trust in for your salvation?

Jesus Christ.

What has Jesus done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.

How do you know that Jesus died for you and shed His blood to save you from your sins?

From the Gospel, from the words of the Lord's Supper, and from the Creed.

Do you know the Apostle's Creed? How does it go?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty...

How many Gods are there?

Only one.

Who is the only true God?

The triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do you want to receive the Lord's Supper? Why?

Yes, because...[give your reasons as you've learned them from the *Small Catechism p. 30-31*]

What does Jesus give you in the Lord's Supper?

He gives me His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all my sins.

Do you believe that Jesus gives you His actual body and blood in the Lord's Supper, or are the bread and wine only symbols and not really Jesus' body and blood? How do you know?

It is his true body and blood as Jesus himself has said.

What are the words of Jesus that teach you that the Lord's Supper gives you the body and blood of Jesus to eat and drink?

Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.

Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Does the Lord's Supper strengthen your faith in Jesus? How?

Yes. His Body and Blood given and shed for me is a sure and certain sign of God's love for me.

Does the Lord's Supper strengthen you to love others as Christ loves you? How?

Yes. Knowing that Jesus has given himself in loving services for me and forgives me my sins helps me to give of myself in service to others and forgiven them when they sin against me.

Is the Lord's Supper also an expression of unity of belief among all who partake? How do you know this?

Yes, the Lord's Supper is a *communal* meal. The Apostle Paul teaches us that when we partake of the Lord's Supper we are participating in the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16) or the church, and that as a body of believers whenever we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we together give witness to and proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (Corinthians 11:26-28).

Concerning the Lord's Supper, finish these words from the Apostle Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians:

1. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?...

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

2. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup...

you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26