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Confirmation Worship Notes



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What Are Worship Notes?

Many Lutheran congregations, as part of their Confirmation Programs, ask their students to take notes during worship. Referred to as *Sermon Notes* or *Worship Notes*, the worksheets are intended to help students focus on what they see and hear in worship. Worship Notes are also a way that pastors or confirmation leaders can keep a record of worship attendance.

Instead of one standard sheet used for every service, this packet of worship notes provides twenty different half-page sheets. While each worship note asks about the sermon or message of the day, the sheets also offer different questions about worship, including: hymns, prayers, lessons, and things the students may observe.

Sheet Layout

The header on each sheet allows a space for the student's name and for the worship date. Also provided is a space for a parent's signature, intended to give parents a chance to see their student's work and to encourage families to worship together. Also provided is a space to record if a student served as a volunteer for that particular Sunday (usher, greeter, etc.).

The final question on each Worship Note offers the student the chance to ask their own question on the back of the sheet. This provides the opportunity for additional pastoral feedback.

Photocopying

The ten pages that follow contain two worship notes per 8.5 x 11 sheet. Once the originals are printed, they may be photocopied and cut into two 4.25 x 5.5 half-sheets. The sheets are not designed for any particular day of the church year, but may be picked up randomly by students for use at any worship service.

I hope you find them helpful.

In Christ,

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CONFIRMATION WORSHIP NOTES

Student's Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Volunteer Activity This Week: _____

- 1) How many crosses can you see from where you are sitting? Where are they located?

 - 2) What subject did the pastor talk about in the sermon today? Did the sermon seem difficult or easy to understand?

 - 3) Did you receive communion today? If so, what were you focusing on or thinking about when you received the bread and wine?

 - 4) Who were the ushers this morning? What things did the ushers do before, during, and after the service?

 - 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)
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- 1) As you listen to the prelude (the music before the service), what mood does the music convey?

 - 2) In the words we use for the Confession of Sins, what part stands out as the most significant or meaningful? Why?

 - 3) What was the main theme of the sermon today? Did the pastor seem to talk fast or slow? Loud or soft?

 - 4) In what part of the service today did you feel God's forgiveness the most?

 - 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)
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- 1) What is the weather like outside today? What effect does this have on the "feel" of worship?

- 2) Where are you sitting in the sanctuary today? From this spot, is it easy to see and hear?

- 3) What was one of the statements that the pastor repeated more than once in the sermon this morning?

- 4) What was something in the service today that reminded you of what we talked about in confirmation class this week?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) What symbol is on the altar cloth this morning? What is this symbol meant to remind you of?

- 2) Who was the lector today? (the person who read the Scripture lessons) How well were you able to hear what that person said?

- 3) Over-all, did the pastor's sermon today seem "positive" or "negative" to you? Why?

- 4) What was one place in the service today where you heard a specific promise from God? What was the promise?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) Why did you come to worship today?

- 2) Would you describe the music at this service as "modern" or "old-fashioned." Explain why.

- 3) Based on the main theme of what was said: If you were to write your own title for the pastor's sermon this morning, what would it be?

- 4) Look at what people are doing during the offering. What do you think are reasons people give:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) What was one of the "current events" in the church that we heard about during the announcements?

- 2) What did the pastor talk about in the sermon this morning? Why do you think the pastor chose this particular subject for today?

- 3) Name someone you know who is in need of prayer. Pray a silent prayer for them.

- 4) Did you get distracted by something during worship today? What was it? How can you avoid being distracted next time?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) How did you get to church today? Pray a prayer of thanks to God for the person who brought you.

- 2) What was the Psalm for today? Did we read or sing this Psalm during worship?

- 3) What was the main point of the sermon for today? Do you think the pastor explained and supported the point convincingly? Why or why not?

- 4) Whose voice did you hear singing most strongly during the hymns for today? Did it help you sing?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) Describe one of the banners in the church. What is the banner's theme?

- 2) What day of the church year is it today? (look at the date-heading in the bulletin) Is there a special theme for this day?

- 3) What was the main point that the pastor was trying to get across in the sermon for today?

- 4) What was the attendance like in church today (low, average, high)? Why do you think this was?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) Is there a lot of children in the service today, or not? Why do you think this is?

- 2) Which of the Scripture Lessons was the longest today? (First Lesson, Second Lesson, Psalm, or Gospel)

- 3) What was the Children's Message about today?

- 4) What theme or idea from the sermon did the pastor also mention in the Prayers?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) How are people dressed for the service today? Would you say that you are dressed the same, more formally, or less formally?

- 2) Describe one of the illustrations, stories, or examples that the pastor used in the sermon for today.

- 3) What is the name of the Creed we used in the service today? Did it seem long or short?

- 4) Which prayers did you prefer today: the written ones we speak together, or the free-spoken prayers led by the pastor? Why?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) What color are the paraments today? (Paraments are the colored pieces of cloth on the altar, lectern, and pulpit.)

- 2) What season of the Church year does this color represent? (look in your bulletin)

- 3) Listen to the hymn we sing right after the sermon. What do the words of this hymn say that is similar to what was said in the sermon for today?

- 4) Out of everything we prayed for in church today, what did you feel most strongly about? Why?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) What was the first new thing you noticed in church this morning?

- 2) Write down the first names of the person sitting on your right and the person sitting on your left. Pray a silent prayer for them.

- 3) What was the main theme of the sermon this morning? What was the pastor talking about?

- 4) What seemed the most strange about worship this morning? Why?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) Look around before the service. What are most people doing?

- 2) Write down the last line from your favorite hymn this morning.

- 3) Was there anything in today's service that we don't do on a normal Sunday? If so, what?

- 4) If you were to summarize the pastor's sermon for today in your own words, what would you say?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) Look around you. What do you see that helps you think of God?

- 2) Write down the title from your favorite hymn this morning. Give one word describing the theme of the hymn.

- 3) What was the Prayer of the Day about today?

- 4) In one sentence, write what you think the main point of the sermon was. Was this point something you have heard before?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) Looking at the picture on the cover of your bulletin, what message do you think it is trying to convey?

- 2) What was the most meaningful part of the service for you today? Why?

- 3) What thing in worship today was most confusing to you? Why?

- 4) What was the main theme of the closing hymn this morning?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) What emotion is being expressed in the opening hymn? Does the style of music match the words?

- 2) Who were the main characters in the Bible readings today? Have you heard of them before?

- 3) What new thing did you learn about God or Jesus today? What did you learn about yourself?

- 4) As you looked around today, who seemed to be happy? Who seemed to be sad?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) What part of the service today seemed the most "formal" or structured?

 - 2) What part of the service today seemed the most "informal" or loose?

 - 3) How did the pastor conclude his sermon for today? What was the final point or direction?

 - 4) What are three things we prayed for today during the Prayer of the Church?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

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- 1) How many hymns or songs did we sing during the service today? Which was your favorite?

 - 2) What was the Gospel Lesson about today? Was this the lesson that the pastor preached the Sermon on?

 - 3) What part of the service was the most interesting? Explain why.

 - 4) What is something you received or learned from this service that will help you in the coming week?

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- 1) What were you thinking about when you entered the sanctuary this morning?

- 2) Write down all the different people who helped conduct worship this morning.

- 3) Pick out someone in the congregation that you don't know well. Pray a silent prayer for them, then write what you prayed for.

- 4) What is one new thing you learned this morning during the service?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)

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- 1) Did anyone greet you when you were coming in the door today? Did that person greet you by name?

- 2) What were three important points from the sermon?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

- 3) What part of the service did you like the least this morning? Why?

- 4) What part of the service did you like the most this morning? Why?

- 5) Is there a question or comment you want to ask or share with the pastor? (Use the back of this sheet.)