## FAMILY CONFIRMATION Worksheet #19

## "Means of Grace"

Memory Work: What is a sacrament? The Lutheran Church usually speaks of a sacrament as a sacred act: instituted by the command of Christ; in which Christ joins His Word of promise to a visible element; by which He offers and bestows the forgiveness of sins He has earned for us by His suffering, death, and resurrection (Question 293).

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1. Why does the catechism include Baptism, Confession and the Office of the Keys, and the Sacrament of the Altar? See Question 292.
2. What are the "Means of Grace"? Why are they called this? See Question 292 note.
3. Where does the word sacrament come from? See Question 293 note.
4. How many sacraments are there? See Question 294.
5. Why are we to treasure the Sacraments, when water, bread, and wine are such ordinary elements? See Ouestion 295.

6. How are the Sacraments to be used? See Ouestion 296.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, our Savior and Lord, You declared that the work of bringing in a new creation was accomplished by Your declaration from the cross that, "It is finished." Give us eyes to see the signs of the new creation in Your ongoing healing of our bodies and souls through Your Holy Sacraments, where You continue to come to us as our Creator who is bringing in the new creation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## NOTES