

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Memory Work

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\*LSC=Luther's Small Catechism

### ***What is the Office of the Keys?***

It is that authority which Christ gave to his church to forgive the sins of those who repent and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not forgiven.

### ***What are the words of Christ?***

Our Lord Jesus Christ said to his disciples:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" ( John 20:23).

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever *you* loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 18:18).

### **CONFESSION**

#### ***How might we confess our sins privately?***

We may say that we wish to confess our sins and to receive the absolution in God's name. We may begin by saying, "I, a poor sinner, confess before God that I am guilty of many sins." Then we should name the sins that trouble us. We may close the confession with the words, "I repent of all these sins and pray for mercy. I promise to do better with God's help."

#### ***What if we are not troubled by any special sins?***

We should not torture ourselves with imaginary sins. If we cannot think of any sins to confess (which would hardly ever happen), we need not name any in particular, but may receive absolution because we have already made a general confession to God.

#### ***How may we be assured of forgiveness?***

The pastor may pronounce the absolution by saying, "by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Those who are heavily burdened in conscience the pastor may comfort and encourage with further assurances from God's word.