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Session 9: The Apostle's Creed "Article 3 The Holy Christian Church"

- The _____ Christian Church is everyone who believes that Jesus is the only _____ to heaven.
- Christians are members of _____ household and Jesus is the chief _____.
- The church is not a _____ but rather the _____ of God gathered around the _____ and _____.
- The communion of _____ are those who have been _____ by God through the _____ to be His _____.
- The church's _____ is to make _____ and especially _____ known to the _____.

Major Point:

The Holy Christian Church or Communion of Saints includes all the people that have trusted Jesus for their salvation. God also established the local church as a place where believers can come together and help each other grow closer to Him.

Major Passages:

John 14:6
Ephesians 2:19-22
Ephesians 5:25-27
Ephesians 3:10
Matthew 28:19-20

Team Time

1. In heaven all the members of the Holy Christian Church will be gathered in one place. Can you imagine what it will be like to be surrounded by that many believers in Christ? What thoughts come to mind?
2. A big part of being a member of the Christian Church is being active in a local, visible church like Our Savior. What does it mean to be an active member? What are some ways after Confirmation that you can remain active?
3. Read Acts 2:42-47. According to these verses, what was the early church like, and what kinds of things did they do together? What are the similarities and differences between the Acts 2 church and OSL? How can you help OSL be the church the Bible talks about?

Close in prayer thanking God for giving you a church home to help you learn more about Him.

Family Time

Y Read together question and answers 169-179 from Luther's Small Catechism pages 157-165. Answer the following:

1. The Small Catechism talks about both a visible and an invisible church. What is the difference between the two? Is it possible to be a part of one and not the other? Which is the only real church?

2. Read John 15:5 and John 8:31-32. What do these verses tell us? How can you apply these verses to your life as a family?

3. List four things the Scriptures teach about our life in the church **and list one way you can apply it to your life.**

a.

b.

c.

d.

Close in prayer thanking God for the church.

This is to verify that I completed the *Family Time* portion of this week's Confirmation lesson with my student.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____