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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION
OFFICE OF THE KEYS, PART I

Lesson 5: (L5)
Year 2 (8th Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

- *Memorize John 20:22-23.
- *Be able to explain what the Office of the Keys is.
- *Can explain how The Keys are tied to the Gospel.
- *Know the difference between repentant and unrepentant.
- *Know who is considered for the office of the pastor and its qualifications.

1. Introduction:

Watch video: (Parents are to meet with students during instruction with this commandment).

2. Take out the Key, Write your name and John 20:22-23 on it. Write on it as directed.
3. Modern technology allows us to lock and unlock all sorts of things. Can you name how many different ways that people can lock and unlock things besides keys? Like Fingerprints. You have 2 minutes to list as many.
4. Open Catechism to p.224. Write below, "What is the Office of the Keys and Where is this written." Write the whole thing.

5. Find, "What do you believe according to these words," on the bottom of p. 224, answer true or false. Write the complete word, True or False.

_____ The only valid minister of Christ is one who is called.

_____ Openly unrepentant sinners are those whose sins are known and refuse to repent.

_____ Only those who want to do better and give money to church should be forgiven.

_____ When the pastor forgives us it's good, but not as valid as if God did it Himself.

_____ The office of the keys is God's command.

_____ I am called and enabled by God to believe this my whole life.

6. Go to pp. 224-225, "What special authority has Christ given to His church on earth?"

A. List two things.

B.

C. Many people are shocked when the pastor says, "I forgive you all your sins," as the pastor is just a human person, how can he do that? Read Bible verse #894, Explain how a pastor can do that.

D. Read question, #270, "Why is this authority called the Office of the Keys?"

E. What two things does a key do?

F. What is opened and closed?

G. Write out Matthew 16:19,

H. Who has Christ given the keys to: There is only one correct answer, check it.

_____ All people, including unbelievers.

_____ The pastor.

_____ The Christian Congregation, Christ's Church on Earth.

7. Pastor Mews will explain what the concept and the word "Confers" means. Explain it.

8. Go to question #271 on pp. 225-226, "How is the Office of the Keys related to the proclamation of the Gospel?" Answer these short answers:

- A. The Gospel is applied to the _____
 - B. God is _____ in His Grace.
 - C. First, the spoken _____ is The Gospel, preached to entire world.
 - D. Second, Through _____.
 - E. Third, through the Sacrament of _____.
 - F. Fourth, through the Power of the Keys. Also, through the mutual
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G. Go to p. 280 in the back of The Catechism, Draw the picture of "Our Lord's Gift of The Keys." Write below it the explanation found next to that picture.

H. Write Bible verse #896 out completely. Answer, Is that an accurate description of The Christian Church? Why or Why not? Explain.

9. Go to p. 226 in your Catechism;

A. Read question #272, "Who are to be forgiven?"

B. Read question #273, "Who receives the forgiveness in absolution?"

C. Read question #274, "Who are Repentant Believers?" Are you one of them?

D. See "Note," on the very bottom of p. 226, List three things that makes a person a hypocrite

10. Read question #275 on p. 227,
A. "Who are not to be forgiven?" List two truths.

B. Read question #276 on that page, "What is the necessary result of repentance?"

C. Fill out below;
#904, Matthew 3:8, Bear _____ in keeping with repentance."
#905, John 8:11, "Go and from now on _____ no more."

D. Read question #277 on that page, "How does the church publicly exercise the "Office of the Keys?" List 3 realities. How does "Confer" fit in with this?

11. Read question #278 on p. 228, "Who should be considered for The office of the pastor?"

A. List 3 qualifications.

B. Read Bible verses #910 to #913 carefully, refer back to them if needed. Write Agree or Disagree if these qualifications fit a person "Qualified for the office of the pastor."

_____ Must be above reproach, does not need to be reprimanded for bad behavior.

_____ Must be perfect without sin.

_____ Must be a husband of many wives.

_____ Must be self-controlled and respectable.

_____ Must have a good and entertaining personality.

_____ Must be faithful and able to teach.

_____ Is a worker.

_____ Able to handle the truth or carry a Bible with them wherever they go.

_____ Able to handle the truth, understands the correct meaning of the Word.

_____ Must be handsome and entertaining.

_____ Women are not allowed to speak in church, they must remain silent.

_____ Women may speak in church, but not as the pastor.

Closing prayer, "**Heavenly Father, let us regard pastors as servants of Christ, who bring us the Good news of Jesus Christ. Let us listen to, believe and support them. In Jesus' name. Amen.**"