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The scene opens with the actors sitting in the “pews” such that they can talk with each other. The “pastor” is up front at the altar/pulpit (if it is a student, they can perhaps wear an acolyte robe). Each actor may have a hymnal and bulletin. Whenever the others are talking, the pastor freezes. All actors other than the pastor speak in stage whispers unless otherwise indicated.



Cast of Characters:

Joe
Danny
Pastor

Peter
Liz

Annie
Rachel

Warning: You are about to see people interrupting the pastor and talking during church. This is a skit with trained actors. Don't try this at church.

Pastor: (holding a hymnal open) Let us now confess our sins to God with the Order of Confession and Forgiveness, found on page 94 of your hymnal.*

Liz: (whispering loudly to Rachel) So, what does “confession” mean?

Rachel: Well, on T.V. when a bad guy confesses to a crime, then that means that he tells the police that he did it. Maybe it's something like that.

Liz: I guess, but I've never done any crimes.

Pastor: (Loudly) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: (Loudly) Amen.

Danny: (whispering loudly) So *what* are we doing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Peter: Maybe it's kind of like the Bible verse the pastor mentioned earlier. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20). Maybe the pastor is reminding us that we all come together to worship “in God's name”.

* Page number is for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. If your congregation uses a different hymnal, you may change the page number.

Annie: That makes sense to me. But what does “Amen” mean. I know that it’s the way we end prayers, but why?

Pastor: (with a smile) “Amen” means something like “Yes, I agree” or “Yeah, I believe that, too”. It’s a way for us to agree with a prayer.

Joe: Thanks!

Pastor: (smiling patiently, clears her throat) Now, may I continue?

Liz: (embarrassed) Yes, of course.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

Rachel: (whispering loudly to the group) So, does that mean that God knows everything that I do, even what I’m thinking and don’t tell anyone?

Danny: It sure sounds like it.

Liz: So, I can’t hide any of my thoughts or actions from God?

Peter: Yeah, I guess you can keep secrets from your parents, but not from God.

Joe: Maybe your parents, but mine seem to know everything I do.

Rachel: (thinks for a moment) I guess that if God knows all of the bad things I’ve ever done, and Jesus still died for my sins, then he must really love me.

Danny: Wow. I never really thought of it that way. That’s cool.

Annie: Hey, we use the word “sin” in church all of the time, but what does it really mean?

Rachel: Doesn’t it mean something bad that we do?

Liz: Shhh... Maybe the next part will help us.

Pastor: ...cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit...

Annie: Huh. If we’re asking God to clean our hearts, then sin must be something that makes it dirty.

Peter: (teasing) So, Joe, you must be pretty dirty.

Joe: (angry, but still whispering) Hey, you better watch it!

Danny: (ignoring them) I guess you can also think of sin as something that takes you away from God.

Peter: (looking worried with Joe still glaring at him) Like anything that might hurt someone?

Annie: (giggles) Yeah, I think that's another way to look at it.

Liz: So, that "inspiration of the Holy Spirit" part. What does that mean?

Rachel: I don't know what they mean by "inspiration", but it sounds like the Holy Spirit is the one who cleans our hearts.

Joe: So, if God is the one that cleans up our hearts, then that means that we can't do it by ourselves, right?

Danny: Right. That must be why we're praying about it now.

Annie: Shhh...

Pastor: ...that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name...

Rachel: I guess if we need to have the Holy Spirit clean our hearts before we can love God, then we can't do a good job of loving God with dirty hearts.

Liz: (excitedly) Hey, I think I understand now! We need to confess, tell God about all our sins so we can do a good job loving him. And that's what worship's all about. So, we need to confess our sins before we can do a good job worshipping God!

Peter: Great! So what does that part about "worthily magnify your holy name" mean?

Joe: (shrugging) Maybe God's name is so small you need a magnifying glass to see it?

Annie: (glaring at Joe) Idiot!

Peter: (pointing at Annie teasingly) Hey, it's a sin to call Joe an idiot. It hurts his feelings. Right?

Joe: (pretending to look sad): Uh huh.

Annie: Sorry, Joe. (looking up) Sorry, God. I think that “to magnify” has something to do with worshipping God.

Rachel: Maybe we should ask our Sunday school teacher about it.

Liz: Sounds good to me.

Pastor: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Scene closes)