

# Growing

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SEEK!  
SHOW!  
SHINE!



*But grow in grace and knowledge of the LORD and SAVIOUR. To Him be the glory both now and forever. 2 Peter 3:18*

As the last signs of winter snow disappears, new life begins to show. There are red sprouts, the peonies individually peeking their oval shape from beneath the packed dirt. Alongside, emerging it seems all at once, are the green blades of the iris. Beside the flower beds, protected from the elements and where the sun has warmed the ground, green blades of grass are appearing. High above, the closed clumps of leaves can be seen on the poplar and birch trees.

To the avid gardener these are signs of approaching spring indicating it is time to prepare the soil. It must be cultivated and loosened, the proper mixture of fertilizer applied, and finally, a good watering.

Similarly we, too, are prepared in our journey of faith. Our parents and sponsors bring us in their arms during our early weeks of life to Baptism. By virtue of Baptism we are holy ones, set apart for God.

As we grow older we attend Sunday school and youth group and church where we hear the word of God. Though we are young and don't always comprehend what is being taught, we are receiving nourishment for the seed planted in us at our Baptism. At the same time we are being nurtured by our parents, grandparents, and older members of our congregation. Then, for two or three years, we attend weekly Confirmation lessons. The time has now come for us to confess our faith to others on Confirmation Day. We have come a long way, it seems, in our journey of faith but truly it has just begun. Our faith will be tempted, tested, and weakened unless we remain steadfast in God's Word and Sacrament. As we grow older God will continue to provide many different people to nurture us. It may be a pastor, an elderly gentleman or woman in the congregation, an LWML-Canada member, a family member, or a total stranger. Each will assist in some way when we have fallen astray and, with a gentle nudge, hug or verbal expression of concern, will help bring us back to faith.



## We Pray

Dear Lord, Help us each day to grow in our faith. When temptations or troubles come our way give us strength, courage, and a loving fellow Christian, that we remain strong in Your Word. Amen

## “Seek” Activity

Take the time to look around as you go for walks, drive to work, or look out the window. God's handiwork is all around us.



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