

† The Rite of Confirmation †

May 15, 2022

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”

You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith according to our Lord’s bidding. We now celebrate your confirmation, rejoicing as you confess the faith into which you were baptized.

Jesus said: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will deny him before My Father in heaven.”

Rejoice, therefore before the God of all grace and joyfully answer what I, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of His Church, will now ask you.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *I renounce him; and I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to the end?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church, and to suffer anything, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

The confirmands each kneel to receive their verse and confirmation blessing:

P Signey Louise Carter, **Hebrews 11:1** ***“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*** **Signey**, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

P Lily Anna Michelle Thompson, **Psalms 139:14** ***“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”*** **Lily**, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

P Tristen Michael Willig, **John 3:16** ***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”*** **Tristen**, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

After all confirmands have received their blessing:

P Upon this your profession and promise I invite and welcome you, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for His Church, and to live them out continually in His worship and service.

P Let us pray for the newly confirmed.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith will receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

P Christ is risen!

Congregation He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.