



CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

Reformation Sunday October 25, 2026

The stated purpose of a confirmation ministry is to “help a young person identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission.” While this has been the goal of parents, pastors, teachers and mentors in our confirmation program - Lutherans do not hold that confirmation is something that the young person does. Rather, God accomplishes this goal through the work of the Holy Spirit.

All of this is God’s initiative, as God confirms and strengthens our young in a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ and his church. Today, six of our youth give public witness to their understanding of God’s grace-filled work of spiritual renewal and empowerment in their lives.

Presentation of Confirmands

Alexander Nathaniel Grohal
William Anthony Hebenthal
Peyton Catharine Ingelido
Madison Grace McLain
Nico William Scalise
Giovanni Michael Tomlinson



The presiding minister addresses the confirmation class.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His body, the Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word, God's loving purpose for you. You have been nourished at Holy Communion, nurtured by parents, pastors, teachers, and mentors, and now, you are being called by God to be witnesses of God's loving purpose for all creation.

Now, therefore, I ask you, to make public your faith in Christ Jesus, to reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which all of us were baptized.

The confirmands are presented by their parent(s) and/or sponsor(s).

We present _____, who desires to make public affirmation of her/his baptism.

The presiding minister continues with prayer.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in this community of faith. Uphold these your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses the confirmands.
The assembly stands and joins in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**



Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each Confirmand responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making Affirmation kneel.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

***The minister lays both hands on the head of the person
then anoints them with Catechumen Oil***

The assembly responds AMEN for each confirmand.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm her/his faith,
guide her/his life,
empower her/him in her/his serving,
give her/him patience in suffering,
and bring her/him to everlasting life.
Amen.

***Those making public affirmation stand and face the congregation.
A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.***

Let us rejoice with our sisters and brother in Christ.

**We rejoice with you and your family.
that you have affirmed your confidence in your baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and bear God's creative and redeeming word into all the world.**