

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

As your name is read, please leave your vehicles and come forward.

P: The following young men and women desire to make public affirmation of their baptism: **Emma Ballweg, Jack Conant, Brenna Dalsoren, Brooke Dambach, Anders Gausman, Anna Hagen, Myles Iverson, Hailee Kellinhofer, Lauren Model, Korey Newman, Lilly Procter, Kasen Sperle and Beckett Spilde**

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and sisters, 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 the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new life. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The congregation is asked to stand and profess their faith with the confirmands.

P: I ask you, along with the congregation, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

All: I renounce them.

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

All: I renounce them.

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

All: I renounce them.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

P: 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,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, respond, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

The confirmands respond individually, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

At this time family members are invited to come forward and participate in the blessing. Two groups will leave their cars at a time in the following order: Emma Ballweg and Myles Iverson, Jack Conant and Korey Newman, Brenna Dalsoren and Hailee Kellnhofer, Brooke Dambach and Lauren Model, Anders Gausman and Lilly Procter, Anna Hagen and Kasen Sperle, and Beckett Spilde.

P: Let us pray.

C: We give 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.

Confirmand and families are invited to say "Amen" together following the blessing.

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

Confirmand and Families: Amen.

After all are blessed the confirmands face the congregation.

P: Let us rejoice with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE