

The minister addresses the assembly

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

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

Pastor: 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. Amen.

Laying On of Hands

The presiding minister calls each person forward to kneel before the altar and laying both hands on the head of each person then prays:

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

Each person answers: "Amen."

Sharing Peace

The presiding minister exchanges the peace with each of them.

Peace be with you.

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All return to their places.



FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Affirmation of Baptism marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as it is proclaimed in the Scriptures and confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Affirmation of Baptism includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism, and completing the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to make disciples by baptizing and teaching. (Matthew 28:20)

A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:

Leader: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

Their names are read.

Pastor: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses those who have been presented.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You are being called to follow as disciples of Jesus Christ and witnesses to the Gospel of his kingdom.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Each person answers in turn. I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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 dead.

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..

Pastor: 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. Amen

Affirmation

The minister addresses those making affirmation.

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 his Word and share in his supper,

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

to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,

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

Each person answers in turn.

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