

CONFIRMATION 2023-2024

Welcome to Confirmation! Promises were made at your baptism to help you grow in the Christian faith and life. In the Lutheran church, confirmation classes are an important part of that journey. We will gather together in Jesus' name to learn together, explore questions and have some fun!

Promises at Baptism: (ELW, p. 228)

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- To live with them among God' faithful people
- To bring them to the word of God and the holy supper
- To teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments
- To place in their hands the holy scriptures,
- And nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? Response: **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support these children and pray for them in their new life in Christ? Response: **We do.**

Promises at Confirmation (ELW, p. 236)

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?

Response: **I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

In light of those promises, please know that all of the aspects and expectations of confirmation are for your benefit! We are providing tools to help and opportunities for you to grow in faith, explore and discover what it is that you believe and what you stand for.

Goals:

1. To live together in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism.
2. To encourage the student in faith development and the Christian life.
3. To teach foundations of our Christian faith as found in the Bible.
4. To teach foundations of Lutheran doctrine as found in "Luther's Small Catechism."
5. To provide the opportunity to build relationships with pastors and other Christian adults as well as fellow Confirmation students.

The student's responsibilities toward Confirmation goals are to:

1. To live together in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism.
2. Commit an open heart and mind to watching for the Holy Spirit's movement in your life.
3. Attend worship services and commune regularly.

4. Attend Confirmation classes, faith events or other class or group activities. Complete on-line at home lessons and Talkpoint discussions. Demonstrate knowledge through required homework, memory work, and other assignments as appropriate.
5. Commit to creating a positive learning environment, actively participate in class discussions, come to class prepared, treat others with respect, use microphones and cameras for Zoom conversations/ classes.
6. Meet with mentor outside of class time and complete Talkpoint mentor lessons.
7. Serve as an acolyte on a rotating basis. And participate in service in other ways.

The parents/guardians' responsibilities toward Confirmation goals are to:

1. To live together in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism.
2. Commit an open heart and mind to watching for the Holy Spirit's movement in your life.
3. Participate regularly in worship and commune with the student.
4. Encourage and assist students in all areas of confirmation study-written and memory work, attendance and home lessons/ discussions.
5. Assist your youth in meeting Faith Formation Event expectations, keeping track of, encouraging, and attending together, when appropriate.
6. Notify Intern/ pastor if the student will miss class, or of any other information that would be helpful to know about the student. Communicate individual student learning needs.

Mentors

1. Each student will ask an adult (preferably, not a relative) to serve as his/her mentor.
(Adults are encouraged to serve as mentor to only one student at a time.)
2. Mentors and students are encouraged to pray for one another and to assist each other in the faith journey study.
3. Meetings for mentors and students are scheduled (Per schedule).
4. Meet with your youth between scheduled mentor events (at least 3 times during year).
5. Read and understand the Youth Protection Policy.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and journeying with you!
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