

Confirmation I

**The service may begin after the Gospel lesson with a hymn honoring the Holy Spirit.*

Pr: Dear Friends, our Lord Jesus Christ said, *"I received all power in heaven and on earth. You go to all people, make them my followers, baptize people in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach people to obey all the things I told you. And remember! I will stay with you until the end of the world."* You are baptized children of God. You learned the Lutheran Church beliefs and teachings. We rejoice because you will now announce your faith to the Church. Jesus said, *"If you tell people that you belong to Me, then I will tell My Father in heaven also that you belong to Me."*

I am your pastor, and now I will ask you questions:

In-front-of God and this congregation, are you ready to tell all people about your Baptism? Then answer, "Yes."

Re: Yes.

Pr: Do you thumbs-down Satan and all evil things? Then answer, "Yes."

Re: Yes.

Pr: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Then answer, "I believe."

Re: I believe.

Pr: Do you believe that the whole Bible, both Old and New Testaments, truly is God's Word? Then answer, "I believe."

Re: I believe.

Pr: You finished studying about our Lutheran Church. Do you believe the Lutheran Church teaches the Bible true and correct? Then answer, "I believe."

Re: I believe.

Pr: Do you plan to continue believing in God, and accept suffering and death instead-of denying God? Then answer, "Yes, with God's help."

Re: Yes, with God's help.

Pr: Do you plan to change your life to copy Jesus and regularly receive the Lord's Supper and regularly read your Bible? Then answer, "Yes, with God's help."

Re: Yes, with God's help.

**Pastor shakes each candidates hand, each candidate kneels, pastor blesses each candidate, reads a Bible verse, and hands candidate a certificate.*

Pr: (NAME), God our Father gives you His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives to you special gifts of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, and respect to God. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. __

OR

(NAME), may God make you holy, and may your whole spirit and mind and body remain without blame until our Lord Jesus comes. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. __

OR

(NAME), God began a good work in your heart. May God continue this work in you until the day our Lord Jesus comes. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. __

**The congregational president comes forward now to welcome the candidates.*

Cp: Because you promise, I, President of this Church, welcome you as member/s of (Name of church) and invite you to join with us in all the blessings God pours on our congregation.

Pr: We pray. Lord God our Father in heaven, we thank and praise You because through Your love our friend/s now know/s Jesus Christ and proudly announces His name. Help our new member/s every day until eternal life in heaven; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord. Jesus lives and reigns with You, our Father, and the Holy Spirit, one Triune God, now and forever.

Cn: Amen.

Pr: We all confess our belief:

All: I believe in God the Father, All mighty, God made heaven and earth. And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Jesus received life from the Holy Spirit; born from the Virgin Mother; suffered under Pontius Pilate; crucified, dead and buried. Jesus descended into hell. The third day Jesus arose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, and reigns with God the Father, All mighty. From heaven Jesus will come to judge the living and dead people.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; His one holy church on earth and in heaven; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life eternal in heaven. Amen.

Pr: Our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless and keep you. __

Cn: Amen.

Confirmation II

**This service may be used following the offering.*

Pr: Dear friends: In Holy Baptism God washes us clean from sin, and we are born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. We become new people through the Holy Spirit, and God announces us holy through His mercy and gives us eternal life in heaven. God never breaks His promise to us. In-front-of us today we have (NAME); finished learned the meaning of God's promise, and ready to show faith in God and belief in His Holy Word.

Do you believe in the Three-in-One God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Re: Yes, I believe.

Pr: Do you believe that God frees us from the devil's power, forgives our sin, and gives us eternal life in heaven through Holy Baptism?

Re: Yes, I believe.

Pr: Do you believe that God gives us Jesus' body and blood with the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper to forgive our sins?

Re: Yes, I believe.

Pr: Do you believe all the words in the Bible are God's words, and all the teaching you studied here at (Name of church) are true and correct?

Re: Yes, I believe.

Pr: Do you intend to come to worship regularly, to study God's Word in Bible class, and give your tithe to show your love to God?

Re: Yes, I intend with God's help.

Pr: Come now and kneel to receive God's blessing.

(NAME), God the Father in heaven bless you with peace, and keep

your spirit, soul, and body without blame until our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy angels on the last day. The Bible verse chosen for you is _____. Because you freely confess your faith and promise to stay with Jesus, I welcome you a full member of (Name of church) in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.