



# Rite of Confirmation

*All Christians obey Jesus' command to baptize. We also obey his mandate, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The following order may be used as a conclusion to basic instruction, especially for young people.*

*All the names are read (baptismal names plus surnames).*

Beloved of the Lord, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of his holy church. In accordance with our Lord's command: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you," you have been instructed in the Word of God and led to a knowledge of his will and of his gracious Gospel, and you now desire to make public profession of your faith.

I, therefore, ask each of you:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord?

**Response: 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Response: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

May he who has brought you to this faith continue his good work in you until the day of Jesus Christ.

*The confirmand kneels and the minister may lay his hand on the confirmand's head for the blessing*

Individual's Christian name The Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

Let us pray.

Gracious God and Father, we rejoice and give you praise and thanks for bringing these, your sons and daughters, to the knowledge of the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, enabling them to believe with their hearts and confess with their mouths your saving grace. Grant that they may bring forth the fruits of faith by daily faithfulness.

Confirm in them the work you have begun so that they may abide in the fellowship of your church and in the faith of the Gospel, that no false doctrine, no lust of the flesh, nor love of the world may lead them away from you or the truth they have confessed, but that in joyful obedience to your Word they may ever know you more perfectly, love you more fervently, and serve you to the blessing of their neighbors, the edification of your people, and the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translations of the creeds by the Reformers.

The word "catholic" may be used here instead.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

- OR -

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*A hymn may be sung.*

## BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.