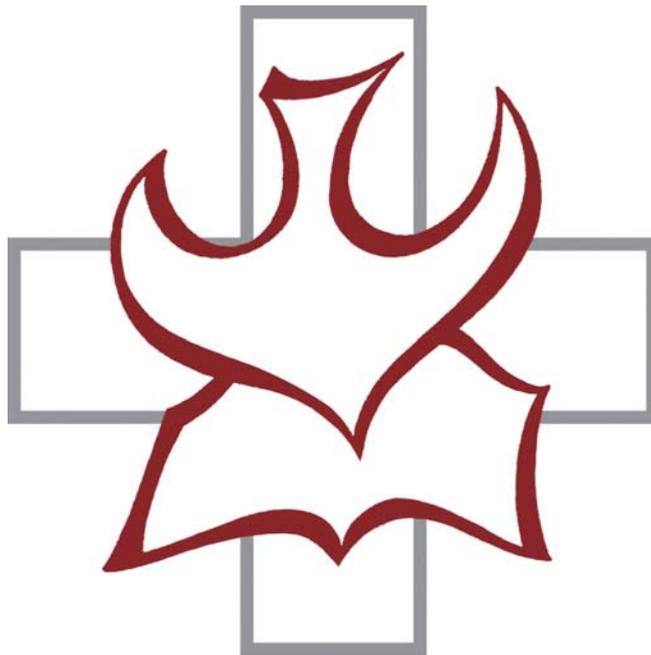


✠ RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠

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During my three years in confirmation I've learned many things about our faith whether going in depth on things I already know, like the ten commandments, or some things that are completely new to me such as the office of the keys. In the end though, I realize that I've been blessed to get to learn all these teachings at a young age. I thank my parents for making me come to church every Sunday because if they did not I would have never found my faith in God. I also thank my confirmation teachers for teaching and giving me a better

understanding of the bible. I don't always enjoy waking up early every Sunday to go to Church, but after I take communion, I always start to feel better knowing that all the sins I committed are washed away by God. These sins are then put on His shoulders along with all the sins of other people in the world so that He may take all the sin and it shall die with Him upon the cross. I hope that every one of God's children shall remain firm in their faith and follow God to the end of time.

*“But this I call to mind, and
therefore I have hope: The steadfast
love of the LORD never ceases; his
mercies never come to an end.”*

Lamentations 3:21-22

HAYLEY CUMMINGS



As I have made my journey through Confirmation, I have learned so much and grown so much as a Christian. I have strengthened my faith greatly since I started Confirmation classes and have enjoyed devoting myself to God. From discussing the Ten Commandments to the Small Catechism, I have learned more than I can write about my role in Christianity, and in God and His Kingdom. I have been able to learn more about God's glorious gospel, as well as His firm and important law. I dove into Baptism and the meaning of entering the kingdom of God as His child. I studied Holy Communion, and the background and meaning behind it, the Rite of Confirmation and realized how important it is, and I got an understanding of what God's mission for us as Christians is in order to stay in faith, while proclaiming His Word to others. So many people have helped shape my faith including my family, teachers, and pastors. I always enjoy hearing new perspectives on things and more about God's Word from people with strong faith and morals. It has helped me to live a Godly lifestyle and helped me to think and ask questions. I feel so blessed to be a part of a Christian homeschool program that challenges me to look at things with a different, faithful view and nurture my faith while teaching me to think logically and classically. Christian Youth Theater has also been an amazing opportunity to satisfy my love of acting while glorifying our Creator. It has been a memorable and enhancing experience to be able to perform for Christ. While I have done multiple devotionals and bible studies in my life, I

hope to keep actively expressing my faith and devoting myself to God's Word while always gaining even more knowledge. I ask that the congregation be praying for me as I am starting high school and as I continue my life with God, while doing what I enjoy. And as I continue my journey of the Christian faith and continue learning what it means to be one of God's special children, saved by His loving grace.



“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Titus 3:4-7

KJERSTEN ROGGENBAUER



Something that really stood out to me during Confirmation was discussing baptism. I enjoyed learning about how the water itself is not anything special, but the word of the Lord and the Holy Spirit make it special. Even though you are too young to know what is going on, later you learn to understand the importance of it. When I was baptized my whole family was there including both sets of my grandparents, who have helped me grow in my faith. My grandparents on my mom's side go to church every Sunday. Growing up when we went to visit them I remember our whole family getting ready for church and then riding in the car with my grandpa to get to church early,

and to be the first ones there to sit in the very first row. Even to this day whenever we visit them they are constantly talking about God and inspiring me to have a strong relationship with God like they have. My Grandparents on my dad's side of the family are also very present with God, never missing a Sunday of church. Going to church on Christmas Eve with them was definitely a very memorable time of the year. Throughout my life I have adopted many of the habits that they have. Such as just spending time with God and reading his word or simply going over what we talked about in confirmation on my own time. Throughout my life I pray that I will continue to grow in my faith towards God.

*“Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and do not
be dismayed, for the LORD your
God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9*



We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
