

Lutheran Book of Worship

Affirmation of Baptism

PRESENTATION

Confirmation

Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

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

This person has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

Nathan Enneking

P Dear friend, 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.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

P Brother in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you member 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 have been [nourished at his holy table and] called to be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Stand.

The whole congregation responds to questions in unison.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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**

COMMITMENT

Sit

P 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?

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

PRAYER OF BLESSING

P Let us pray.

P Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this man your own. You forgave him all his sins and brought him to newness of life. Continue to strengthen him with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in him your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

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

R Amen

PEACE

P Always remember that Jesus is always with you and will never leave you.

R Let it be so.