

Confirmation.....What is it?

- Confirmation for Lutherans is **Affirmation of Baptism**. It's a time for Confirmands to affirm the baptismal promises made on their behalf by parents and sponsors. The Confirmation instruction serves not only to educate, but to provide resources and training for their lifelong discipleship journey.
- Discipleship is a key component of confirmation. The goal is to develop disciples who follow Jesus, and in the process grow in their covenant relationship with God the Father. Our commitment to discipleship is one that never ends; this time for Confirmands is a great opportunity to learn and live what it means to be a disciple.
- Confirmation provides Christian Education with six classes each confirmand completes before they are confirmed. These classes are designed to give the confirmand a broad understanding of the faith. They are not the end of discipleship and learning.
- The Confirmation program is a team effort between the youth, their parents, the confirmation teachers, the mentors, the congregation, and the church staff. We are all working together not only to educate each confirmand, but to encourage them in their life of discipleship.
- Youth who are in sixth grade can begin Confirmation, however some do not begin until seventh, eighth, or into their high school years. Most of our confirmands are confirmed in the seventh or eighth grade. When the youth are personally ready, it is the time to be confirmed.
- Confirmation is not graduation from the church, nor does involvement in the Confirmation program replace worship life or youth activities. As disciples of Jesus, we are committed to being an active part of the life of the church.
- On the day of their Confirmation each confirmand will stand before God and the congregation to make a public proclamation of their intention to live out their discipleship with these promises:

Live among God's faithful people.

Hear his Word and share in his supper.

Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.

Serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus.

Strive for justice and peace in all the world.

The Confirmation program is designed to give each confirmand the resources they need to live out these promises as they continue their journey of discipleship.