

Confirmation



St. John Lutheran Church
Celina, Ohio
October 25, 2020
Reformation Sunday

Affirmation of Baptism

Introduction

☩ Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

Presentation

Those affirming baptism are presented to the congregation:

I present Carter Bertke, Caroline Fisher, Grace Gramza, Julia Greber, Gabi Heindel, Makenna Samaniego, Luke Stachler, and Katie Trisel, who desire to affirm their baptism.

Prayer

☩ Let us pray, merciful God, we thank you for Carter, Caroline, Grace, Julia, Gabi, Makenna, Luke, and Katie, whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen

Renunciation of Evil

The presiding minister addresses those affirming baptism:

☩ As you affirm your baptism,
I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

☩ Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: I renounce them.

☩ Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: I renounce them.

☩ Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: I renounce them.



Profession of Faith

P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Response: In faith I turn to Christ.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

The presiding minister addresses those making affirmation:

- 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 the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each affirmer responds: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- P People of God, do you promise to support these your sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Prayer of Blessing

- P Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The following blessing is repeated for each affirmer.

Stir up in ...

the gift of your Holy Spirit:
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,
both now and forever.

C **Amen.**



Benediction

P The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, fill you with courage. And guide you all the days of your life.

C **Amen**

Dismissal

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. !

C **Thanks be to God. !**



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020

Carter Bertke

Son of Wendee & Jesse Bertke

Caroline Fisher

Daughter of Mandy & Craig Fisher

Grace Gramza

Daughter of Jeff & Liz Gramza

Julia Greber

Daughter of Lynn & Bill Greber

Gabi Heindel

Daughter of Dan & Cheryl Heindel

Makenna Samaniego

Daughter of Jill Fisher

Luke Stachler

Son of Shane Stachler and Teresa Stachler

Katie Trisel

Daughter of Don & Kim Trisel

Rev Dr. Jeffery G Gramza

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dan Gutman

Past Intern pastor

Vicar Charlie Frekot

Current Intern Pastor





We
Believe

