CONFIRMATION CLASS 2023 Epiphany Lutheran Church





# CONFIRMATION

### Affirmation of Baptism

#### EPHESIANS 2:8-10

8 FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, 9 NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST. 10 FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND. THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.

Dear Friends in Christ,

These confirmands, one of which is my own son, have journeyed quite far and long in their efforts to be confirmed in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LC-MS). For most of them, the process has taken three years. Year one (under the leadership of Director of Christian Education Josh McNamara) allowed the confirmands to focus primarily on the Biblical narrative, addressing how Jesus fulfilled prophecy and died for the sins of the world. Year two (under the leadership of Epiphany Teacher Paul Wilke) enabled the confirmands to study the major doctrines (i.e., sin, salvation, God's nature, the Sacraments, prayer, and the commandments) which flow out of the Scriptures themselves. And in year three (under the leadership of Pastor Muchow), the confirmands studied some of the practical applications of the first two years of teachings.

During the last year, these 10 students brought joy to me through their friendliness, respectfulness, desire to learn and love for one another. They were one of the nicest classes I have had the privilege of teaching. I pray that they never lose their joy in Christ and one another.

The students learned quite a few things about God and the unique Lutheran way of looking at life. Each of them ended their 8th-grade confirmation experience with an interview (more like a quiz) to see how much of their experience they can "confess before others." Along with that, the students had to write a paper (which they read aloud at the Saturday night Confirmation Banquet) with the topic, "Why I Will Remain a Lutheran Christian". These papers are available to all members. This year, the students did a great job of revealing God's Law and Gospel, God's Grace and our Works, and a knowledge of Word and Sacrament ministry. I can't help but get excited when I hear these confirmands speak about the Grace of Jesus. Overall, my constant hope for 2023's confirmation class is that they, along with all Christians, delight in the Biblical assurances of their sins forgiven and their salvation certain. In doing so, they will find more time to serve God's many people and their many needs in this world. I have a few prayers for this class and you are welcome to join in these prayers, as well.

- I pray that they never cease knowing how much God loves them and cares for them.
- I pray that they remain in our Epiphany community for years and years to come.
- I pray that they continue growing in knowledge of God wherever they are in their lives.
- I pray that, as they f such Godly assurances they spend more energy toward loving, caring, and blessing others in this crazy and wonderful world.
- I pray that they carry the Christian faith into their families for many generations.

Living to Serve,

Jeffrey A. Muchow, Senior Pastor

## CONFIRMANDS

**TRACER COLE DUBBERKE KINSLEE GRACE HICKS KAITLYN ELIZABETH KRAMER KAITLYN ELIZABETH LEHR** LOGAN KAI MUCHOW **RYKER LEE SCHENCK** HANNAH ELIZABETH TEW **BROOKLYN MARIE THARP ELIJAH SAMUEL WILLIAMS KEEGAN NIKOLAS YOUNGER** 

Tracer Cole Dubberke

### John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Hello, my name is Tracer Dubberke and I am an 8th-grade student at Epiphany Lutheran School. My family and I have been a part of the Epiphany family since 2014. Pastor Welmer confirmed my sister; Amber and my Mom and Dad went through Epiphany's new member class. My Parents felt at home and closer to Christ the first time they visited this awesome Church. I have played numerous sports here at Epiphany including Soccer, Basketball, and Track. This year, thanks to Mr. Duerr, we had the opportunity to partner with Lutheran North Academy for our Basketball season. I also had the experience of throwing the discus and the shotput under the direction of our Track coach, Mr. Wilke. Both of my coaches taught me that a positive attitude, hard work, and determination would make me a better Christian athlete.

I love being old enough to make a decision to be a part of the Lutheran family forever. My parents instilled my faith at an early age through baptism. I feel that confirmation has deepened my trust and faith in Jesus. Through confirmation, my personal relationship with Christ has strengthened and grown. God has done so much for my family and myself that I want to show Him my faith in all that I do.

In the first commandment, it says, "Thou shall not have no other Gods before me. God is the only one true God." The thing that I value about the first commandment is that it keeps my heart in the right place and keeps my head on the right path. Psalms 139:23-24 says, "search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way." When I read," you should have no other Gods before me," It reminds me of being obedient to God and putting God first in all that I do. I Will adore Him, honor Him and love Him for all the days of my life.

I plan on retaining and growing in my faith through continuous involvement in the Epiphany Lutheran church. I plan on attending youth events, volunteering for the church , and participating in a Youth trip. I plan on going to church each Sunday and taking the time necessary to spend one on one time with him so that our relationship stands strong. I feel that this is the place I need to be in order to do God's work. I am looking forward to participating in VBS this summer to help the church community. I want to stay close to my fellow classmates so as we share Jesus Christ with others and I would like to actively participate in the worship life of this congregation.

I am excited to be confirmed in Epiphany Lutheran church. I know in my heart that my personal relationship with Christ will strengthen and my faith will grow deeper in Him. I would like to thank all of my confirmation teachers Mr.Mcnamara, Mr. Wilke, and Pastor Muchow. I would also like to thank Mrs.Hixon and Ms.Gillett for all the work they "put in" to make confirmation a success. I would like to extend my gratefulness to all the parents for providing and supplying the weekly meals and necessities for my confirmation class. Finally, I would like to thank my family for supporting and encouraging me throughout this confirmation process .

Kinslee Grace Hicks

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hi! My name is Kinslee Grace Hicks. My family and I have been attending Epiphany since I was in Pre-K. I have an older brother who was confirmed at Epiphany as well. I play volleyball for Salyards Middle School and Houston Juniors Volleyball Club. I have loved getting to meet and even become friends with people in the church especially in my confirmation class.

I love having this opportunity to confirm my trust and faith in Jesus, as given when He called me by name and water and word of holy baptism. I am so grateful that we were able to find this family at Epiphany. It has helped my family and I find our way to God and to worship him, and I am thankful for my parents for giving me this opportunity to gain experience about God and what He does for us.

The Lord's Prayer is very well known amongst many religions, even those that may not practice Christianity or attend religious gatherings. In this way, it is a prayer that brings people together and provides a common bond. This prayer is the first prayer that I learned and was able to recite by memory. I find it to be very comforting because each part of the prayer provides a different meaning:

\**Our father who art in heaven* - God is in heaven but He is near to us. \* *hallowed be thy name* - To ask God to be able to worship His name. \* *thy kingdom come* - Our life after death through eternity.

\* *thy will be done* - The believer acknowledges God's freedom, God's responsibility, and God's supernatural being.

\* *on earth as it is in heaven* - We ask God to save us from any unwillingness to learn God's will and

embrace God's kingdom; to save us from choosing our own plans and desires; and to save us from trying to limit the scope of God's purposes. \* *give us this day our daily bread* - Give us the body and blood of Jesus through holy communion.

\**and forgive us our trespasses* - We are asking the Lord to forgive our wrong doings.

\* *as we forgive those who trespass against us* - Helps us forgive others that have wrong doings against us.

*\*lead us not into temptation -* Do not let the devil tempt you.

\* *deliver us from evil* - We are praying for God to protect us from the devil and all his evil works.

\* *for thine is the kingdom* - Heaven is the kingdom we seek.

\* *and the power and the glory* - God has power over all things, and we praise Him and His glory

*\*forever and ever* - We will worship God forever.

As a young adult confirming to follow the Lutheran teachings, I find the Lord's prayer to be a strong representation of the key cornerstones of what it means to be saved by God's grace.

I would love to keep growing in my faith and continue to build my knowledge of God and the Bible by attending Sunday worship on a regular basis, attending youth events. I will also continue to be involved in the many volunteer opportunities that Epiphany has to offer like helping with the easter egg hunt, helping with the Christmas boxes, and setting up any kind of events that provide opportunities to others to learn about the Lutheran religion, so others know the grace of God. We ourselves are sinful beings and it is the death of Jesus that saves us from the consequences of our sins.

Overall, these years of attending Epiphany have been a blessing. I have made so many good memories and would love to make more, thank you.

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Kramer

Proverbs 3:5

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; My name is Kaitlyn Kramer (I often go by K.K.). I've been going to Epiphany for almost three years. The hobby that I enjoy the most is probably drawing, and my favorite sport is volleyball. I play in the school band, and I enjoy listening to music while I'm doing other things.

If I had to explain why I love Jesus I would have to say that unlike me you can find no fault in him. He is perfect in His love, abilities and obedience to His heavenly Father. I love how the Lutheran faith seeks to reveal God's love and grace over the law and punishment.

I chose to illuminate the Lord's supper because it reminds me of how Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross to save us from our sins. But, more than just a representation or symbol, the Lord's Supper is the actual Body and Blood present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. It is a very visible way that Christ keeps His promise to be with us always to the very end of the age. Pastor told us that the Lord's Supper is a Sacrament (a visible sign of Jesus and His forgiveness). He said that it is a way that God assures us that our sins are forgiven. Words can be and often are doubted. God gives us this meal to help us in our doubts to believe that we are loved, forgiven and saved by God. Our church has communion at least every week at one of the two Sunday worship services.

Following confirmation, I will continue to regularly worship, either in person or online. I will assist various food pantries in their distribution of food. I will also seek ways to share my faith with others.

I'm also very grateful to my friends and family for bringing me further into the Lutheran faith. I would like to thank all my teachers, as well. And then, on top of that, I want to thank you for listening to me.

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Lehr

### John 13:7

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

I am Kaitlyn Elizabeth Lehr, I grew up in Houston, TX with my two older siblings, Madison & Jackson. I came to Ephiphany when I was in the 6th grade and started attending church here at the same time. During this time at Epiphany I have grown to love volleyball, basketball and track and hope to play all three in high school. Growing up all I have known was being a Christian. Every Sunday we would go to church and then Sunday school, but after I came to Epiphany I realized that God is much more than just attending church every Sunday. I realize that he is my best friend who I can share anything with, good or bad. I am very thankful for my parents and my Grandma, Gail Lehr, for pushing me and getting me involved in my faith. I chose the Lord's Prayer, because the Lord's Prayer is my mantra for life. It keeps me centered on God and encourages me to think more about others rather than myself and my own selfish desires. It also reminds me that I am part of a community since prayer begins with "Our Father", rather than "My Father".

It is overall a template from God teaching us how to pray and talk to Him. I hope that I never dismiss or neglect prayer, especially the prayer taught by Jesus. As a Lutheran Christian I would like to stay involved with the church, attend youth group, events and Sunday school.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my parents, Andre and Tara Lehr, my siblings and brother-in-law, Luke, my grandma, my best friend Bailey Holik and her family, and Pastor Muchow. I'm really thankful for Pastor Muchow and the ways that he has taught us these last several years. He really has a great way of explaining things for me to understand. Most importantly, I'd like to thank Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior for always being there and forgiving me.

Logan Kai Muchow

Romans 15:13

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I'm Logan Muchow, and I just so happen to be the pastor's kid here at Epiphany. I have been at Epiphany in Houston for my entire life! I was baptized as a baby on August 24, 2008. I have attended Epiphany Lutheran Preschool all the way to 8th grade. If you come to late Worship Service, you can find me in the back of the church working in the sound booth. At home, I have 1 older sibling (Sierra), along with 1 dog (Shiloh), and 3 cats (Indigo, Willow and Cairo). My hobbies include gaming, running, anything technology and playing the saxophone. I plan to attend Concordia Lutheran High School next year where my big sister goes.

My Confirmation Bible Verse focuses on Baptism, and it states, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13. Even though I don't remember my Baptism, I find hope knowing that I am a child of God. I love how I can rely on the works of Jesus alone for my forgiveness and my salvation. Confirmation has taught me that the only thing that I need to get into heaven is to trust in the Lord. Jesus has done everything for me, and that makes me feel relieved that God is here to save me and others.

My middle name is Kai, and it means "ocean" in Hawaiian. Mom and Dad gave me this name as one of God's magnificent things He created on earth. We need water to survive. Water assists in many important functions that our bodies perform every day. It flows through our organs and cells, and this water needs to be clean. Water is also used at Baptism to represent the need for our sins to be washed clean. Even though water is used as a symbol, Lutheran Baptisms are more than a symbol. We believe that there is actual power in the act of God's Word coming together with water in Holy Baptism.

There are many joys that come through a Lutheran understanding of Baptism. Lutherans baptize infants where the infants do absolutely nothing to become baptized or saved. The first Lutheran understanding is that baptizing infants, just like me at one month old, clearly reveals one thing – God's Grace. Secondly, my Baptism is an assurance that all my sins are forgiven, and that I have an eternal place in God's Kingdom. There will be times of doubt and uncertainty regarding my standing before God, but my Baptism assures me that I am His and nothing can remove me from that relationship. That simple certificate that I received August 24, 2008, is more valuable in its messaging than anything in all the world. The God of the Universe has called me and adopted me into His family forever. He did this simply because of His love for me, one of His creations, just like the magnificent oceans. Next, my Baptism is not a sign of my commitment to God, but merely God's commitment to me. With this, my Baptism also unites me with other Christians who have also been adopted into God's family. These Christians help to strengthen my faith to walk with others toward Him. And lastly, the most joy comes from knowing that my Baptism is a promise that I am never alone as the three persons of the Holy Trinity are forever with me!

I am so honored to have been through the three years of Confirmation under Mr. McNamara, Mr. Wilke and Pastor Muchow. I am thankful for all of my religion teachers and pastors from Pre-K to 8th Grade. It has been so fun to grow up in the church here!

After Confirmation, I will continue to grow in faith by coming to worship every Sunday and continuing serving as a Sound Engineer at Epiphany. I plan to join the Elevate Youth Group and volunteer for many youth events. At CLHS, I plan to explore technology options for Worship Arts and going on mission trips. To God be the Glory! And, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you also trust in Him.

Thank you.

Ryker Lee Schenck

John 16:33

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

My name is Ryker Schenck. I have been at Epiphany all my life. I started with pre-school and am now ready to graduate eighth grade. My older sister, Regan, went before me and she is now a senior at Concordia Lutheran High School... the same school I will be attending next year. My other sister, Rylee, is in third grade at Epiphany. I love fish and learning about fish, especially those in fish tanks. I also enjoy history and some of the interesting facts I learn from it. I also love to play sports. I have played basketball, track, and soccer for Epiphany.

At Epiphany, I have learned many things, but I most enjoy learning about and discussing Jesus...it is just like pastor says, "Everything points to Jesus." I love having faith and trust in Jesus as He is an unbreakable pillar for my life. When I need Him, I can lean on Him. I am ever grateful to the many people God has placed in my life to help me with my faith. Thanks go to my parents, my classmates and especially pastor for helping me see God more clearly.

One of the chief six parts of Luther's Catechism that I wanted to focus on tonight is the Apostles' Creed. I chose the creed because although I say it every Sunday, often not reflecting on its depths regarding God's love and character. Luther's description really helps me see the importance of the creed in my faith as a Lutheran Christian. It reveals how God the Father created me, how God the Son saved me from my sins being punished, and how God the Holy Spirit continues to help my faith and walk in Jesus.

After I am confirmed, I want to continue growing. I will attend youth events. I will help with the food pantry. I also want to help our church's youth group, especially in planning youth events and activities. I try to read the Bible every day and will hopefully get more regular and consistent as I strive to become closer to God. I will continue worshiping on Sundays with my family. I will also continue learning about Jesus, as there are so many people are misinformed about what the Bible truly teaches. I would like to give thanks to my friends, Logan and Tracer who as long as I remember have been here with Epiphany with me. I would also like to thank my parents, teachers, and especially Pastor Muchow. In conclusion I really want to help out more with events at the church and also want to grow in my faith here. Epiphany has always been my home and that will not change.

Hannah Elizabeth Tew

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

My name is Hannah Elizabeth Tew. My first name means "Grace of God". I was named this because I was my parent's rainbow baby. I've been at Epiphany Lutheran since 4th Grade, but I only started to go to church here at the beginning of 6th grade. In my free time, I enjoy baking, playing volleyball, and most significantly CrossFit training. I enjoy doing CrossFit because I can challenge my physical limits and enjoy the benefits of hard work.

I am grateful that in a world where everybody is so different, all Christians can still share the belief in God. God's grace is the same for everyone; He is dependable. Psalm 107:20 says, "God will not do anything without His word". I think that this verse is a good example of how God's word is so incredibly strong and powerful, a firm foundation to stand on. God's foundation will never crumble and His support and love is the same for everyone.

As I reflect on Luther's 6 Chief Parts in the Catechism, I find myself thankful for the bible and thankful that we believe in truths found in this book. We know that this book is without errors. Over time, people have tried to prove God's word wrong, but His word always holds up... victorious! Scripture is inspired or made by God; it is God's method of teaching us what is true and it helps us realize our continual need for Jesus, as we are stricken with Sin. God's Word is understood as containing words of Law (that reveal our sinfulness) and words of Gospel (words that reveal how God works for us, saving us from our sins). Knowing the differences between the Law and the Gospel help us better understand God's ways He wants us to speak and do works in His Name.

Throughout my years at Epiphany, I have helped with various events each year; Boo Bash, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas boxes, etc. After my confirmation, I would like to continue to take part in these events and many more. The events that the church hosts not only help me to give back to my community but also help me to connect with my colleagues outside of school and church.

I am so very thankful for the opportunity that I was given to be a part of the 2023 confirmation class. Over the last 3 years, I have made friendships and learned so many lessons that I hope to use for the rest of my life.

Thank you.

Brooklyn Marie Tharp

Romans 5:3-4

3 Not only so, but we[a] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Hello, my name is Brooklyn and my family and I have been at Epiphany ever since my parents got married in 2005. I have two siblings, an older brother and a younger brother. One of my favorite hobbies is hanging out with friends. I also enjoy participating in volleyball and swimming. I love to listen to music and I am in my school's choir.

I enjoy knowing that Jesus is guiding me in life and that He is going to lead me to great things. I am so grateful to my parents and grandparents for raising me in the church and keeping me on the path of Christ Jesus. I love listening to God's word every Sunday and hearing about the life that He wants me to live.

The Lord's prayer helps us Lutherans know that God is always with us no matter what and that the Lord's prayer guides us every time we say it and shows us how to be in our daily lives. First, it reveals a spiritual world where God, the Father is most holy and awesome and His Name is to be praised, not misused. It reminds me that everything in my life needs to make way for the true Kingdom...God's coming Kingdom. It reminds me that I am here to do God's will rather than my own will. It reminds me in the "daily bread" that God looks after all the things that I need to daily live in this world. It reminds me that life and living life in Christ involves forgiving others what they have done. This is the chief teaching of the Bible. God wants us to display it to the world. It reminds me that temptation is a regular thing with Christians and the devil and his evil are not to be dealt with on my own.

I will continue growing in my faith by attending Sunday services and helping out at the church in any way possible. I will also try to be closer with God through more involvement in our church's youth group.

I would like to thank my parents and Josh, Mr. Wilke, and pastor Muchow for being great teachers and teaching memory about God and about the Bible. Ya'll's class have also really helped me to get closer with the Lord Jesus Christ. In conclusion, I would really like to see where church and my faith might take me in the future.

Elijah Samuel Williams

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hello, my name is Elijah. I'm an aspiring musician and part-time artist. I plan to work at McDonald's for my first job while doing streaming part-time and move to Canada when I can. Now, I know what you want to see me talk about, why I like God and Jesus and stuff like that, so I'm gonna skip ahead a bit for you.

Now, I like God<sup>™</sup> because, well, He is the creator of everything. Nothing is not made by God and everything that may be considered as such has ingredients made by Him, so if God wasn't here, I wouldn't be here, and that wouldn't be very nice, would it. Now, another thing I like about Him is, Heaven, just imagine a realm where you can do anything, meet the Creator Himself and ask questions about everything that makes you confused. Now, that might sound crazy to some people and that brings me to my next point. The craziness of what He does: a huge flood; making Jesus both God and human; how we share sixty percent of our DNA with bananas. It's like, how does he come up with these ideas, does he just hit "random" with his powers and see what sticks? And for my final point, he made Pluto, that's pretty cool, Pluto's pretty cool.

Now, Pastor said to pick one of the chief parts and show how the Lutheran Catechism enhances my understanding of God's teachings and ways. The chief part I chose was the Ten Commandments. What I really enjoy about this part of the Catechism is how it reveals what God said and gives meaning to what He said. I really appreciate how the Catechism shows what each commandment means, not only negatively, but also positively.

At one time, before sin, all these commandments were possible. But, due to original sin (the sin condition given all of us through Adam), the commandments confront us, revealing our sins and accusing us. Luther's Catechism begins with the 10 Commandments in order to help us see our need for Jesus, our Savior. Only Jesus perfectly kept all those commandments and allowed Himself to be sacrificed on our behalf. The 10 Commandments both, accuse us and curb our behavior. However, when we have the Holy Spirit, given through our faith in Jesus, we can also use the 10 Commandments as a guide to help us better love God and others. From all this, you might be wondering "What will you do to continue your faith", and what I think I'll do is try to come to church more often, continue in my weekly bible studies, learn more about God and assist in youth events to help the kids learn about God's great ways. That'll be all from me, my name is Elijah and this paper has come to a close. God bless you all.

Keegan Nikolas Younger



Joshua 1:9

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Hi, my name is Keegan Younger. I had stayed at this very church & school for 7 ½ years. I have no siblings, which is boring but fun at the same time, and some of my hobbies & passions are Basketball, Video games, and God. I do not play any sports as of now, but I play basketball in my driveway a lot. I really like music with some of my favorite artists being Tyler, the creator, and Travis Scott. To me, Religion is a deeply personal and intimate part of people's lives. It provides a sense of purpose, hope, and meaning, and often serves as a guiding force for one's values and morality. For this reason, I believe that I should be confirmed into a religion. In this paper, I will explore the reasons why being confirmed into Lutheran Christianity is important to me.

The first reason why I believe that I am meant to be confirmed into Lutheran Christianity is that it provides me with a sense of community. Christianity is a way for people to connect with others through Jesus who share similar beliefs and values. By being confirmed into Christianity, I become a part of a larger community of people who are also seeking spiritual guidance and support. This sense of community makes me feel less alone in my spiritual journey and provides me with a support system that I can rely on. I especially love having this opportunity with the community, to confirm my trust and faith in Jesus, as given when He called me by name in the water and word of Holy Baptism.

Secondly, being confirmed into Christianity provides me with a sense of purpose. Christianity often encourages its followers to use their skills and talents to serve others and work towards the betterment of society. By participating in religious activities and following the teachings of Jesus, I feel like I am making a positive impact on the world and contributing to a greater good.

Finally, being confirmed into Christianity provides me with a sense of personal growth and fulfillment. I will grow in faith, by doing daily devotions, and studying the bible regularly, as well as going to church every Sunday that I can, while spreading the word of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Out of the six Chief Parts I have a special spot for the Apostle's Creed. The way the Catechism describes and words the creed is just special to me. I love the way it tells a mini story about Jesus' time here on Earth and what he has done for us. I also love that it lets us know that we are stating our beliefs while we are saying the Creed, as to remind us Jesus is our Savior and will always be by our side.

Religious teachings often encourage followers to reflect on their actions and beliefs, and to strive for self-improvement. By being confirmed into Christianity, I am committing to a journey of self-discovery and personal growth. This journey includes confronting and addressing my own weaknesses and shortcomings, and striving to become a better person through & with God.

In conclusion, I believe that being confirmed into Lutheran Christianity is an important step in my spiritual journey and life in general. It provides me with a sense of community, .purpose, and personal growth that is essential to my personal and spiritual well-being. By committing to Lutheran Christianity, and embracing its teachings, I am able to live a more fulfilling and meaningful life with God.

I would like to say Thank you to, Pica and Dzia Dzia, as well as my mother and father, And a very special thank you to this very church and school, teaching me the ways of Jesus and Christianity as a whole through, Pastor Muchow & Pastor Leeland, who did so Through Christ.

Thank you



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