

**THE AFFIRMATION OF HOLY BAPTISM
CONFIRMATION DAY
St. John Lutheran Church
Joliet, Illinois
Sunday, August 21, 2022**



5:30 Confirmands

Nadia Christina Megan Kardadi (8-13-22)
Harleyquinn Elli Piekosz (8-20-22)

8:30 Confirmands

Owen Anthony Cortese
Bridget Colleen Kemp
Richard LeRoy Korczak, III
Azriela Brianne Kruspe
Marianne Leigh Thomas

11:00 Confirmands

Meranda Rose Abate
Allison Grace Bishop
Helena Susan Bishop
Nathan Alexander Clark
Madison Nicole Duke
Evan James McDonald
Faith Constance McDonald
D'Angelo Eric McKay
Gracie Violet Mitchell

The confirmands are invited forward around the altar rail, facing the pastors.

Pastor: Today we celebrate those who are taking another step in their faith journey. Confirmands, this is a passage into adulthood unlike others you will experience, for it is surrounded by the Body of Christ as expressed in the community of this congregation. On this important day, we ask God's blessing on you and on the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

In Christian love, your parents presented you for Holy Baptism. In your baptism, sacred promises were made, and we now ask you to renew the covenant your parents made on your behalf. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people and worship,
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 person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support our confirmands and pray for them in their life in Christ, if so, please answer "we do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The pastor addresses the confirmands and the congregation:

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, please answer, "I renounce them."

People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so, please answer, "I renounce them."

People: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, please answer, "I renounce them."

People: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Pastor: Will the parents and sponsors and the young people before us today please come forward?

As the parents/sponsors move forward, the pastor may say:

Pastor: You presented your children for holy baptism. As parents and godparents of these young people, it was part of your calling to see that the promises of baptism were kept. You have fulfilled those promises.

Let us pray...

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to the newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them 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. Amen.

We now ask you to join us in the laying on of hands, that these confirmands may receive God's blessing.

Each confirmand receives a Bible verse, a certificate, and the laying on of hands by pastors, parents, and godparents/representatives:

Let us pray...

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen.

Presentation of Gift

After all confirmands receive the laying on of hands and a wooden cross, the pastor may say:

Pastor: Through God's work, these confirmands have affirmed their intention to live in the covenant of baptism. We rejoice with you and give thanks and praise to God proclaiming the good news to all the world.

Let us rejoice with our siblings in Christ!

The pastors lead the congregation in acclamation and applause.