

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City OH**  
**May 22, 2022      11:00 a.m.**

L We present the following students, who will publicly affirm their baptism today:

Dylan Rinehart Allman  
Isabella Marie Castle  
Eva Pearl Harris  
Matthew Steven Johnston-Kline  
Matthew Jeremy Little  
James Andrew McFarland  
Grace Morlan Nixon

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters, 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 in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C Amen**

*The congregation will please stand.*

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C I renounce them.**

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**

*The confirmands remain standing. The rest of the congregation may be seated.*

*The pastor addresses the confirmands.*

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 confirmand, in turn, responds:*  
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

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

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

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

**C Amen**

*At the altar rail, each confirmand makes his/her faith statement.  
The confirmand kneels, his/her family lays their hands upon him/her,  
and the following prayer is said:*

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

**C Amen**

*After all confirmands have returned to their seats with their families,  
the pastor continues with the following:*

P Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The congregation affirms the confirmands with applause.*