

**Order for Affirmation of Baptism**  
*Confirmation Service*  
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## PRESENTATION

*A representative of the congregation presents the candidates:*

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: Emily Tantillo, Lucy Tantillo, Will Davenport.

P Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P 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?

R I renounce them.

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

R I renounce them.

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

R I renounce them.

*The congregation is invited to join in the affirmation of 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.**

*Please be seated*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie and Jonathan Glenner), and **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke). Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Kat David, Jacob Gombar** (cousin and uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencls), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Tobey Lannert** (sister-in-law of Carol Duprey), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Gary Ringham** (friend of Nila and Arnie Bilstad), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), **Jean Goodale, Sandy Sturt, and Alex Trachtenberg** (friends of the Roehls). Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF INTENT**

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 answers in turn.*

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

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.**

## **THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*In turn, each confirmand comes forward. Their Bible verse is read for the laying on of hands.*

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [*name*] 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.

*Each person answers:*

R **Amen.**

*When all have been blessed, the following prayer is offered:*

P Let us pray:

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this young man and these young women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to 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.

C **Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

**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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.*

*The service continues with the offering on page 11 of the Sunday bulletin.*

## **Congratulations to Our Confirmands**

We celebrate the RITE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM with Will Davenport, Emily Tantillo, and Lucy Tantillo as they are confirmed in their faith and accept responsibility for full participation in the life and work of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible verse they have each selected for this day are listed following their name.

### **Emily Tantillo**

*“You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

*— Matthew 22:37*

### **Lucy Tantillo**

*“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

*— Matthew 22:39*

### **Will Davenport**

*“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.”*

*— Joshua 1:9*





Please congratulate and greet our confirmands after the service today as we welcome them into the full life of the congregation and look forward to their continued ministry with and among us.