

CONFIRMATION

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Four Questions

- What does it mean to be a Christian?
- What does it mean to be a Lutheran?
- What does it mean to be the church?
- What does it mean to be a member of this congregation?

A. Baptism (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

B. Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

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?

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

C. Growing Disciples (Teach the Faith Initiative, ELCA)

The invited become followers,
followers become learners,
learners become ministers,
ministers become living examples,
living examples become witnesses,
disciples become leaders,

D. Faith Practices (Teach the Faith Initiative, ELCA)

Pray, Study, Worship, Invite, Encourage, Serve, Give

E. FaithFive (Faith Inkubators)

Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless

F. Four Keys for Practicing Faith (Vibrant Faith)

Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions

G. Five Principles of a Vibrant Church (Vibrant Faith)

- + Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal trusted relationships—often in our own homes.
- + The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home.
- + Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too.
- + Faith is caught more than taught.
- + If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults.