

*In confirmation we learned that a creed is a statement of belief. We say the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed together as a church. Here is a creed the confirmation students put together for their own group.*

**WE BELIEVE...**

**God loves us all unconditionally – humans are not perfect.**

**Jesus is our savior who helped many people.**

**God and Jesus always do things for a reason.**

**We should admit our sins.**

**We are called to put good into the world.**

**Jesus is everywhere.**

**God knows everything because God created the World.**

**The church is not the building. It is the people.**

**In kindness and being thoughtful toward others.**

**In the forgiveness of our sins**

**We are called to forgive our own sins and the sins of others.**

## CONFIRMATION 2021

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

#### **PRESENTATION**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Olivia Knapp, Beau Lee, Joshua Schwalbe, Rocket Streich, & Evan Tomasulo one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Olivia, Beau, Joshua, Rocket & Evan 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.

**Amen.**

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

*The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

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?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses Olivia, Beau, Joshua, Rocket & Evan and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister addresses Olivia, Beau, Joshua, Rocket & Evan making public affirmation of baptism.*

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 person responds:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support Olivia, Beau, Joshua, Rocket & Evan and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

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.

*The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:*

Stir up in Olivia, Beau, Joshua, Rocket & Evan the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
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, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*  
Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**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.**

## Confirmands

### OLIVIA KNAPP

**Revelation 3:11 I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.**

As I want to be a part of the church because it is more than just being a part of a community to me. To me it means having people who can support you, guide you, and help you in times of need. It means to have hope and faith in God. God can help you find hope and love in times of darkness and need. As a member of the church I can help others with their spiritual journey and connection to God.



### BEAU LEE

**Jeremiah 29:11 “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.”**

I chose this quote because it reminds me that better times are always ahead. The verse is saying that God will always have a plan for you, so even if something bad is happening, there will always be something better in the future. I want to be confirmed so I can help others see the light of God. The reason I want to be a part of a church community is so I can learn more about the will of God, and spread peace and kindness. I want to thank Pastor Schwalbe for everything that she has done for me and for helping me to understand what it means to be a part of the church community.



## **JOSHUA SCHWALBE**

**Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

My name is Joshua Schwalbe and I would like to be confirmed. I would like to be confirmed because I would like to join the church community. Joining the church community is important to me because I have been going to church all of my life and I want to join a community that believes in God and Jesus. Not many people around me that are not in the church community believe in God and even if they do very very few of them actually go to church consistently and most do not enjoy going like I do. Also especially in these times we need normalcy and being in the church community gives me a sense of comfort. Also church gives me the opportunity to be with and talk to other people which is especially important now and I feel like that will carry on even after COVID. That is why I would like to be confirmed.

## **ROCKET STREICH**

**Psalm 43:3 O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

My Lutheran journey has been a wild ride. I've been at LCR for my entire life, and as a result of that, the faith and its ideals have grown on me. During this past year, I was very skeptical if there was even a God in the first place, as Coronavirus affected everyone's life. But, once in-person services started back up, I felt a resurgence in my devotion to the Christian faith. And for that, I thank Jesus.



## **EVAN TOMASULO**

**Joshua 1:9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."**

I strongly believe in God and Jesus. I love that God created humanity and loves all people. I want to be loyal to God and Jesus and show that I love them, too. I am really looking forward to being confirmed.