

Faith Statement

Due Date

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 8:00 PM. We will gather from 8:00 to 8:30 to hand in faith statements, sign up for interviews with Pastor Rick and Anne and get your material for stoles. Parents are invited to attend.

Instructions

- Type your answers to the questions below using Times New Roman or Arial, 12 pt, double spaced.
- Use complete sentences when answering the questions below.
- Your faith statement should be at least three full pages and no more than five pages.
- This is YOUR faith statement. While it's important to get ideas from parents, guides and friends this paper should reflect what YOU think!

1 Affirming your Baptism

Part of Confirmation is affirming (saying YES) your baptism, the day you became God's child.

- What day were you baptized?

2 Confirmation Bible Verse

Picking a Bible verse for Confirmation is about finding a verse that reflects your life as it is now or as you hope it will be as you grow older.

- What is your Bible verse?
- Why did you choose this verse for your confirmation verse?

3 The Promises I Will Make

On the day of your Confirmation, you will make the following promises before God and the Congregation:

- *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 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?*

- These promises are signs that a person is following Jesus and is trying to live a life of discipleship. Please state what each of these promises means to you and how you intend to keep the promises.
- Which of these will be more difficult to keep? Why will it be hard?

4 I believe in God the Father

- Who is God to you?
 - What do you believe and know about God today?
 - How do you know God?
 - How and when is God most real to you?
 - Why do we describe God as a parent?
- Look up Matthew 22:34-40; what two commands does Jesus give us?
 - What would it look like if we followed Jesus' rules?

5 I believe in God the Son

- Who is Jesus to you?
 - What do you believe and know about Jesus today?
 - What makes Jesus special?
 - What makes him human? What makes him divine?
 - What was Jesus' purpose on earth?
 - Why did Jesus die?
 - What happened after Jesus died?
 - Who helped you learn about Jesus and your faith? How did they help?
- Read Genesis 3; what is sin?
 - How do you know when a thought or action is sinful?
 - What can you do about your sins?

6 I believe in God the Holy Spirit

Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed can help you answer these questions. It can be found in your Lutheran Handbook.

- Who is the Holy Spirit to you?
 - What does the Holy Spirit do?
 - How do we know the Holy Spirit exists?
 - What is the Holy Spirit's purpose in your life?

- What did Luther mean when he wrote in the explanation of the third article that “I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel?”

7 Christian Living

- The Bible
 - Why do we have the Bible?
 - Who wrote it?
 - Why should it be a guide for our lives?
 - What are the differences between the Old and New Testaments?
 - What is one of your favorite Bible stories and why?
- The Sacraments
 - What does your Baptism mean to you and why is it important?
 - What does Holy Communion mean to you and why is it important?
- The Church
 - What do you believe about the Christian Church? What is the church’s purpose?
 - What is the purpose of worship?
 - How important is it to be part of a worshipping community?
 - What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
 - Is there a difference between being a disciple of Jesus and a member of a church?
- Prayer
 - Do you pray?
 - How often?
 - When do you pray?
 - Is prayer easy or difficult?
 - Why do you or don’t you pray?
- Life after Death
 - What about life after death? What do you believe today?

8 Questions

- Please list at least three questions that you have about God, the Bible, faith or life.

Staying Connected after Confirmation

Name: _____

I would like to txt msgs about Youth Group, here's my #: _____

I'm on Facebook, invite me to be part of the Youth Group page.

What I do about my beliefs

Because I believe, I want my life to show it. I will commit myself to do the following (be honest!)

I will worship _____ times a month. (i.e. every Sunday would be 4 times a month).

I will take Holy Communion _____ times a month. (i.e. we offer communion at worship twice a month).

To assist in the work of God through Holy Trinity I will share \$_____ in offering. Alternatively, when I get a job I want to share _____% of my income.

God's Work, Our Hands

Being a Christian looks like a lot of things. We learn, serve, worship and fellowship together. Which of these interest you? If you sign up below we will contact you!

I want to be part of Youth Group:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> on Wednesday nights for Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> on Sunday mornings for Bible Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> when we go on Summer Mission Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> when we go on trips during the year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> when we serve others | <input type="checkbox"/> when we lead Easter worship |

I want to be part of Worship:

- I want to play an instrument in worship: _____
- I want to sing in church
- I will usher at _____ worship (Please list which worship time you prefer)
- I will be a greeter at _____ worship.
- I will be a Scripture reader at _____ worship.
- I will be a Communion server at _____ worship.
- I will be a sound tech or power point person at _____ worship.

I want to be a part of leading children:

- I would like to teach Church School.
- I would like to help with VBS.
- I would like to help in the nursery.
- I would like to help with Confirmation.

Other ways to serve:

Please list any other ways you would like to be part of Holy Trinity's mission in the world!

Do you have a great idea of something we should do here at church? Write it down below!