

Some Guidance for the  
Confirmation Final Project  
Your Statement of Faith  
Grace Lutheran Church  
2018

Confirmation is a significant “mile marker” on your journey of faith that began with your baptism. But it is not the end! You are still growing and maturing, and by the grace of God your faith will also continue to grow and mature in the years to come.

The tradition at Grace is for each person being confirmed to present a Statement of Faith in front of the congregation on one of the Sundays leading up to your Confirmation on October 28 at the single 9:30 service. This will be Reformation Sunday. In fact, this is the 501<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

On October 29 you will be asked to “Profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.” Professing your faith in Christ Jesus means declaring publicly that you trust his promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Rejecting sin means opposing the forces, attitudes, and acts that separate you from God’s good intentions for you and for the world. Confessing the faith of the church means saying “yes” to the faith into which you were baptized and claiming it as your own. To say it another way, you will be claiming the faith of the church as your own.

Here’s what you will promise, which can be thought of in three parts, indicated by the bracketed numbers:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to [1] continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- [2] to live among God’s faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
- [3] 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?

Your statement of faith should have 3 parts.

1. Write about how you understand the covenant God made with you in holy baptism, and then what this means to you personally. You may use one or more of the following to help you personalize your statement of faith, but you are not limited to these – they’re just ideas to help get you thinking and writing.
  - a. How you would describe your faith to someone who knew nothing about the church.
  - b. An event that you were a part of that shaped your faith.
  - c. A person who has been an influence on your faith journey so far and the lessons they have taught you.
  - d. Important memories you have of Grace Lutheran Church and why they are important to you.

2. Write about how, specifically, you plan to “live among God’s faithful people” – that is, how do you see yourself participating in the life of the church after your Confirmation?
3. Write about how, specifically, you plan live out your faith outside of the walls of the church. In other words, what will it mean for you to follow the example of Jesus in your daily life in these areas: proclaiming the good news, serving all people and striving for justice and peace?

Your statement should be between 200 and 400 words long, with half of your statement spent on the first section. Send your finished statement to Caitlyn ([gracelife@gracelutherancu.org](mailto:gracelife@gracelutherancu.org)) no later than October 7. Sooner is better. Statements will be present to the congregation on October 14 and 21.

One other item of business. As I have indicated previously, I would like you to memorize the explanation to the 3rd article of the Apostles Creed (p. 1394 in your “Colaborate” Bible). You may come to any Confirmation class between now and October 24 to write that out from memory (and you can leave when you’re done.)

Please feel free to e-mail me ([pastor@gracelutherancu.org](mailto:pastor@gracelutherancu.org)) or Caitlyn with any questions about this or talk to one of us in person at church.

✂ Pastor Repp and Caitlyn