

*The Worship Service is opened with a Processional Hymn.
Please stand for the Processional Hymn,
during which the Pastor and Confirmer(s) proceed to their seats.*

Processional Hymn: 341, *Jesus, lead Thou on*

After the hymn following the Sermon.

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

Rebekah please come forward.

M: Rebekah Ruth Rosenzweig:

You have been baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and so you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made a member of His holy Church.

According to our Lord's command, you have been instructed in the Word of God and led to know His will. It is fitting therefore that you should, before God and this congregation, make a public confession of your faith and affirm the covenant made by God with you at your baptism. I therefore ask you;

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian Congregation, renew and confirm the solemn covenant, which at your Baptism, your sponsors made in your place?

R: Yes, I do

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R: Yes, I do.

M: Do you believe in the God the Father?

R: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

R: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

M: Do you desire to be a communicant member of our Evangelical Lutheran Church?

R: Yes, I do.

M: Do you hold all the books of Holy Scripture, of both the Old and the New Testaments, to be God's revealed Word, and the doctrine of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from these books, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther, to be true and correct?

R: Yes, I do.

M: Do you also intend to continue steadfast in this confession and suffer all, even death, rather than to fall away from it?

R: Yes, I do so intend, with the help of God.

M: Do you finally, intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the Divine Word, conduct yourself as befits the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed, remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?

R: Yes, I do so intend, by the grace of God.

M: What you have confessed and solemnly promised here before God and these witnesses, now promise at the Lord's altar also, giving your hand as pledge of your promise.

M: *Rebekah, kneel down, make your confirmation vow, and receive the Lord's blessing.*

R: I renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways. I dedicate myself to the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to be true to You in faith and in obedience unto my end. Amen.

The minister lays his hands on the confirmed and says the blessing

M: The Father in heaven for Jesus' sake renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, for your strengthening in faith, for your growth in grace, for your patience in suffering, and for the blessed hope of eternal life.

R: Amen.

The confirmed stand.

The minister greets each with the verse on the certificate and presents the confirmation certificate and gift.

The minister addresses the congregation.

M: Let us pray.

The congregation stands.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father: We thank and praise you for making your Son Jesus Christ known to Rebekah through the Gospel. Continue to enlighten and strengthen her through Your Holy Spirit, so that she may grow in faith, in reverence for You and in knowledge of You.

Let nothing ever undermine her faith or lead her away from the truth which she has confessed today.

Give her power to bear the fruits of faith and to stand firm until the great day of victory, when all who have fought the good fight of faith will receive the crown of glory - through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

M: Rebekah, I now admit you to the fellowship of the Lord's Table, and invite you to participate in its privileges, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great King and Head of the Church.

The minister addresses the congregation.

M: Dear congregation, Rebekah has confessed her faith in your presence. Receive her as a confirmed member of this congregation. Remember her in your prayers, set her a good example, and care for her well being, so that she may remain faithful to her Lord and finally receive from Him the crown of eternal life.

M: The God of peace sanctify you wholly and keep your soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: 301, *Take Thou my hand and lead me*

This is followed by the offertory and general prayer.