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## What is Confirmation?

In the Large Catechism Martin Luther said:

***Baptism remains forever. Even though we fall from it and sin, nevertheless we always have access to it.***



Confirmation is a \_\_\_\_\_ and to the promises made at the font by/for you and by God.

What is a font?

Confirmation is properly known as \_\_\_\_\_ because it is a service where a person verifies their belief and faith for themselves. If you were baptized as a baby, your parents and sponsors spoke on your behalf to say they would bring you up to the best of their ability in a life of faith.

When you come to be confirmed, this time **you** will be saying “**YES!**” on your own behalf to do you best to learn, grow, serve, and live as a child of God.

**Soooo – Confirmation really began at the Font when you were baptized!**

## Let's Look at Baptism

In the order of service for Baptism several things happen:

1. Your parents/guardians agree to have you baptized (or a person speaks on their own behalf if they are an adult.)
2. Sponsors (sometimes called "godparents") commit to supporting the person to be baptized.
3. Parents/guardians make several promises before God that include:



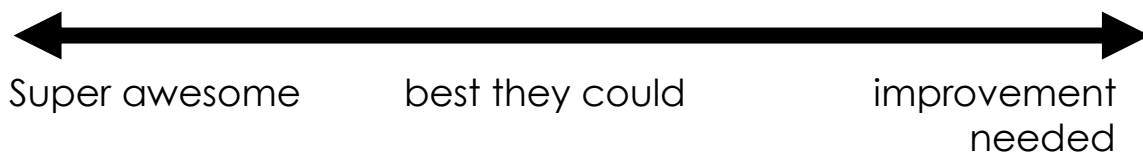
## Our Promises

1. To live with them among God's faithful people
2. Bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
3. Teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
4. Place in their hands the holy scriptures,
5. And nurture them in faith and prayer

so that your children may:

6. Learn to trust God,
7. Proclaim Christ through word and deed,
8. Care for others and the world God made,
9. And work for justice and peace.

### How have your parents done so far?



# God's Promises

What promises does God make to you?

1. Free us from sin and death,
2. Join us to Jesus Christ (we belong!)
3. Makes us Children of God (we have a family,)
4. Made members of the church (aka the body of Christ,)
5. To help us grow in faith, love, and obedience.

What do you think about these promises?

Then we say 3 Great **NOS** and 3 great **YSES**

## We say NO to:

All the forces that defy God.

The powers of this world that rebel against God.

The ways of sin that draw us from God

## We say YES to:

I believe in God the Father,

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Next is a 500 year old prayer called **“The Flood Prayer:”**

*We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

What do you hear in this?

**Then the person is baptized in the name of**

**The Father**

**The Son**

and

**The Holy Spirit**



**They are gifted with 2 things in the service:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Why?**

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Why?**

**When you are confirmed you will speak for yourself to make these promises before God! You won't be baptized again, but "affirmed" in your baptism.**