

Living Out Your Personal Faith Statement

Life's Choices

In the Affirmation of Baptism service you will ask God to help and guide you to do five things in your continuing journey of faith. Discuss each one. (These are found on page 237 of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.)

"Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to....."

1. "LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE"

Who are "God's faithful people"? _____

Why is this important? _____

How will I "live among God's faithful people"? _____

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2. "HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER"

To me the most important thing about going to church is _____

Why is going to Holy Communion regularly necessary for a Christian?

How will I hear God's Word and share in the Lord's supper regularly?

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3. "PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED"

Agree or disagree: "Every Christian is a witness to Christ." Why do you agree or disagree? _____

How is your Baptism "good news" to you? _____

How will I proclaim *God's Good News* through my words and deeds?

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4. "SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS"

Name some ways that Jesus was an example of a servant.

Why is serving important? _____

How will I serve people following the example of Jesus?

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5. "STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH"

Give examples of ways that Christians are doing this now. _____

Why is this important? _____

How will I do this striving in "my own backyard"? _____

How will I do this "in all the earth"? _____

In the service of Affirmation of Baptism, you are INVITED to respond to these statements by saying, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me." It's another way of saying, "Count me in!" You are counted in as a person ready to participate in the life and mission of the church. It's your decision and you make it, asking for God's continued help and guidance.