

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION
Forgive Your Brother from the Heart



September 13, 2020

Sun. 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12 p.m. YouTube

AS WE GATHER

Forgiveness is filled with questions. How often must I forgive? Is there a limit to the grace of forgiveness? What is the connection between God's forgiveness to me and my forgiveness to others? The answer to these questions lies in Christ. As our heavenly Father has forgiven us, so do we forgive one another in His name. This forgiveness is clearly and beautifully shown in the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and then forgave them because of God's mercy.

✘ **PREPARATION** ✘

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

LSB #837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied tree,
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain

Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. (Refrain.)
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain.)

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence for self-examination.]

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

(At the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph reassured his brothers that he forgave them and recognized the hand of God at work in their lives.)

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1–12

(If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the

one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

All: Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

(How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[The Gospel is read.]

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." This is the Word of the Lord. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN "Thine Forever, God of Love"

LSB #687



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav' n-ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.
All our sins by Thee for-giv' n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav' n.

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SERMON "Judgement"

Sermon Text: Romans 14:1-12

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

CONFIRMATION ADDRESS

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

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, died and was 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.

P 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.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R I do.

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R I do.

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R: I do, by the grace of God.

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

R: I do, by the grace of God.

P: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB #496



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB #606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'ers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, Your children, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Christ Be My Leader"



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Preacher and Liturgist: Rev. Timothy Seabaugh
Worship Music led by: DPM Jacob Erdman
Sound and video: DCE David Stuckwisch

Thank you to all who helped with the service today, your help is always appreciated.

Below are the names and confirmation verses of all our 2020 Confirmands.

Confirmation Class of 2020

8:00 a.m. Service

Elaine Lillian Laurent daughter of Eric and Suzanne Laurent

Sponsors: Scott & Lori Van Ess

Mackenzie Lee Bartel daughter of Michael and Jennifer Bartel

Sponsors: Wendy Melzer and Holly Rodriguez

Tatum Irene Beggs daughter of Mark and Jodi Beggs

Sponsors: Sarah Lee and Brad Gotz

Logan Steven Salzmann son of Justin and Leah Salzmann

Sponsors: Matt Juno and Erin Zutz

Emily Makayla DeBrue daughter of Greg and Dathi DeBrue

Sponsors: Brian Schefe and Cheryl Schefe

Jadyn Leslie Dietrich daughter of Gregg and Kelly Dietrich

Sponsors: Tracy Kupsh, Jill Westrich and Rob Westrich

Carter Jeffrey Theis son of Adam and Rachel Theis

Sponsors: Annie Simon and Josh Theis

Ryan Matthew Halada son of Matthew Halada and Allison Ruhland

Sponsors: DJ Drayna and Jennifer Granada

Madelyn Ann Heisler daughter of Joshua and Heather Heisler

Sponsors: Chrissy Haldiman, Mark Schneider and Hattie Marvin

Casey William Krueger son of Brian and Linda Krueger

Sponsors: Todd Krueger, Connie Knospe and Alec Otto

10:30 a.m. Service

Sophia Grace LaNou daughter of Troy and Liz LaNou

Sponsors: Robert LaNou, Jessy Horn and Erin Sarauer

Landon Ray Martin son of Corey and Sarah Martin

Sponsors: David Diemel and Tina Krueger

Natalie Jean Nettekoven daughter of Brian and Kelly Nettekoven

Sponsors: Gina Krueger and Kevin Krueger

Jacob Ronald Nigbor son of Joshua and Krista Nigbor

Sponsors: Ann Boehnen and Tim Nigbor

Campbell Madison Roberts daughter of Cameron and Michelle Roberts

Sponsors: Kevin & Denise Stanton, Nathan Roberts and Morgan Bussian

Emily Diane Rohr daughter of John and Kristy Rohr

Sponsors: Tracy Vassallo, Dawn Doperalski and Jesse Rohr

Emma Grace Marjorie Curtin daughter of Steve and Mary Curtin

Sponsors: Jackson Curtin, Kellie Curtin and Michael Curtin

Sophia Ann Schiltz daughter of Jason and Charity Schiltz

Sponsors: Jamie Lynn Stammer, Josh Paholke and Jeremy Paholke

Adrianna Grace Gerard daughter of Bruce and Laurie Steinike

Sponsors: Chris & Abbie Steinike

Marley Jadin Van Domelen daughter of Richard and Carmen Van Domelen

Sponsors: Lana Fieck and Michael Van Domelen

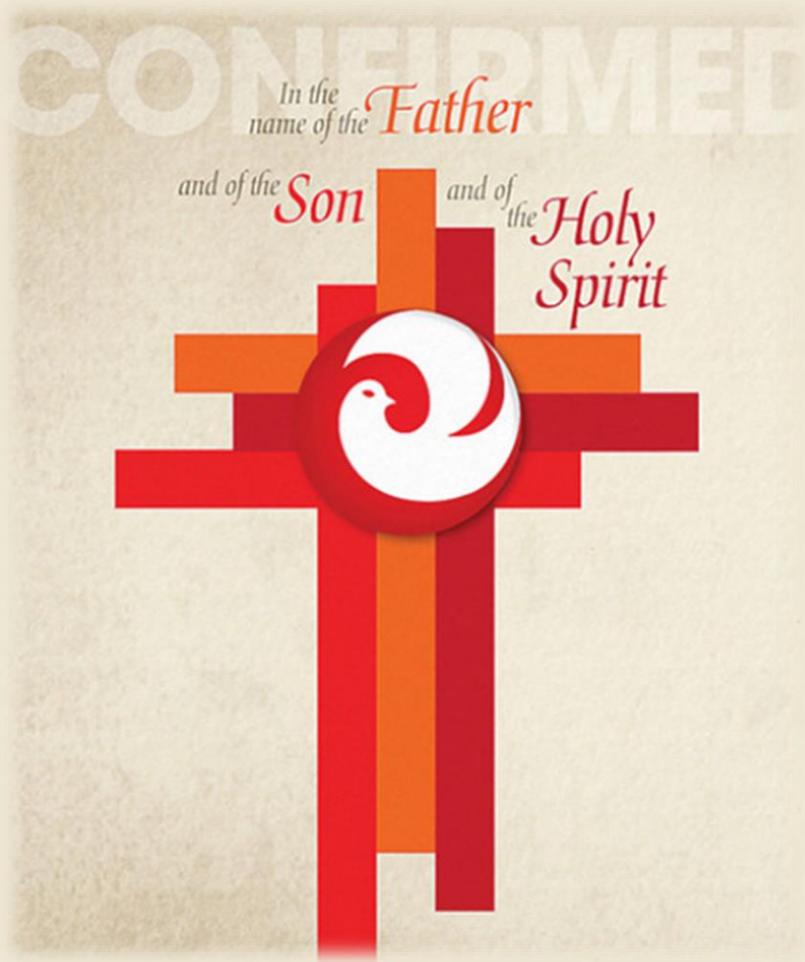
William Todd Zwirschitz son of Todd and Denise Zwirschitz

Sponsors: Julie Zeller and Terry Adams

Victoria G. Sheets daughter of Barbara Sheets

Sponsors: Cal Keberlein and Janet Hildebrand

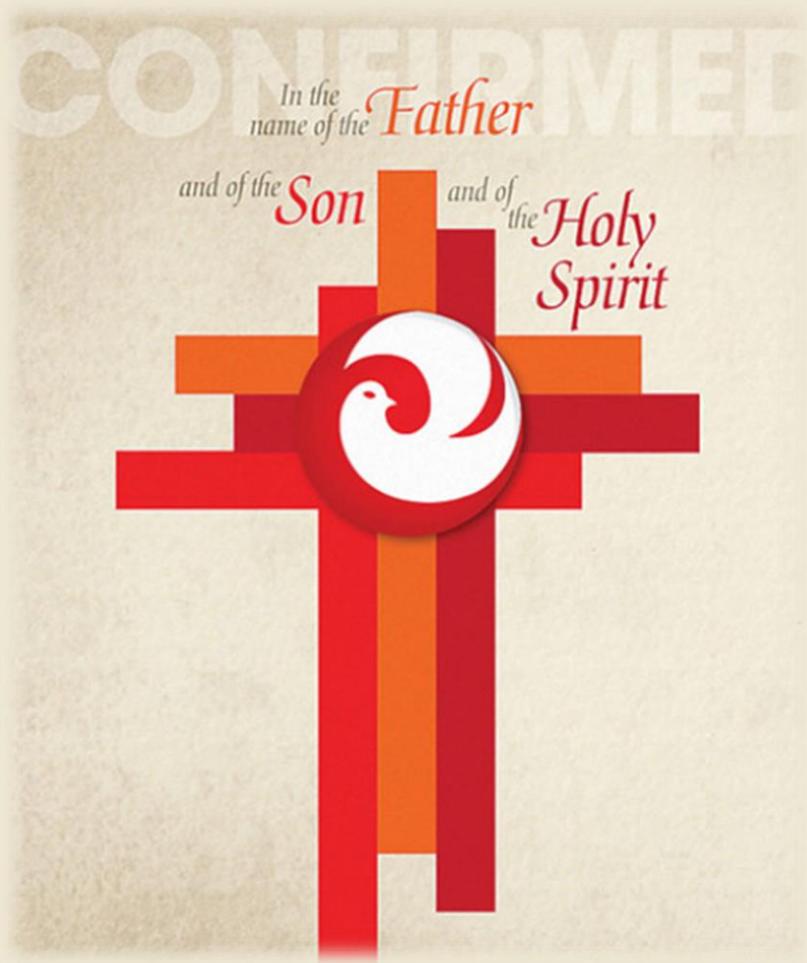
2020 Confirmation Class



Elaine Laurent

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

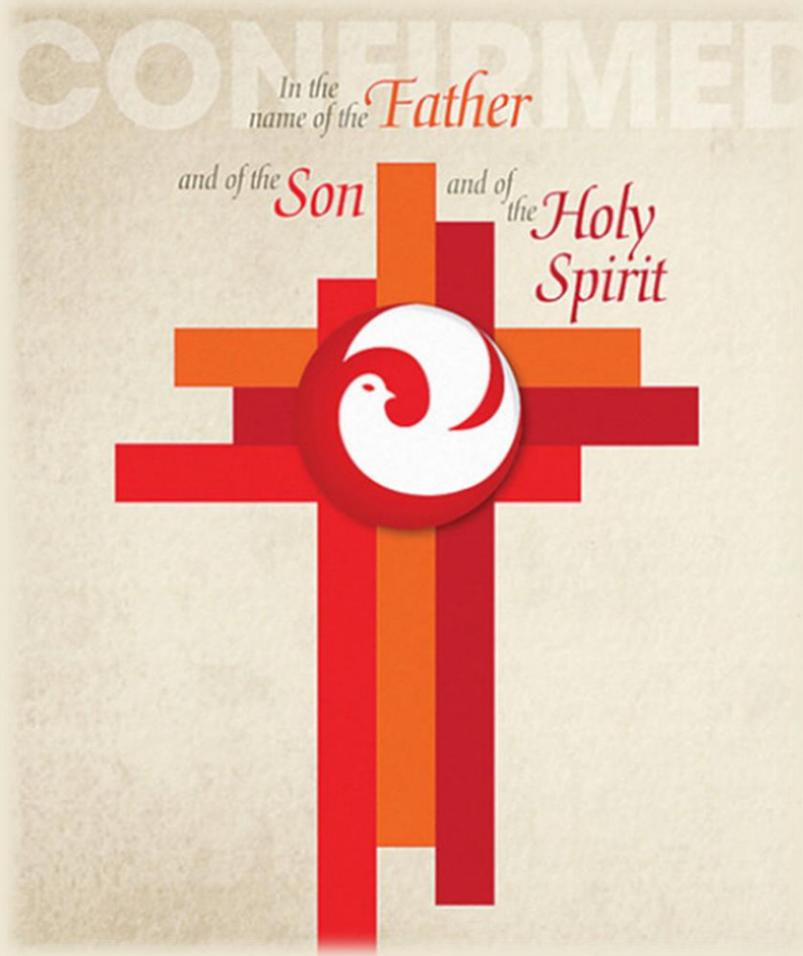


Mackenzie Bartel

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

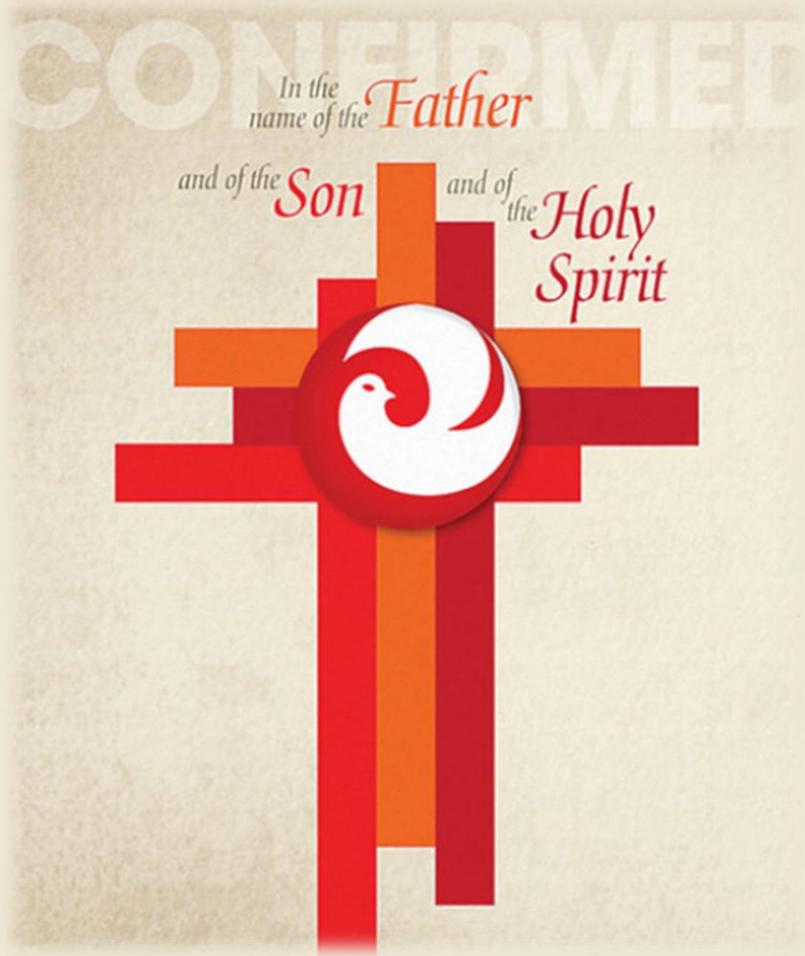
Jeremiah 29:11

Tatum Beggs



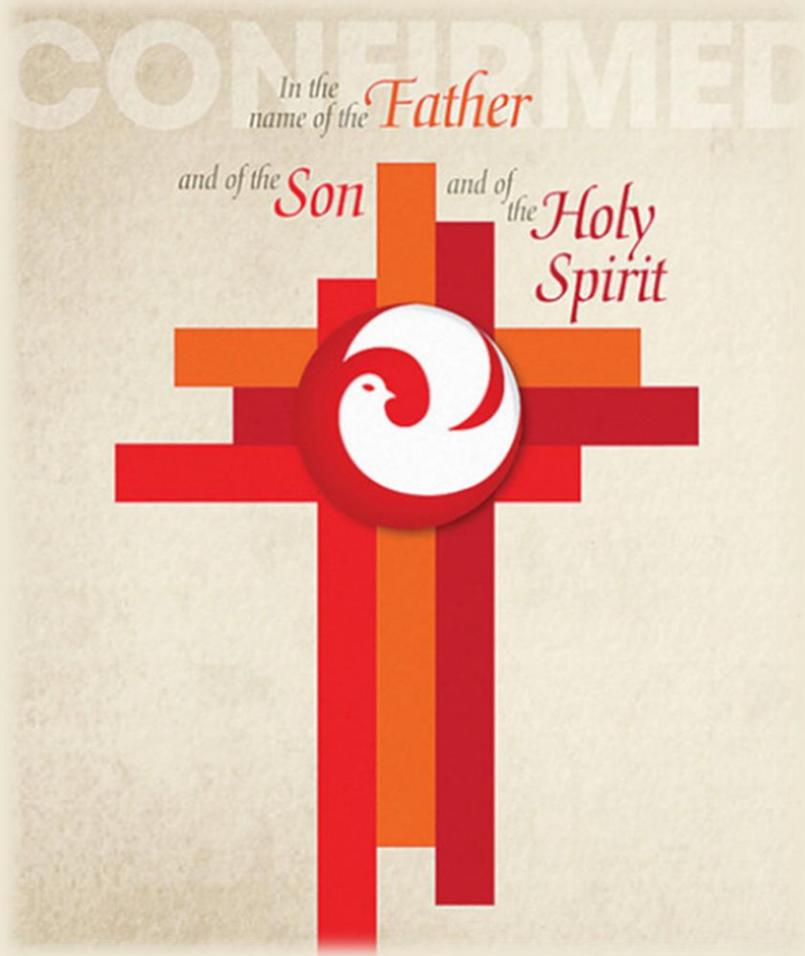
“Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9



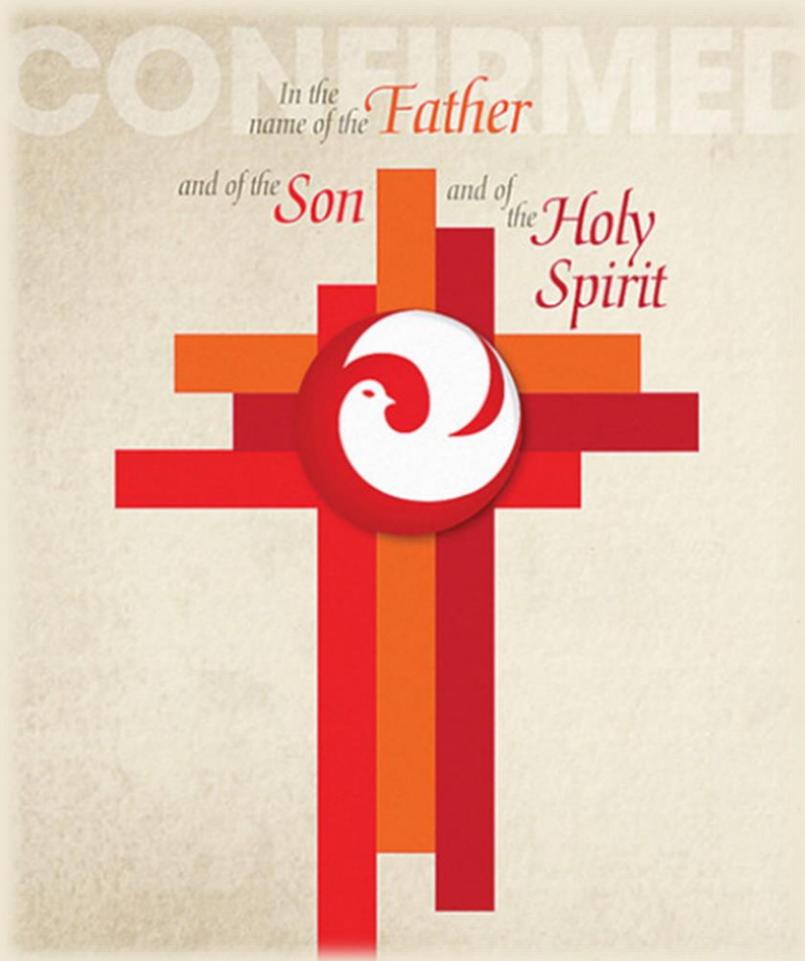
Logan Salzmänn

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7*



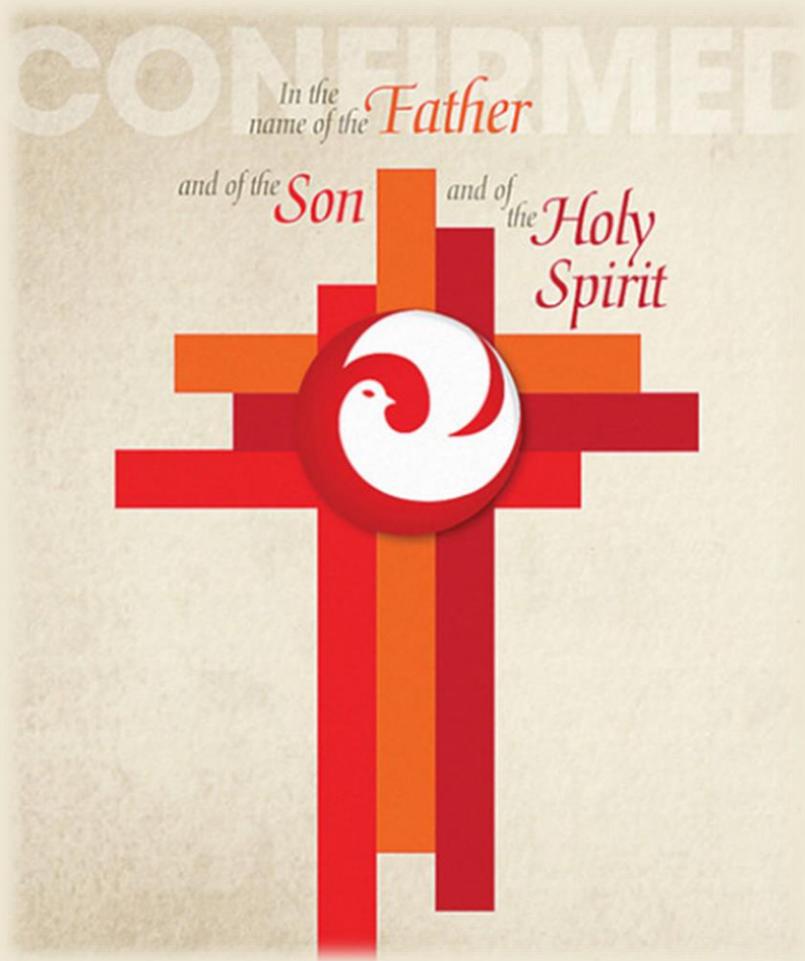
Emily DeBrue

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
Psalm 119:105*



Jadyn Dietrich

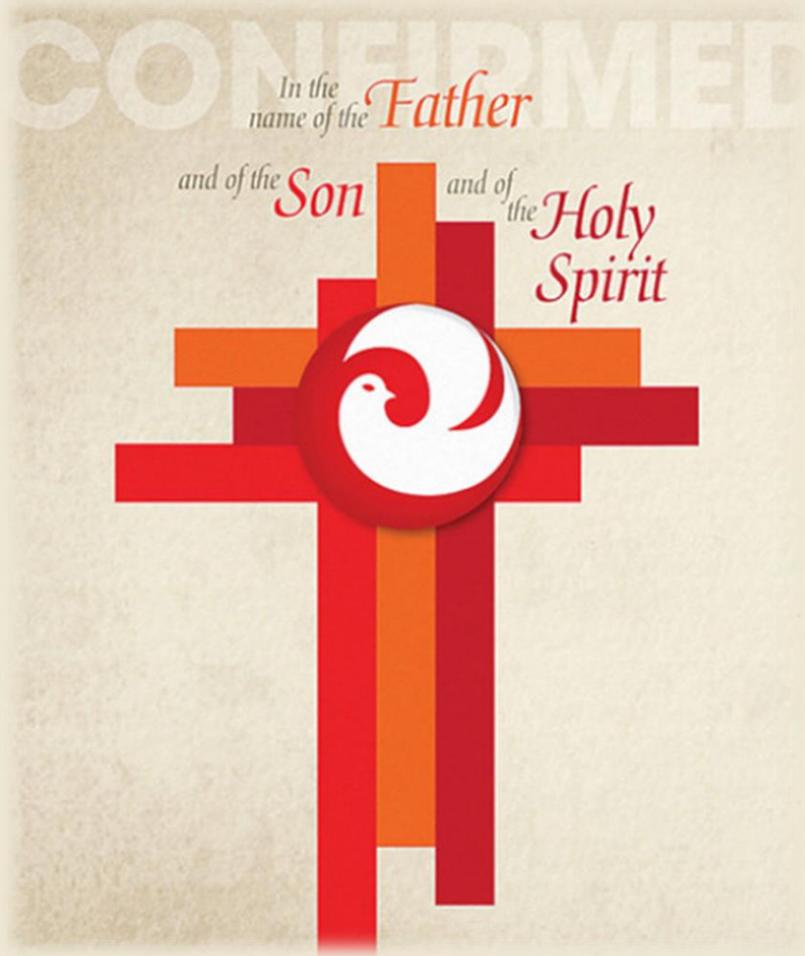
*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."
Matthew 7:7*



Carter Theis

“For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

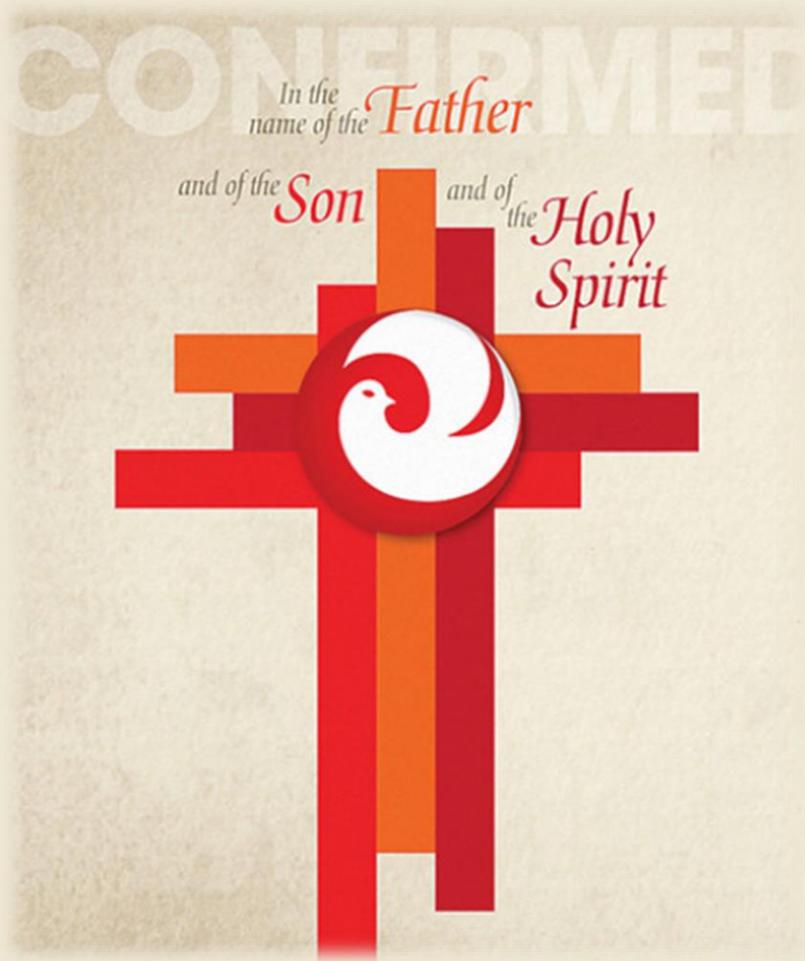
Matthew 23:12



Ryan Halada

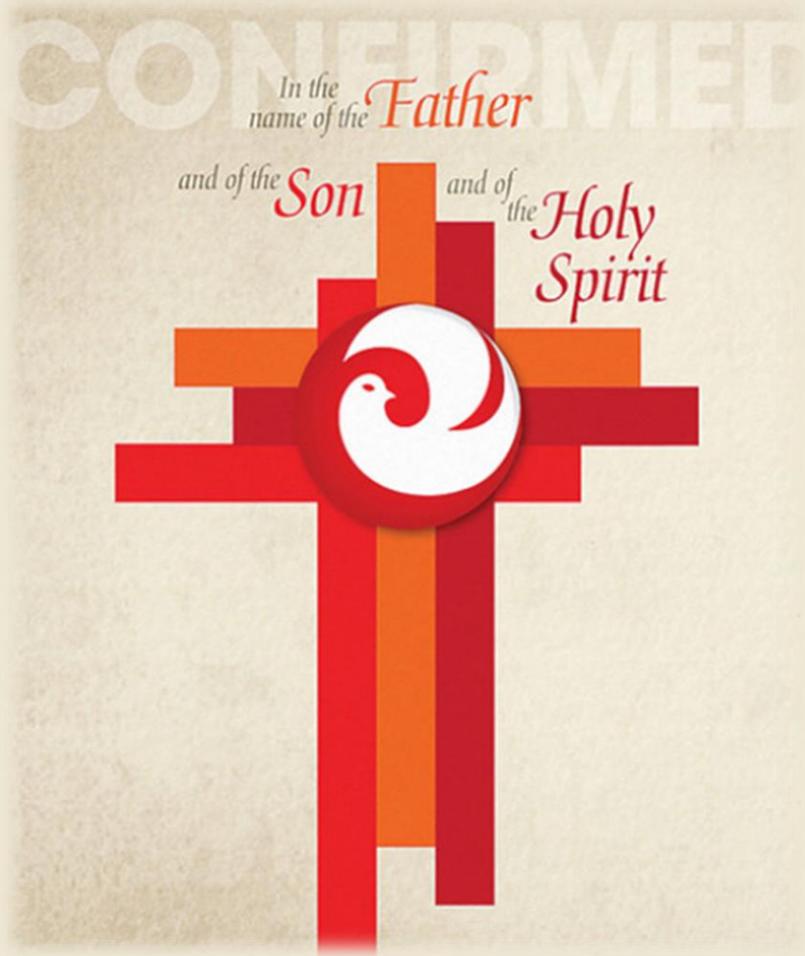
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Acts 16:31



Madelyn Heisler

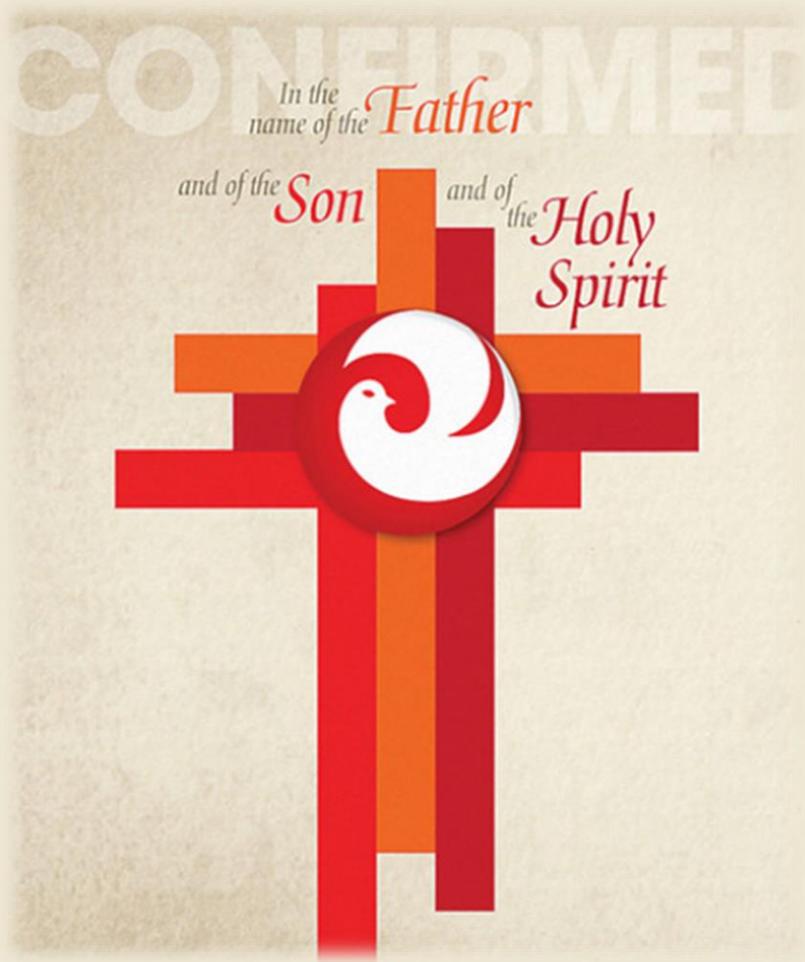
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Casey Krueger

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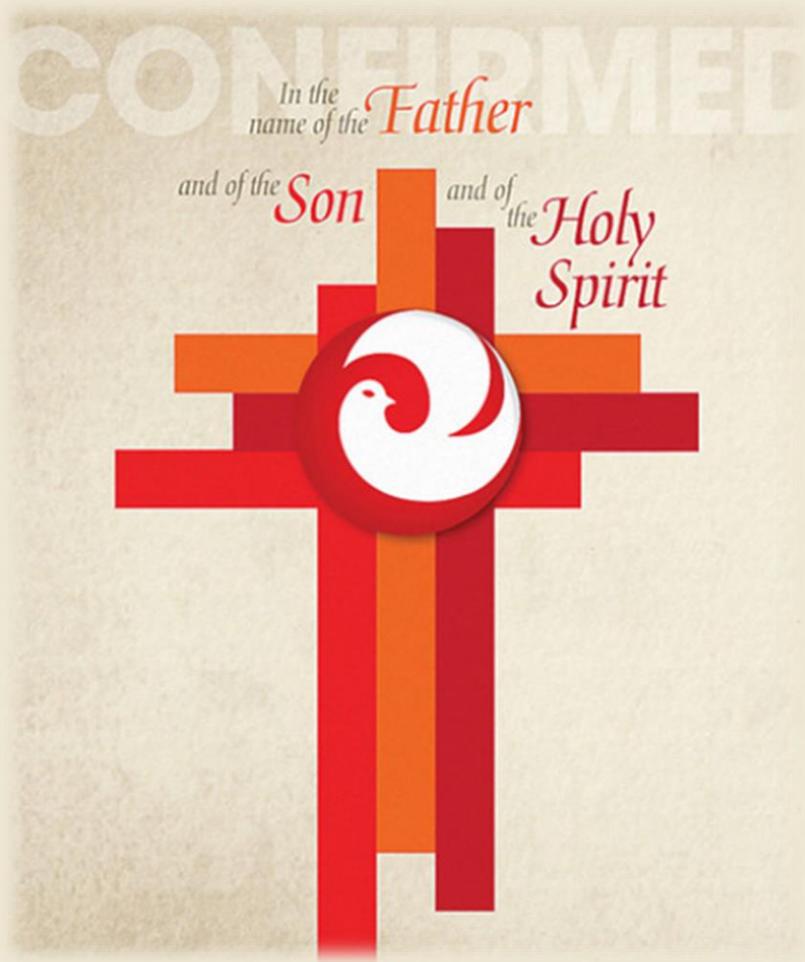
Acts 16:31



Sophía Lanou

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.”

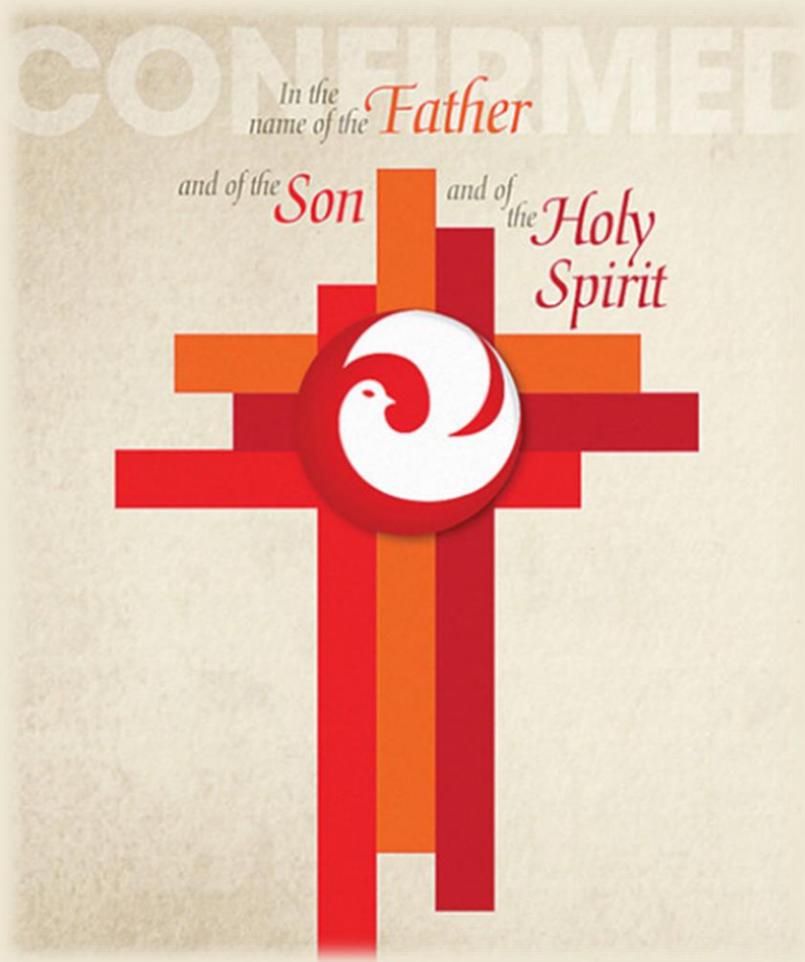
1Peter 5:6-7



Landon Martín

*"I am the light of the world.
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walk in darkness but will
have the light of life."*

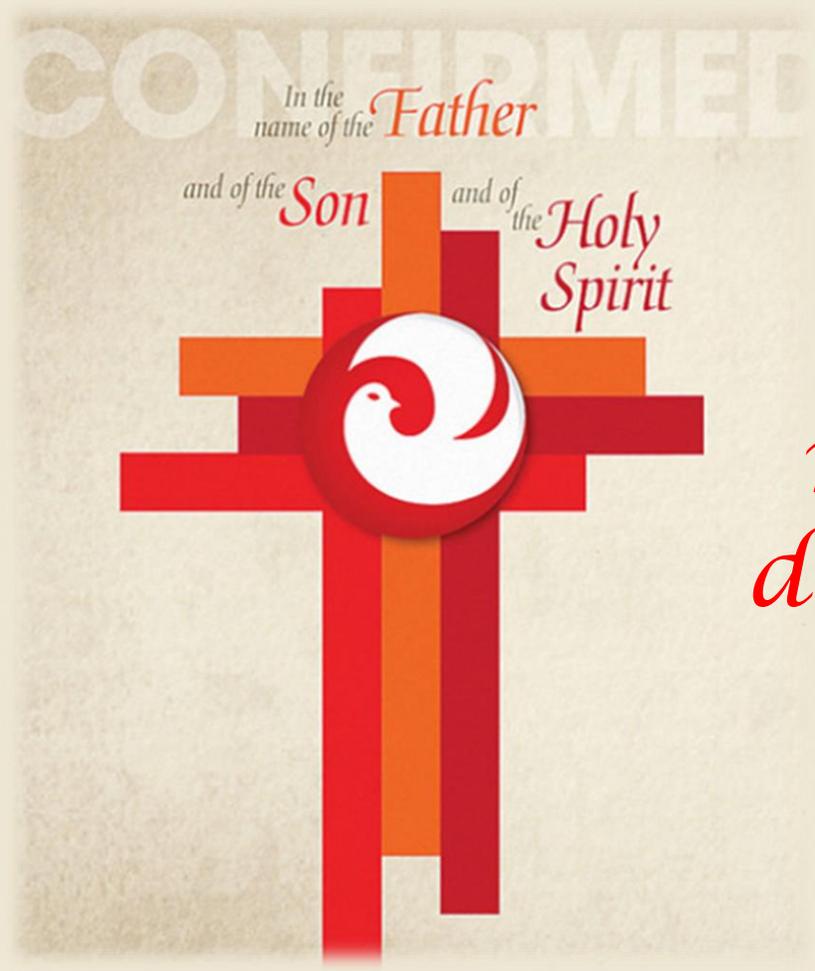
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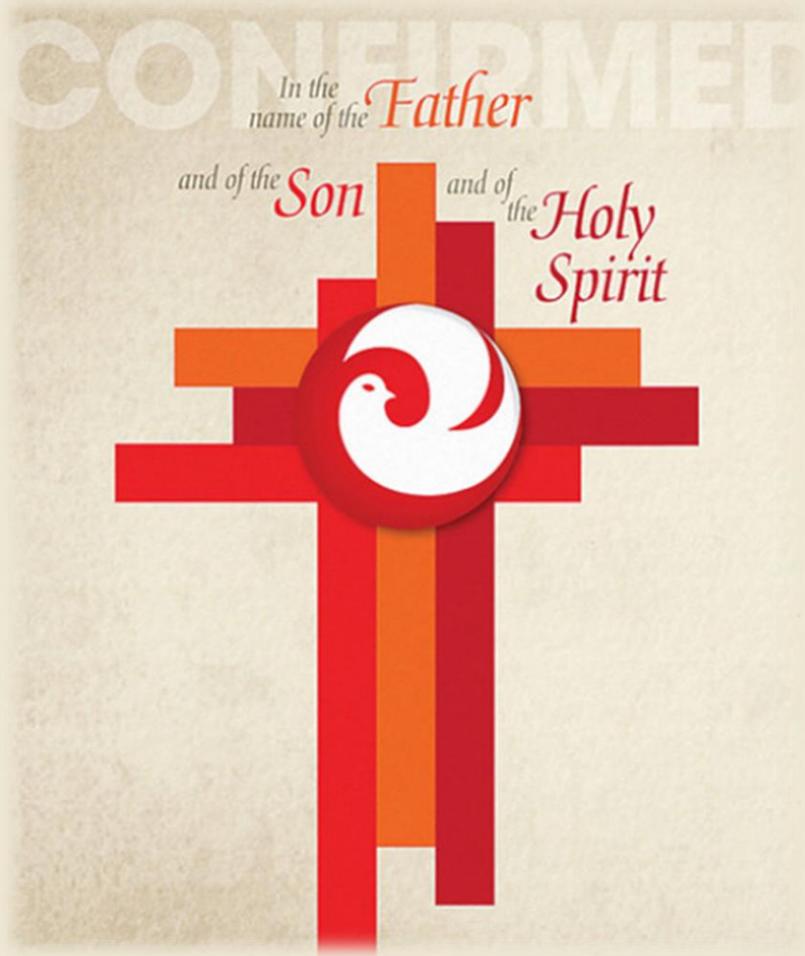
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Jacob Nigbor

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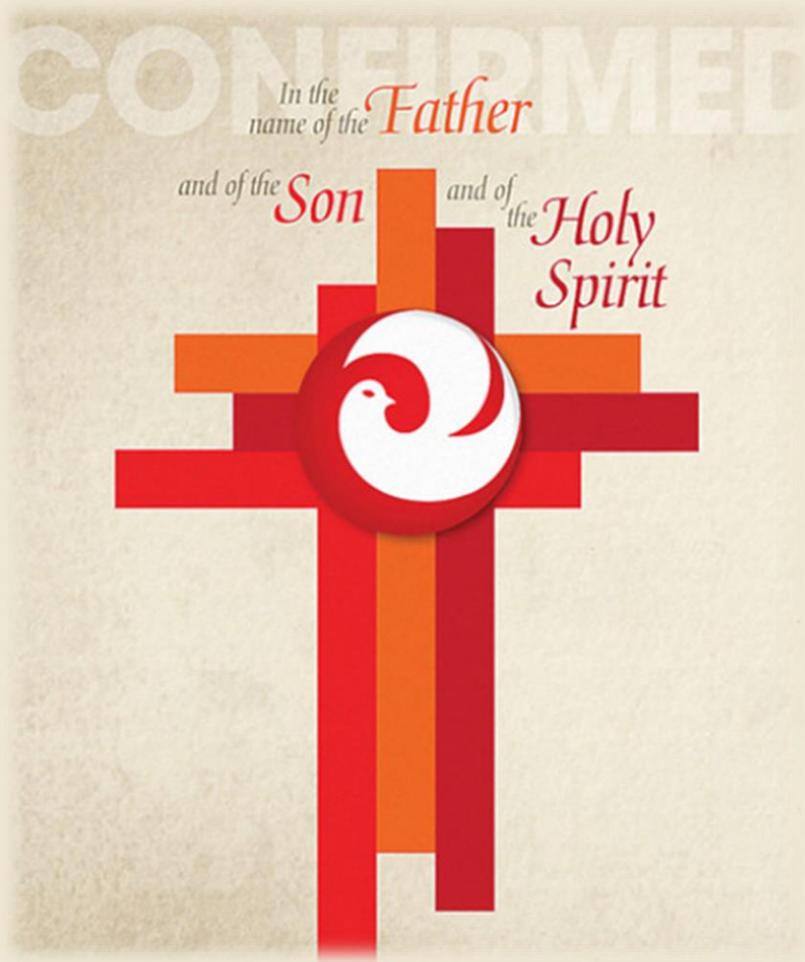
Joshua 1:9



Campbell Roberts

"I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken."

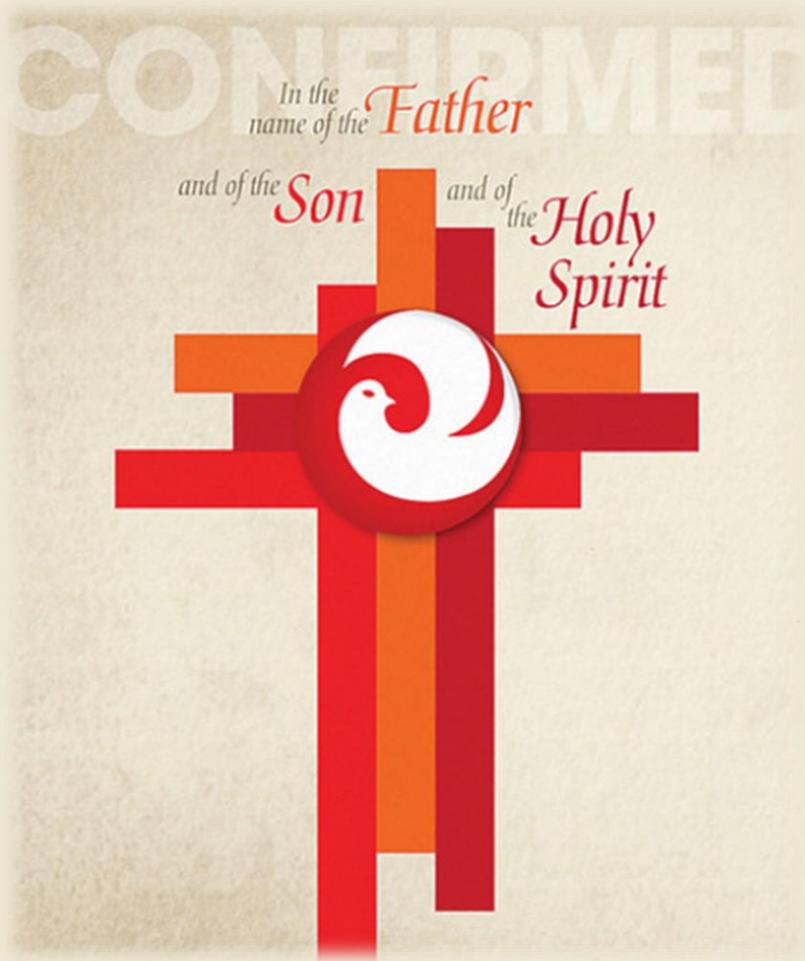
Psalm 16:8



Emily Rohr

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

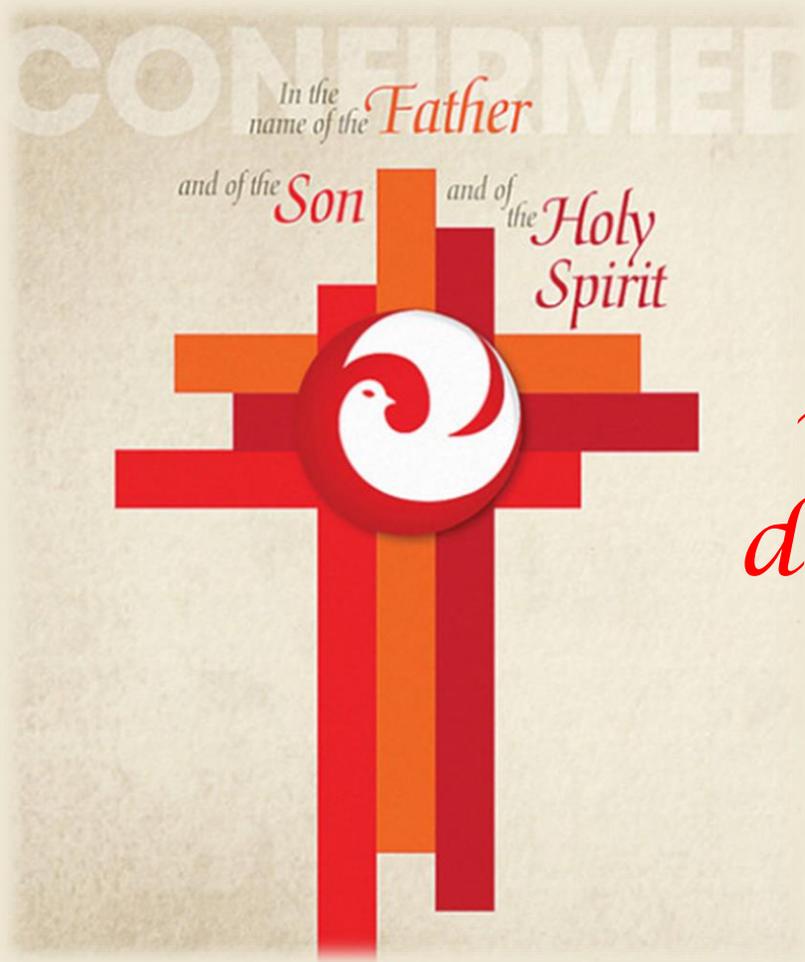
Romans 15:13



Emma Curtin

*“Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act..”*

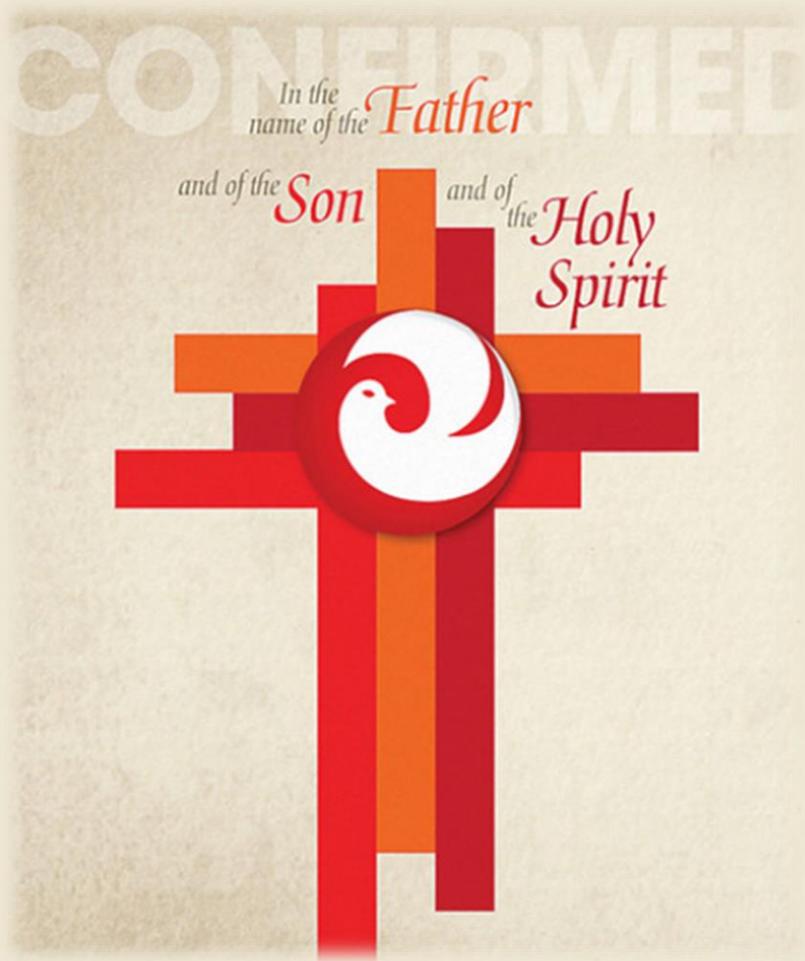
Psalm 37:5



Sophía Schíltz

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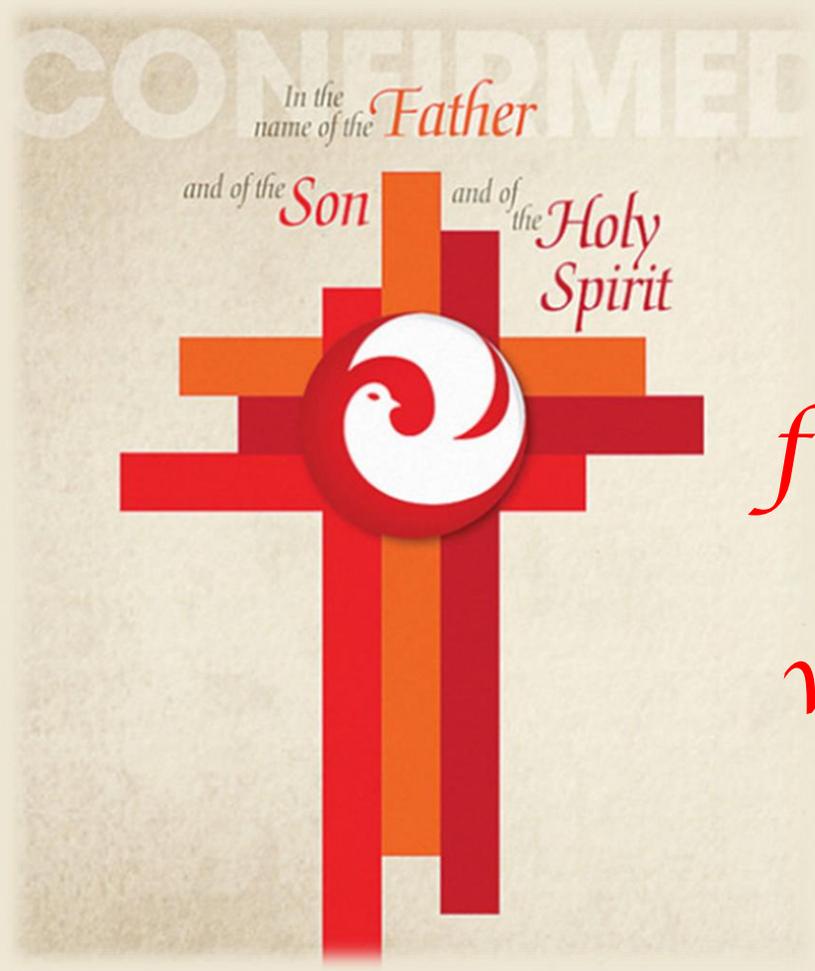
Joshua 1:9



Adrianna Gerard

*"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not
walk in darkness but will
have the light of life."*

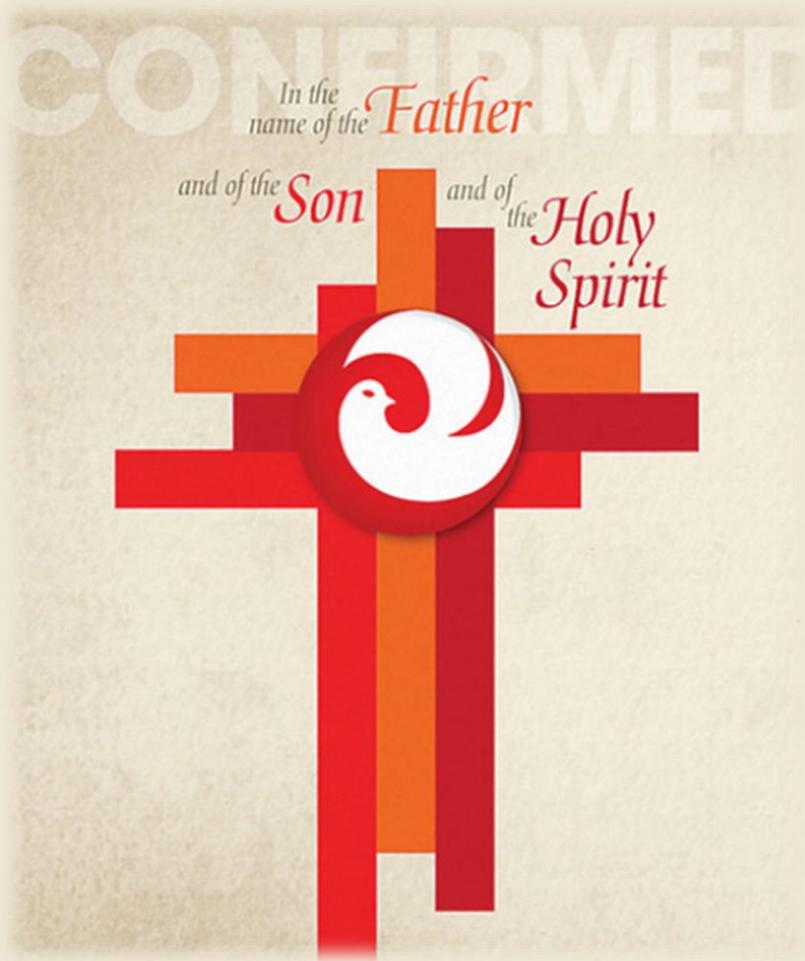
John 8:12



Marley Van Domelen

“He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”

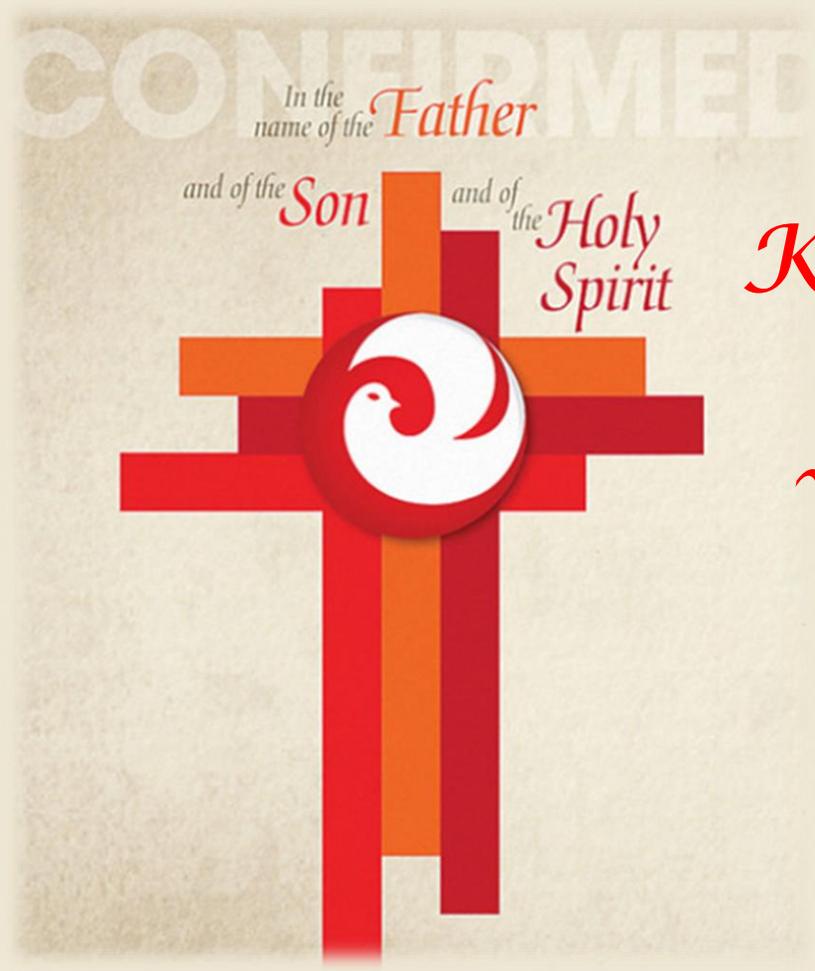
Psalm 91:4



William Zwirschitz

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1



Vicki Sheets

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5