



Personal Faith Statement

NAME: _____

Please answer the following questions. We would like you to spend this time thinking about the meaning of **your** faith and considering what it is that **you** believe.

Please turn in this Faith Statement before your Faith Interview with Pastor Ryan, Pastor Katie, Alex or Josh Ertz before you meet with them (no later than October 21st).

1. What do you believe about God? (list characteristics, qualities, personalities, emotions, etc.)
2. What does God's love mean to you?
3. If you were to tell someone about Jesus who had never heard of Jesus, what would you say?
4. What is your favorite Bible passage and why?

On the day of your confirmation, you will be asked the following question:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear his Word and share in his supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- To strive for justice and peace in all of the earth?

We would like you to think about each part of this question.

a. To live among God's faithful people (To Go to church!)

1. Why do you think it is important to go to church?
2. How do you plan to live among God's faithful people?
3. Who are some of the people in your life or at Abiding Savior that have helped you grow in your faith? How did they help you?

b. To hear his Word and share in his supper.

1. How do we hear God's Word (The Bible)?
2. As a Christian, why is it important to hear God's Word (The Bible) and to share in Lord's Supper (Communion)?

c. To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

1. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins so that we might live forever in heaven with God. Why is this good news and why would we want to tell others about this gift from God?
2. What are some ways in which others have proclaimed this good news to you in word and deed (How have others shown you the love of God?)? Give specific people and examples.
3. How can you proclaim the good news (share the love) of God in Christ through word and deed as a high school student?

d. To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all of the earth?

1. What do you think Jesus meant when he said "serve **all** people"?
2. Give some examples of how Jesus served all people, strove for justice and peace.
3. What are some ways that each of us could follow Jesus' example.

4. How do you plan to follow the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all of the earth?
5. Is worship important for you? Why or why not? What do you like about worship? What do you not like so much? Why?
6. You are a baptized child of God. Explain what this means to you. (What comfort, hope, joy, etc. does it give you?)
7. In what ways do you believe that God is involved in your life?
8. What questions do you have about God or faith or the church? (Is there anything you don't understand, don't like, seems unfair, or that you would like to change? Please be honest!)