



Application for Confirmed Membership

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

Camarillo, California

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Confirmed members are baptized persons who have made public affirmation of their baptism. It shall be the privilege and duty of confirmed members of this congregation to:

- Make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments;
- Live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran church; and
- Support the work of this congregation and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.^[1]

During the service of Affirmation of Baptism you will be asked these important questions:

- Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: I renounce them.
- Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
 - to live among God's faithful people,
 - to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
 - to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
 - to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
 - and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmed members intend to live among God's faithful people. All of the items that follow can only be accomplished by individuals who work at this with others – in the community we call the body of Christ. The Latin word for body is *corpore*, which is where we get the English word corporation. We are a legal entity within the state of California, and we want you to be a conscientious member of the corporation in the legal sense.

We also want you to be a conscientious member of the corporation in the spiritual sense. To be a member of the body of Christ is to be a good steward or manager of what God has entrusted to your care. It means giving thanks for God's grace to you in Jesus Christ through the sharing of your gifts: your time, your abilities, and your financial support. Confirmed members intend to give because they know they need to give.

Living among God's faithful people also includes knowing that your spiritual health needs more than just weekly participation in worship. Confirmed members intend to take part in a small group that is dedicated to nurturing faith, encouraging one another in their walk of faith and serving in church and community.

The commitment to live among God's faithful people is to allow yourself to become more tightly knit together with the rest of the body of Christ in this place. Confirmed members intend to take part in opportunities for fellowship and fun.

Confirmed members intend to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper. This refers to worship and learning. Confirmed members intend to regularly take part in worship and receive Holy Communion. Confirmed members also intend participate in adult learning opportunities so they can deepen their knowledge and appreciation in such areas as the Bible, the history, teachings and practices of the Christian church in general, the Lutheran church in particular, and contemporary issues with which Christians must wrestle.

Confirmed members intend to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed. Confirmed members intend to live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran church not just on Sunday when they are at church, but Monday through Saturday, too. Participation in a small group can help a person discover the resources they need as they face this challenge. We do not want you just to come to church, but to be the church.

Confirmed members intend to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Confirmed members intend to take part in some form of service. There are many opportunities currently available in our own church and throughout the community and world around us. You may consult the Time & Talent Report to see the many opportunities for service that are available.

Statement of Intent

I have read and understand the application for confirmed membership in Mount Cross Lutheran Church.

I intend to prepare for baptism (if not yet baptized) and to affirm my baptism at a future worship service at Mount Cross.

Signature

Date

Please submit this application to the church office or one of the pastors at least 14 days before the service at which you wish to join the church.

Next Baptism Festival: April 7, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Next Service of Affirmation of Baptism: Sunday, May 20, 2012 – 8:15 or 9:30 a.m.

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Personal Information for Church Records ^[2]
If both husband and wife are joining, use 2nd column for 2nd person.

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| Name (first/middle/last): | |
| Name of spouse: | |
| Street address: | |
| City/State/Zip: | |
| Phone Number: | |
| E-mail: | |
| Cell Phone (Optional): | |
| Date of birth: ^[3] | |
| Place of birth: | |
| Baptism date/location: | |
| Confirmation date/location: | |
| Marriage date/location: | |
| Occupation: | |
| If transferring, please give name of former church: | |

Children ^[4]

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| Name (first/middle/last): | Name (first/middle/last): |
| Date/place of birth: | Date/place of birth: |
| Date/place of baptism: | Date/place of baptism: |
| Date/place of Confirmation: | Date/place of Confirmation: |
| Name (first/middle/last): | Name (first/middle/last): |
| Date/place of birth: | Date/place of birth: |
| Date/place of baptism: | Date/place of baptism: |
| Date/place of Confirmation: | Date/place of Confirmation: |

Please list additional children on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to include all the information requested above.

Information For The Newsletter

Please provide a short paragraph introducing yourself to the rest of the Mount Cross family. We will include this and your picture in a future issue of our newsletter as a way for the members of Mount Cross to get to know you. You may include information about your family, your education, your job, your hobbies or other interests. Thank you.

Name Tag

We give a name badge to all of our new members. How you would you like your name to appear on the badge?

^[1] For more information about confirmed membership you may consult the Constitution. A copy is available upon request from the church office or on our church's website: www.mountcross.com/constitution.htm

^[2] Information such as your address, phone number, e-mail address is kept confidential. We use it for communications within the church but do not give it out to others.

^[3] We honor birthdays, baptism and wedding anniversaries by projecting the names of those celebrating on the wall of the sanctuary during worship services. We do not, however, include the year.

^[4] We expect that adult children who wish to become confirmed members to fill out their own application.