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### ***In whom do I believe?***

I believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus is revealed to us through the Holy Scripture and that the Holy Spirit permanently dwells in me. My salvation and my hope are both found in Christ. Jesus bought me with a price and freed me from the consequences of my sin. I know that He loves me, has a special plan for my life, and is preparing a place for me in Heaven. I believe that everything God's Word says is true and that He stands with every promise that He makes. I am eagerly waiting for His return and I am ready to join him in his eternal kingdom.

### ***In what do I believe?***

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and came to this earth as true God and true man and that He died on the cross and defeated Satan for me and all of you. I believe that He rose from the dead as He promised. I also believe that He ascended into heaven to rule all believers. I believe in everything He has done, His sinless life, and His miracles that He performed. He came to pay the price for my sins and failures. He offers forgiveness and grace to everyone who believes in Him and calls upon His name. It is only by grace through faith I can be saved.

### ***When and where do you confess this belief?***

Because of the Holy Spirit, I can tell anyone and everyone about my belief in God wherever they are. I can share my faith through words and actions at home, at school, at Church, and everywhere I go. Sometimes confessing my faith is more about serving other people than preaching the Good News. Sometimes confessing my faith is as simple as praying before meals in front of non-believers. As the Bible teaches, I try to be ready to share my faith with anyone who notices that I do things differently, or anyone who asks why I pray or behave a certain way. The Holy Spirit will continue to help me become more and more like Jesus as I grow.

### ***Why and how do you believe in these things?***

I believe these things because I received the Holy Spirit as an infant in my baptism. He creates faith in me, and leads me through God's Word and the people He puts in my life. My family has always gone to church every Sunday, and I have been taught the truth of God's Word from a young age at home, at church, and in Sunday School. I've been active in youth group and enjoy being involved in service projects and mission trips. I've also only gone to Christian Schools and that has helped me to stay strong in my faith. Devotions, Bible Study and faith discussions with other believers have become a big part of my daily life.

### ***Why do you want to become a Confirmed member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church?***

I want to become a Confirmed member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Shepherd of the Hills is my Church, and the people there are my church family. I have learned a lot through Confirmation classes and Bible Study and want to make sure everyone knows I am ready to confirm my faith in front of the Congregation. I think that being Confirmed shows everyone in the church what I believe. It also allows me to have the privilege of taking Communion and voting in the church. Becoming a Confirmed member shows that I agree with the teachings of Shepherd of the Hills because they are Biblical.

### ***What is your Confirmation verse and why did you choose it?***

My Confirmation verse is Colossians 2:13-15. Paul writes, "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him." I chose this verse because it reminds me that I am alive in Christ, not because of something I did, but because Jesus nailed my sins to the cross in order to forgive me. It reminds me how broken I am and how much I need God.