

Confirmation Speech

Hello my name is Daniel Aaron Smuts I am the son of Daniel and Cynthia Smuts, and I am thirteen years old. I was baptized here at community Lutheran church on August, 12 2001 by pastor Vogelsang. I have been going to community Lutheran church all thirteen years of my life.

Baptism is one of the two sacraments we use in the Christian church, along with communion. A sacrament is a sacred act instituted by god. Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in gods command and combined with god's word. Baptism is when the Holy Spirit is entering our body and welcoming us into the lord's family. In John 3:5 Jesus states that no one shall enter the body of Christ unless born of the water and of the spirit.

After spending all of my school years at public schools I have had to face many temptations placed by the non-Christians at my school. I have had to say no to hanging out with some people because they were leading me onto the wrong path. Because I go to a public school I have had to find my own group of friends and decide whether or not these are the right people to be hanging out with. The transition from fifth grade to sixth grade was the hardest for me. I moved from all of my friends in Escondido to a middle school in San Marcos where I didn't know many people. Because I didn't know many people it was an opportunity to make new friends. I was excited to meet new people and make new friends, but I had to be careful about who I choose to be around. For the first few weeks I didn't know many people. It was hard, at first, to make friends that would help me succeed in both my social life and my religious life. But, after a few weeks I met a group of guys that I thought would become good friends. After being with them a couple weeks I found out that most of them went to a Christian church in San Marcos. It was at the point when I realized that this group was the right group of friends for me. I have three years with this same group of friends and they have helped me stay clear of all the temptations that come with going to a public middle school.

In ten years I see myself out of college, starting family of my own, and spreading my faith throughout the community around me. After college I would like to live in the San Diego area where I grew up. My dad was born in Chicago Illinois. After his fourth grade year he and his family moved to Peniquitos California. After he moved to California in fourth grade he has never moved out of it. He went to college at Concordia University Irvine. After college he moved to Orange County with my mom to start our family. I want to live my life based on this example. I want to live close to where I grew up so I can go back and look into the memories that took place in this area.