

This thesis deals with the concept of confirmation in the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB). In order to deepen the understanding of the rite, the thesis discusses its historical development focusing on the aspect of consignation as part of baptism, on the sacrament of confirmation, and on the further development of protestant confirmation. In its main part, the thesis centres on confirmation in the ECCB, in which four concepts, typical for the traditions the ECCB comes from, blend together – i.e. the catechesis, the creed, the admission to the Lord's supper and the epiclesis. Starting from the theoretical point, it discusses the concept of confirmation in the liturgical books of the ECCB and then moves on to the practice of confirmation. Firstly, it studies how the concept of confirmation is reflected in the ECCB confirmation materials, i.e. in various protestant catechisms, and secondly, how the issue is treated by members of the ECCB in their Church periodicals' contributions. It focuses on the large debate in the 1950's as well as on contributions since 2000. Last but not least, the thesis tries to find out if and how the concept of confirmation has changed since the establishment of the church.