

Lyla Grace Selle

BORN May 8, 2009
BAPTIZED October 11, 2009
PARENTS Jennifer Selle and Trent Selle
SPONSORS Aleisha Selle, and Jason Swift

Verse: *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* Colossians 3:13

Howie Matthew Smith

BORN November 3, 2008
BAPTIZED January 4, 2009
PARENTS Matt and Erika Smith
SPONSORS Vern and Kathryn Smith
MENTOR Nicole Washburn

Verse: *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13

Tessa Joyce Strei

BORN February 3, 2009
BAPTIZED March 1, 2009
PARENTS Nicholas and Jamie Strei
MENTOR Resa Jenneke

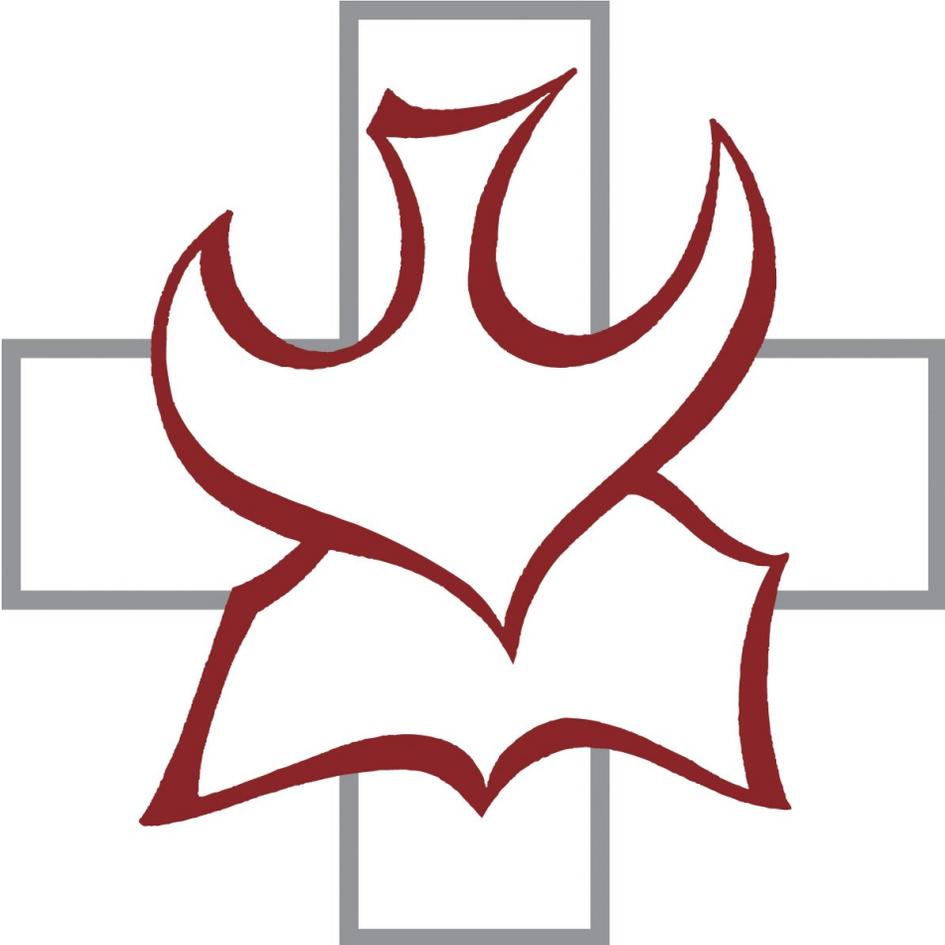
Verse: *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.* Deuteronomy 31:6

Leighton Lexi Wagner

BORN April 3, 2009
BAPTIZED May 10, 2009
PARENTS Brian and Traci Wagner
SPONSORS Dawn Wimer, and Carol Ziemann
MENTOR Lara Liepold

Verse: *I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.* Psalm 16:8

**Faith Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN**
Confirmation Service
October 29, 2023 ~ 1:30 p.m.



Confirmation of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

October 29, 2023

Prelude

Processional Hymn "A Mighty Fortress" 229 LBW

Welcome

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Hymn of Praise "Oceans"

The Greeting

Adler Marie Nelson

BORN July 6, 2009
BAPTIZED October 11, 2009
PARENTS Nick Nelson and Sarah Nelson
SPONSOR Shelly Wallman
MENTOR Jessica Rehder

Verse: *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.* Isaiah 43:2

Luke Andrew Ostlie

BORN February 23, 2009
BAPTIZED April 12, 2009
PARENTS Chase and Nicole Ostlie
SPONSORS Cory & Juli Ferguson, Kalli Ostlie, and Elanora DelGaudio
MENTOR Gary Koehring

Verse: *For with God nothing shall be impossible.* Luke 1:37

Leigha Jo Pausick

BORN June 18, 2009
BAPTIZED May 27, 2010
PARENTS Andrew and Sally Pausick
SPONSORS Lee Overman and Rachel Pausick
MENTOR Stefanie Frank

Verse: *For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.* Matthew 16:25

Avari Megan Piehl

BORN August 13, 2009
BAPTIZED November 29, 2009
PARENTS Tim and Megan Piehl
SPONSORS Nicole Justin, Ben and Kristi Santelman
MENTOR Amanda Schueler

Verse: *Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.* Jeremiah 33:3

Myles Gene Charles Harlander

BORN March 26, 2009
BAPTIZED March 14, 2021
PARENTS Chad and Darcy Harlander
SPONSORS Jodi Elliot and Alex Elliot
MENTOR Casey Nornes

Verse: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

Owen Alfred Johnson

BORN May 17, 2009
BAPTIZED June 28, 2009
PARENTS Randy and Kaye Johnson
SPONSORS Jeff & Stacey Carvell, and Paul & Lisa Heusers
MENTOR Rosella Kallhoff

Verse: And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:3-4

Alexandra Kim Kottke

BORN October 22, 2008
BAPTIZED November 30, 2008
PARENTS Kyle & Desiree Kottke
SPONSORS Devin Kaping, Nicholas Halls,
and Kurt & Jane Kottke
MENTOR Kelli Schmalz

Verse: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, our Heavenly Father, you see your children growing up in an uncertain and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after the things of this world. As these young people confirm their Christian faith, strengthen and uphold them that they may cling to your Word in life and in death, fear nothing except losing you and follow in confident trust wherever you may lead them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

The First Reading: Psalm 19:7-14 Avari Piehl

The Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 Wyatt Drahos

Gospel: John 8:31-38

Sermon "Conformation"..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Song "Reckless Love

Presentation of Candidates

Address to Candidates and Confession of Faith

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Faith Statements: Mara Bruhn and Alexandra Kottke

Individual Affirmations of Faith:

P: “You have made public profession of your faith, so now I ask you. Will you, by the grace of God, continue to live faithfully in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism, and as a member of the Church, be committed to hearing God’s Word, receiving the Lord’s Supper and in prayer?”

Each confirmand answers: “I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.”

Confirmand kneels

P: “Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up the gift of the Holy Spirit in (name), whom you adopted as your child in holy Baptism. Confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering and keep him/her steadfast in your word, that in the end he/she may be saved and live eternally with you.

Each confirmand answers: “Amen.”

Prayer for the Confirmands:

Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for granting these young servants of yours the gift of new life in Christ. As they have confessed their faith in you, now complete the work that you have begun in them. Increase their knowledge of the salvation Christ has won. When they are weak, strengthen them. As they confront a dangerous world, protect them. They will face many temptations, so help them to resist sin and obey your will. In times of struggle or suffering, comfort them. Make them diligent in prayer and faithful in worship. Sustain them by the Holy Spirit, that they, with all your faithful people and before the world, may confess Jesus Christ as Lord, to your eternal glory.

C: Amen

Offering - Feed My Starving Children
Special Music: “Lord I Need You”

The Prayers

P: Let us pray for those who have confirmed their faith, and for all Christians everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Adasyn Louise Conn

BORN June 23, 2009
BAPTIZED June 5, 2022
PARENTS Aaron Conn and Calyn Liestman
SPONSORS Haley Conn and Bella Conn
MENTOR Andrea Wollan

Verse: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

Wyatt Ray Lee Drahos

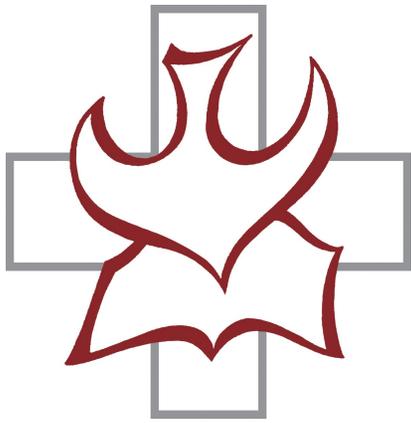
BORN April 24, 2009
BAPTIZED July 26, 2009
PARENTS Amy Drahos
SPONSORS Brian & Cathy Rick, Callie Backen,
and Heather Menze-Thorson
MENTOR Mark Guggemos

Verse: And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. Revelation 3:7

Julianne Nicole Frank

BORN April 19, 2009
BAPTIZED July 12, 2009
PARENTS Nicholas and Stefanie Frank
SPONSORS Ashley Kamps and Kelly Perron
MENTOR Joy May

Verse: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Psalm 16:8



**CONFIRMATION
CLASS**
October 29, 2023

Trinity Reese Alderink

BORN May 27, 2009
 BAPTIZED July 12, 2009
 PARENTS Kevin and Naomi Alderink
 SPONSORS Casey Smith and Kim Rygh
 MENTOR Jill Smith

Verse: When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant. I was like a beast toward you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:21-26

Mara Rebecca Bruhn

BORN May 6, 2009
 BAPTIZED July 19, 2009
 PARENTS Joshua and Kelli Bruhn
 SPONSORS Kari Kaczmarek, and Jamie Frericks
 MENTOR Emily Whittington

Verse: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

- P:** That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**
- P:** That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**
- P:** That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy.
C: **Hear our prayer.**
- P:** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Recessional Hymn "Goodness of God"

Special Confirmation Notes:

- ◆ Welcome to all family and friends who join in this joyous celebration! May the Holy Spirit speak to your heart as you worship with us.
- ◆ Flowers are presented in honor of those making Affirmation of Baptism by the congregation. **Each confirmand may take a flower home after the service.**
- ◆ The class has chosen to have the offering from today's confirmation services given to Feed My Starving Children.
- ◆ A special thank you to all who helped with confirmation instruction: Marsha Schmit, Shelly Kirchoff, Bella Conn, and Stephanie Frank.
- ◆ Thank you to Ronda Eckhart, Kristen Durst, and Austin Willhite, for providing music for the Confirmation services today.
- ◆ Thank you also to the acolytes (Hudson Smith and Lex Ostlie), ushers, and the sound and AV volunteers.
- ◆ **Confirmands: Please return your gown to the front gathering area by the small elevator before you leave today.**

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