

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 the Zella Thode Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- ♦ A special thank you to those who helped with confirmation instruction for this class: Ross Wendling, Shelly Kirchoff, Amanda Langins, and Jan Kreie.
- ♦ Thank you to Austin Willhite for providing music for the Confirmation service today.
- ♦ Thank you also to the acolytes (Annabelle Wilttrout and Allyson Wilttrout), ushers (Isabel Katzenmeyer and Nora Langins), 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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**Faith Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN**

***Confirmation Service*
October 26, 2025 ~ 1:30 p.m.**



Confirmation of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

October 26, 2025

Prelude

Processional Hymn “A Mighty Fortress” LBW #229

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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member with you in the priesthood of all believers, but by the authority of Jesus Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Hymn of Praise “Reckless Love”

Judson Ross Wendling

BORN November 13, 2010

BAPTIZED January 30, 2011

PARENTS Ross Wendling and Jessica Hoag

SPONSORS Kyle Wendling and Jen Johnson

MENTOR Ralph Johnson

Verse: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:12

Isaac Christopher Wilke

BORN February 18, 2011

BAPTIZED May, 28, 2011

PARENTS Chris and Sara Wilke

SPONSORS Doug and Judy Walstad

MENTOR Casey Nornes

Verse: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Bo Christopher Wilttrout

BORN May 22, 2011

BAPTIZED August 11, 2011

PARENTS Brett and Ashley Wilttrout

SPONSORS Herman and Marion Hinders

MENTOR Chris Wilke

Verse: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7

Henry Chris Solien

BORN January 19, 2011
 BAPTIZED April 10, 2011
 PARENTS Chris and Karen Solien
 SPONSORS Jay & Bonnie Hiscocks, Taylor Turbak,
 and Molly McManus
 MENTOR Tim Pulkowski

Verse: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Romans 15:13

Jones Edward Thode

BORN September 23, 2010
 BAPTIZED December 12, 2010
 PARENTS Matthew and Sara Thode
 SPONSORS Reid Rosenow and Brittnei May
 MENTOR Chad Harlander

Verse: *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9

Taylin Avery Timm

BORN September 3, 2010
 BAPTIZED March 6, 2011
 PARENTS Jeremy and Janel Timm
 SPONSORS Ryan Timm and Brenda Sturges
 MENTOR Virgene Shellenbarger

Verse: *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.* I Corinthians 16:13-14

Maddox Oliver Varpness

BORN September 3, 2010
 BAPTIZED May 1, 2011
 PARENTS Matt and Ann Varpness
 SPONSORS Brett Varpness, Brian & Mindi Schmidt,
 and Elizabeth Nessel
 MENTOR Jon Gelschus

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

Philippians 4:13

The Greeting

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Gabriella Hudson

The Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28 Kaden Schantzen

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Sermon “No More Checklists? Check!” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)/Trust in God”

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: Faith Kottke, Judson Wendling, and Taryn Loe

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**

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Song “Gratitude”

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.**

Carley Ella-Rae Putz

BORN May 18, 2011
BAPTIZED September 18, 2011
PARENTS Stacy & Jena Putz
SPONSORS Mitch Fabel, Kaela Fabel, and Shelly Fabel
MENTOR Kaela Fabel

Verse: *It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*

Deuteronomy 31:8

Kaden Kyle Schantzen

BORN August 12, 2010
BAPTIZED October 10, 2010
PARENTS Kyle and Lindsey Schantzen
SPONSORS Andy Schantzen, Kody Schantzen, and Bryan & Carrie Manthei
MENTORS: Hayden Jensen

Verse: *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Isaiah 41:10

Samuel Frederick Schumann

BORN February 28, 2011
BAPTIZED March 2, 2011
PARENTS Mark & Stacey Schumann
SPONSORS Rob Bern, Christ Bern, and David Schumann
MENTOR Angie Elton

Verse: *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.* Psalm 100:5

Hudson LeRoy Smith

BORN October 2, 2010
BAPTIZED November 14, 2010
PARENTS Matthew and Erika Smith
SPONSORS Jason Smith and Jessica Baumann
MENTOR Linda Gewerth

Verse: *I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.* Psalm 34:4

Taylor Marie Lang

BORN June 1, 2011
 BAPTIZED August 7, 2011
 PARENTS Scott and Becky Lang
 SPONSORS John & Kathy Nowak and Jason & Katy Lang
 MENTOR Heidi Froemming

Verse: *For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."* Isaiah 41:13

Nora Marie Langins

BORN July 30, 2011
 BAPTIZED February 14, 2016
 PARENTS John and Amanda Langins
 SPONSOR Peter & Laura Langins and Corey & Samantha Johnson
 MENTOR Chelsey Schumaci

Verse: *Pray without ceasing.* I Thessalonians 5:17

Taryn Amanda Cecile Loe

BORN March 5, 2011
 BAPTIZED May 11, 2011
 PARENTS Tonia Bymers and Mike Loe
 SPONSORS Bryan and Stacey Weichelt
 MENTOR Amy Borstad

Verse: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7

Lex Nicolas Ostlie

BORN September 17, 2010
 BAPTIZED November 21, 2010
 PARENTS Chase and Nicole Ostlie
 SPONSORS Corey & Juli Ferguson, Eleanora DelGaudio and Kalli Ostlie
 MENTOR Jeff Kirchoff

Verse: *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.* Psalm 23:4

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 "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"



CONFIRMATION CLASS

October 26, 2025

Luca Geoffrey Docken

BORN March 8, 2010
BAPTIZED July 19, 2010
PARENTS Marc and Ashley Docken
SPONSORS Amy and Sam Knaeble
MENTOR Jacob Sanken

Verse: *Give us this day our daily bread.* Matthew 6:11

Ethan Mark Dressel

BORN September 21, 2010
BAPTIZED October 30, 2010
PARENTS Eric and Sara Dressel
SPONSORS Chad Pokornowski and Michelle Schmeling
MENTOR Shelly Kirchoff

Verse: *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9

Gabriella Gem Hudson

BORN February 13, 2011
BAPTIZED March 20, 2011
PARENTS Fred and Aimee Kuras
SPONSORS Larry and Darla Crossley
MENTOR Barb Kuras

Verse: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* Psalm 119:105

Claire Lorraine Katzenmeyer

BORN May 20, 2011
BAPTIZED September 24, 2011
PARENTS Eric & Kati Katzenmeyer
SPONSORS Anna & Kevin Wind, and
Joe & Melissa Katzenmeyer
MENTOR Jo Kosek

Verse: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Romans 15:13

Isabel Kate Katzenmeyer

BORN May 20, 2011
BAPTIZED September 24, 2011
PARENTS Eric & Kati Katzenmeyer
SPONSORS Anna & Kevin Wind, and
Joe & Melissa Katzenmeyer
MENTOR Stacey Schumann

Verse: *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved.*

Ephesians 2:4-5

Gracyn Kroneka Kosek

BORN February 15, 2011
BAPTIZED March 27, 2011
PARENTS Josh and JoLynn Kosek
SPONSORS Patrick Kohn, Kim Hutton, Samantha Murray
and Sabrina Kosek
MENTOR Kati Katzenmeyer

Verse: *Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."* John 13:7

Faith Ann Kottke

BORN January 28, 2011
BAPTIZED March 20, 2011
PARENTS Kyle and Desiree Kottke
SPONSORS Kory & Pam Kottke, Russell and Devin Kapping
MENTOR Maggie Schroeder

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