Faith Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

Confirmation of Faith
October 25, 2026 ~ 1:30 p.m.



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”

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 by Karlson Buboltz ..... Psalm 46

The Second Reading by William Merkins ..... Romans 3:19-28

Gospel ..... John 8:31-36

Sermon … "Confirmation: What Does This Mean?" .... Pastor Dave Wollan

Song ……..... "Christ Be Magnified"

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 by Liam Schiller, Whitney Kottke, and Logan Piehl

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

Song …... “Oceans”

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.

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”

Confirmation Class October 25, 2026

Liam Allen Anderson

Born	March 20, 2012
Baptized	April 8, 2012
Parents	Shawn and Beth Anderson
Sponsors	Sheri Reuss

Confirmation Verse: *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Psalm 133:1*

Karlson James Buboltz

Born	March 18, 2012
Baptized	January 18, 2014
Parents	James Buboltz and Linda Thompson
Sponsors	Jason and Katy Wright
Mentor	Tricia LaCanne

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

Jacob Allen DeMeyer

Born	February 17, 2012
Baptized	April 29, 2012
Parents	Don and Jodi DeMeyer
Sponsors	Stacy Salvevold and Mike Salvevold
Mentor	Ryan Elbert

Confirmation Verse: *What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Romans 8:31*

Caleb Warren Duering

Born November 19, 2011
Baptized December 3, 2011
Parents Bradley and Michelle Duering
Sponsors Larry Hazelton and Phillip Hazelton
Mentors Owen & Maria Weikle

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

Ava Lynn Flann

Born October 27, 2011
Baptized December 4, 2011
Parents Mat and Brenda Flann
Sponsors Bridget Vee and Sarah Biljan
Mentor Ralph Johnson

Confirmation Verse: *God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. Psalm 46:5*

Elin Jane Kellen

Born November 3, 2011
Baptized February 26, 2012
Parents Derrick and Ericka Kellen
Sponsors Kelsey Lambrecht and Jennifer Hauck
Mentor Lara Liepold

Confirmation 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 ESV*

Kailyn Rae Kellner

Born May 5, 2012
Baptized May 20, 2012
Parents Aaron and Kayla Kellner
Sponsors Michael Sullivan and Ashley Sullivan
Mentor Wendy Magruder

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

Whitney Grace Kottke

Born January 2, 2012
Baptized February 12, 2012
Parents Kyle and Desiree Kottke
Sponsors Al & Arika Watkins, Nicholas Huls, Collin Kottke
Mentor Jan Kreie

Confirmation Verse: *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7*

Aubree Rose LaCanne

Born May 17, 2012
Baptized August 12, 2012
Parents Brian and Tricia LaCanne
Sponsors Justin Butkofski and Lisa Hemmesch
Mentor Lisa Sanders

Confirmation Verse: *So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.1 Corinthians 13:13 ESV*

William James Merkins

Born October 29, 2011
Baptized December 11, 2011
Parents Andrew Merkins and Tami Fasching
Sponsors Jim and Tricia Merkins
Mentor Tom Rogotzke

Confirmation Verse: *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1*

Logan Timothy Piehl

Born February 11, 2012
Baptized November 11, 2012
Parents Timothy and Megan Piehl
Sponsors Rebekah and Michael Johnson
Mentor Amanda Schueler

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

Emiliana Rose Prepodnik

Born November 5, 2011
Baptized January 12, 2014
Parents Aaron and Alexandria Burkstrand
Sponsors Rachel & Sam Petterson, Elijah Gideo, Mathew Rettman
Mentor Ally Kurth

Confirmation Verse: *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. James 4:8-10*

Larkin Anne Reinke

Born February 15, 2012
Baptized June 24, 2012
Parents Kenneth and Anne Reinke
Sponsors Joel and Monica Heiling
Mentor Linda Gutormson

Confirmation Verse: *Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. Micah 7:8*

Sophie Gail Schweiss

Born November 3, 2011
Baptized December 10, 2011
Parents Jeremy Schweiss and Nikki Krueger
Sponsors Sarah Schweiss
Mentor Renee Glessing

Confirmation Verse: *But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1 ESV*

Liam Reinhart Schiller

Born December 22, 2011
Baptized July 2, 2020
Parents Jeff and Monica Schiller
Sponsors Joel and Monica Heiling
Mentor Dave Wollan

Confirmation Verse: *For though they fall seven times, they will rise again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity. Proverbs 24:16*

Rowan Michael Vossen

Born October 31, 2011
Baptized December 13, 2011
Parents Shane and Crystal Vossen
Sponsors Cassie Padrnos, Chris Holtz, Andy Vossen, Nick Vossen
Mentor John Langins

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

Shay'le Van Sickle

Born June 30, 2011
Baptized October 15, 2025
Parents Eric and Jane Van Sickle
Sponsors Kelvin and Sophia Breegemann

Confirmation Verse: *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22*

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 2B Continued.
- A special thank you to Shelly Kirchoff and Marsha Schmit who helped with confirmation instruction for this class.
- Thank you to Austin Willhite and Kristen Durst for providing music for the Confirmation service today.
- Thank you also to the acolytes (Bristen Kellner and Lucy Langins), ushers (Elin Kellen, Aubree LaCanne, Liam Anderson, and Jacob DeMeyer), 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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