

Confirmation Sunday



Congratulations Confirmands!

We congratulate the 7 youth that are reaffirming their baptism today. May God spiritually bless and guide you in your Christian faith throughout your life. Those coming forward today to publicly profess their faith are:

Madelynn Baumann

Baptized: 03/20/2005

Baptismal Sponsor: Misty Stockert

Jake Dahl

Baptized: 09/04/2005

Baptismal Sponsors: Gina Leier
Dustin Dahl

Connor Erber

Baptized: 10/10/2004

Baptismal Sponsors: Scott & April Zurcher

Emma Hanson

Baptized: 01/12/2005

Baptismal Sponsors: Dwight & Joy Hanson

Sierra Rodriguez

Baptized: 04/09/2015

Baptismal Sponsors: Brandon & Maria Ternes
Karen Roper

Sydney Schmit

Baptized: 01/16/2005

Baptismal Sponsors: Corey & Viki Bergrud
Rob & Pam Schmit

Hannah Westrick

Baptized: 11/14/2005

Baptismal Sponsors: Denton & Stacey Overton

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:30 AM Worship

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude and Bells call us to worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We are children of God:

C Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

P We are citizens of a nation:

C Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.

P We are members of a community: Called to know each other, and to accept each other, and to welcome all.

C We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

P So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship our God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Brent Petersen, Wendy Miller
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Loving God,

C we fear, we doubt, we do not trust You; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves; we sin against You in thought, word, and deed. We pray for Your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. We hope in the gift of Your Spirit and we rejoice in the resurrection promise of Jesus Christ, our living Savior. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Holy God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience along life's journey. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find true life in Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

PSALM..... Psalm 26

Vindicate me, O Lord,
 for I have walked in my integrity,
 and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

² Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
 test my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
 and I walk in your faithfulness.

⁴ I do not sit with men of falsehood,
 nor do I consort with hypocrites.

⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers,
 and I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶ I wash my hands in innocence
 and go around your altar, O Lord,
⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
 and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸ O Lord, I love the habitation of your house
 and the place where your glory dwells.

⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
 nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
¹⁰ in whose hands are evil devices,
 and whose right hands are full of bribes.

¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
 redeem me, and be gracious to me.

¹² My foot stands on level ground;
 in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight

of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL READING John 15:12-17

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

SERMON Pastor Curt Hanson

"Always Be a Child" Randy Hall

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

P I present the following persons, who desire to affirm their baptism.

As the names are read, the candidates shall proceed to the altar rail.

Madelynn Baumann
Jake Dahl
Connor Erber
Emma Hanson

Sierra Rodriguez
Sydney Schmit
Hannah Westrick

INTRODUCTION

P Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for *these persons*, one with us in the body of Christ, who *affirm their* baptism this day as a sign of *their* participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

PRAYER

P Merciful God, we thank you for these young people, whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

P As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
GROUP: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

GROUP: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

GROUP: I renounce them.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

GROUP: In faith I turn to Christ.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

COMMITMENT

The presiding minister addresses those making affirmation:

P You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word
and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each affirmer responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Those making affirmation kneel.

P Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of each person:

The parents and sponsors of each person will come forward in turn for this Blessing and laying on of hands.

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her* faith, guide *his/her* life, empower *him/her* in *his/her* serving, give *him/her* patience in suffering, and bring *him/her* to everlasting life.

Each person answers: "Amen."

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS FROM FLCW

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN (Sing twice)On Next Page
“Awesome God”

POSTLUDE

Awesome God

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Our God is an awe - some God, he
reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom,
pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God!
Our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God!

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

INTERIM PASTOR..... Pastor Curt Hanson
READER Dean Bergstedt
ORGANIST Theresa Petersen
USHERS/GREETERS Monte & Wendy Miller
ALTAR GUILD..... Claudette Ness & Maybell Job
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ... Randy & Janet Hanson

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Jesus calls us to deny self and follow him in the way of the cross. May this worship strengthen us to serve our neighbors in love. Welcome.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign a green pew card with your name and address. Please place it in the offering plate.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, August 23rd Attendance - 72
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,580.00

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today are in honor of our confirmands.

Prayer Requests

Wes Sauer, Taylor Gardner, Virgil Wisdom, Harold Holtz, Cindy Delmonicao – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Welcome

We welcome Keegan William Leingang, son of Corey & Meghan Leingang as our newest member of First Lutheran. Keegan was baptized at First Lutheran on August 29th.

Congregational Meeting

At approximately 10:45 am today we will have a special congregational meeting to vote on calling Charles Mann as our pastor as recommended by the call committee. All members are welcome. Only voting members (defined as confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year) will have the privilege of voice and vote at this meeting. Materials for the meeting will be placed in the narthex prior to start of the meeting. These materials will include voter registration and ballot sheets, pens to be taken and retained by voters, and a draft Letter of Call for your review.

The purpose for this meeting is specific to the call of a pastor for First Lutheran Church, and will include the following two orders of business provided the requirements for a quorum are met:

- A vote by written ballot to approve placing a Letter of Call to candidate Charles Mann will be held (approval will require a 2/3 majority).
- If the candidate is approved, a second vote by sign to approve the salary and compensation to be included in the Letter of Call will be called (approval will require a simple majority).

After Worship

We ask that after the worship service today, if you don't plan to take your bulletin home with you to please throw it in the garbage can in the narthex on your way out. Also, if you plan to visit, please step out of the building and do so with social distancing in mind. Thank you!

Birthday Greetings

Arlene Hoff will be 89 years young on September 2nd. If you like, birthday greetings can be sent to:

Arlene Hoff
632 24th Ave. SW
Washburn, ND 58577

Our Daily Bread and Christ in Our Home

The September/October/November issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the July/August/September issue of *Christ in Our Home* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy of each to use with your daily devotions.

LCMC 20th Annual Gathering Delegates

LCMC 20th Annual Gathering will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN.

Yes, one day only this year. This is due to the current restrictions placed on group gatherings in the state of Minnesota due to COVID-19. Breakout sessions, fellowship and networking activities, and vendors have been canceled for this year. Registration is limited to 250 people at the gathering and is first come first serve, online only, and limited to voting delegates. **First Lutheran is allowed two voting delegates.**

The deadline to register is September 30th. The event will be live streamed as usual, however this year they plan to offer a more interactive experience for those who will be “attending” the event from home. If you are interested in being a delegate, please see Jeannette in the church office.

LWR Kits

With school supplies going on sale, now is the time to help put together kits for LWR. Put the items in the quilting closet at the bottom of the front stairs when you bring them to the church. Bolded items are especially needed. The following are items needed to make one school kit, one baby care kit and one personal care kit:

Personal Care Kits:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

School Kits:

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper**
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One 2 1/2" eraser**
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Baby Care Kits:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

First Lutheran Church Updates as of August 5, 2020

- First Lutheran will keep maintaining worship services as is, limiting up to a total of 150 people. **Face masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Bring your own mask, if you don't, masks will be available for your use.** As of now we will have Facebook Live services. Watch Facebook and our website, www.flcwashburn for further updates regarding Facebook Live services.
- It was determined that the following groups of no more than 24 people are the only groups allowed to meet at the church at this time - AA, FLCW quilters (one day a month for quilting), Pastoral Call Committee, Church Council, Choir, Bell Choir, Deborah Bible Study, Chat & Sew Quilters and Mommy's Group. **No food to be served at this time or coffee hour.**
- Doors will be open daily from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- We ask that you remember your tithing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church if you will not be attending worship at the church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Affirmation of Baptism – Confirmation
	10:45 AM	Special Congregational Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 2020

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

– Matthew 16:24–25–

When I was very young (in 1974), there used to be commercials on television for the Prudential Insurance Company. The jingle went like this, “Get a piece of the rock!” They were selling an insurance that you could count on. It was rock solid. It was foundational to your well-being. In one of these commercials the narrator says, “This is Mr. Finnegan, he’s seldom satisfied and often disappointed.” Turns out though that Mr. Finnegan actually liked Prudential Life Insurance. He addresses the camera and says, “When I find something I like, I stick with it!” Cue the music once more, “Get a piece of the rock!”

Jesus told Peter, nicknamed “the rock,” that He was going to have to suffer at the hands of men, be crucified, and on the third day rise. Peter didn’t want to hear it. The “rock” on whom Jesus would build his church was now waffling. We humans do that, quite often, when it comes to suffering. We’re not good at suffering. Jesus went on to explain that if any want to follow him they must be willing to take up their cross. Our cross is Jesus’ cross. When we follow him we enter into situations where our faith is tried and tested. But no matter what happens, we put our trust in our sure and solid foundation which is Jesus. Peter may have been called “the rock,” but Jesus is the boulder! Peter is more like a piece of THE Rock – Jesus.

Martin Luther said it this way in a sermon he gave on this text. He points us to the source of the real benefits, Jesus. “So now you might say, does not Christ say here, ‘You are Peter,’ and ‘upon this rock I will build My church?’ So you must understand that here Peter is called a rock and Christ is also a rock. For Christ is the whole rock and Peter a piece of the rock, just as surely as Christ. For what is attributed to us for the sake of our fellowship with Him is that we also have a Christian nature on us. He is good so we are also good. He is righteous and we also. Everything He has and can do we can also boast is ours.”

So, we can get a piece of the rock (Peter) or we can get a piece of THE Rock (Jesus). And when we find something we like (that brings us salvation and a right relationship with God) we stick with it! Amen.