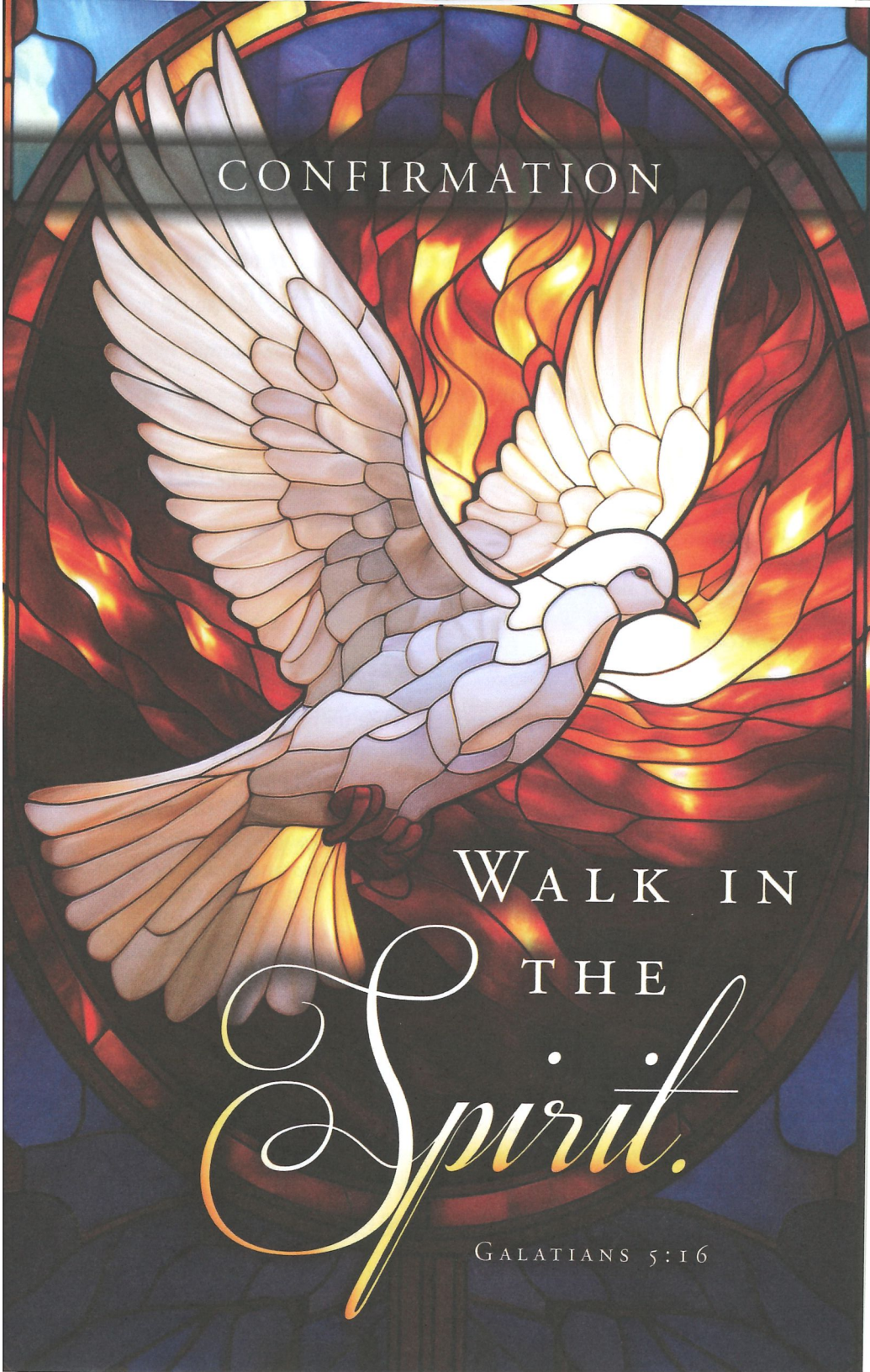




CONFIRMATION

WALK IN
THE

Spirit.

GALATIANS 5:16

Service of Confirmation-Affirmation of Baptism

First Lutheran Church Blooming Prairie, MN

October 25, 2026 11:00 am

Prelude

Gathering

*Processional	<i>Bornng Cry</i>	#732 ELW
*Welcome		Pastor Meester
Thanksgiving for Baptism		page 97
*Apostolic Greeting		Joseph Schwarz
*Prayer of the Day		Aubree Johnson
Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.		

Anthem	<i>Lead Me Lord</i>	Senior Choir
--------	---------------------	--------------

Word

Psalm	Psalm 100	Andrew Schwarz
Scripture Readings	Jeremiah 29:10-14 Philippians 4:8-14	Addison Hjelman Jeffrey Bruns

*Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?* pg 142

P. The Gospel according to Matthew. C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***The Gospel Reading** Matthew 19:25-30

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Meester

Hymn of the Day

Here I Am, Lord

#574 ELW

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation of the Confirmands

pg 234

Confirmands come forward as their names are read by the representative of First Lutheran Church

President Doug Hillson: The young people before you, having been instructed in the Christian faith, now desire to affirm their faith.

Prayer

Pastor Venne

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

C: 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 in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Pastor Meester addresses the Confirmands

P: Sisters and brothers 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.

We continue at the top of page 235

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.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

The first article of the Apostles' Creed

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

The second article of the Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

The third article of the Apostles' Creed

Students return to their seats

Laying on of Hands

As each Confirmand comes forward, parents, siblings, sponsors, and other significant individuals are invited to come forward with him/her for the laying on of hands – demonstrating that the teachings of the apostles continues to the next generation in each new age. You may then return to your seat.

Presentation *Parents present their child with these words when invited by the pastor*

I present _____, who desires to make public affirmation of his/her baptism by confirming his/her faith.

P: NAME, you have made public confession 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 God's Word 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 our Lord Jesus;

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

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmation Prayer

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ 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. Amen.

Each Confirmand, with their families repeat this order.

*When Confirmands have returned to their seats, we will invite them to stand.
The congregation offers this acclamation.*

Acclamation

Pastor Venne

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

P: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

Kyah Witt

C: And also with you. *Greet one another with the Lord's Peace*

Offering

We Are an Offering

#692 (2x) ELW

Student Ushers: Kody Blume, Montey Mausbach, Levi Skillestad, Mason Peterson

*Offertory Prayer

Emmerson Nelson

*The Prayers of Intercession

Claire Staloch

Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Liturgy for Holy Communion

Pastor Venne

*The Lord's Prayer

pg 145

Communion Distribution

Communion Assistants: Reid Jensen, Elaine Schwarz

We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who look to Jesus Christ for life and salvation. Please form two lines, at the ushers' direction, down the center aisle. As you near the front, take empty cup, proceed left or right to your communion station, commune, then depart by the side aisles. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; indicate this preference to your server. Children who do not yet commune are welcomed forward for a blessing. For mobility challenges or personal preference, please notify an usher; communion will be served to you in your pew.

Communion Hymns

ELW #'s 855, 857 (2x), 858

*The Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Sending

*Benediction

Bristol Hansen

God all mighty, God most merciful +bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Recessional Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

#840 ELW

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*Confirmands please take home your posters and certificates
(hung together in the hallway by the Luther Rooms).*

Worship Service Leaders

Crucifer: Owen Gimbel

Water Bearer: Peyton Lembke

Acolytes: Coen Abel, Levi Staska

Readers: Andrew Schwarz, Addison Hjelman, Jeffrey Bruns

Prayers: Claire Staloch

Liturgists: Bristol Hansen, Aubree Johnson, Emmerson Nelson, Joseph Schwarz, Kyah Witt

Communion Assistants: Reid Jensen, Elaine Schwarz

Ushers: Kody Blume, Montgomery Mausbach, Levi Skillestad, Mason Peterson

Pastors: Kristen Venne, Laurel Meester

Organist: Karla Iacovino

Pianist & Choir Director: Chris Butler

Special Music: Senior Choir

2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Coen Jeffrey Abel, son of Justin & Whitney Abel

Kody Ethan Blume, son of Marcus Blume and Teresa Blume

Jeffrey Klem Bruns, son of Jonathan and Lisa Bruns

Owen Stephen Gimbel, son of Chad & Tara Gimbel

Bristol Amaya Hansen, daughter of Stephen & Rachel Hansen

Addison Lee Hjelman, daughter of Joseph & Ashley Hjelman

Reid Thomas Jensen, son of Jason & Kaylene Jensen

Aubree Jane Johnson, daughter of Emily & John Lurken and Jeremiah Johnson

Peyton Marvin Lembke, son of Heath & Kelsey Lembke

Montgomery Michael Mausbach, son of Jerry & Brandy Mausbach

Emmerson Elaine Nelson, daughter of Nicholas & Samantha Nelson

Mason Alexander Peterson, son of Jake & Alecia Peterson

Andrew Richard Schwarz, son of Jacob & Pamela Schwarz

Elaine Ann Schwarz, daughter of Jacob & Pamela Schwarz

Joseph James Schwarz, son of Jacob & Pamela Schwarz

Levi Gregory Skillestad, son of Greg & Allyson Skillestad

Claire Diane Staloch, daughter of Chris & Amy Staloch

Levi Thomas Staska, son of Ryan & Katrina Staska

Kyah Marie Witt, daughter of Zach & Amber Witt

The Confirmation Class of 2026 expresses their gratitude and appreciation to the many adults who have been involved with their instruction in the Christian faith.