Rite of Confirmation:

2026 Confirmation Class

Ayden Eagle	**Son of Roberta Tieszen**
Luke Fiscus	**Son of Alan & Ellen Schmidt and Shane & Pam Fiscus**
Cannon Halbersma	**Son of Matt & Kayci Halbersma**
Mazie Petrik	**Daughter of Jason & Amanda Petrik**

*****_The Confirmation Class will be receiving you outside the Fellowship Hall after worship._

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Borning Cry* ELW #732

Offertory Prayer:
Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction
P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* ELW #654

Dismissal: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, October 25th, 2026; 9:30 am Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness:
P: We come before our God, this morning, under the sign of our baptism in the name of God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection)
C: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.
P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven!
C: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism:
Everett Matthew Preszler Son of Matthew & Abby Preszler

Opening Hymn *Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ELW #608

Apostolic 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.

Call to Worship: **Psalm 46**
P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
P: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
C: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.
P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
C: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
C: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth."
P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer of the Day:
P: Let us pray.
C: 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music *Ever Faithful, Ever Sure* Adult Choir

Scripture Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34** Jennie Dede
31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with
their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a
covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the
covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put
my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall
be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know
the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord,
for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Scripture Reading: **Romans 3:19-28**
19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that
every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no
human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes
the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been
disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the
faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by
his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his
divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate
at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who
has the faith of Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind
of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is
justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel Acclamation: *Change My Heart, O God* ELW #801

Gospel **John 8:31-36**
(*Response after the announcement:* ***Glory to you, O Lord.)***
31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are
truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They
answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What
do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell
you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place
in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will
be free indeed.
(Response after the conclusion: ***Praise to you, O Christ.)***

Children's Sermon Pastor Josh Schunk

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Hymn of the Day: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ELW #504