

Welcome to Moe Lutheran

Confirmation Sunday October 26, 2025

Call to Worship:

With joy we gather today in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen!

With thanksgiving we praise our God for the grace revealed in the gifts of Baptism and Holy Communion!

Amen!

With expectation we look to where God's abundant love will lead us!

Amen!

With conviction we move forward in the light of Christ to proclaim his love to the world!

Amen!

Processional Song: "Gather Us In" (Verses 1-3)

ELW 532

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, anchor our lives in the truth of your Word. That which is found wanting in us, restore. That which builds us up, reaffirm. That which we still must learn, reveal. Keep us faithful in our service to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music: Moe Choir

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

3though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

Gospel Acclamation: Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205





Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

Sermon

Song: "Baptized and Set Free"

ELW 453

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present the following young people desiring to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Jet Orin Brellenthin Lauren Jean Byfuglien Connor Alan Davidson Heaton Richard Jennings Hayden James Picard Leva JoAnne Ulvin Carter Thomas Ziegler

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. 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.**

Profession of Faith:

Confirmands, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Response: I renounce them.

The congregation joins the confirmands in the confession of faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmands, 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 Confirmand responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me. People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers making public affirmation of their baptism and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation responds: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

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Parents and Sponsors are invited come forward to lay hands in blessing over their confirmand during this prayer:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit: confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower her/him in serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life, both now and forever. Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ!

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!

Presentation of Gifts

Prayers: My dear friends, let us be one in prayer to God our Father, just as we are one in the faith, hope, and love his Spirit gives.

For these brothers and sisters in Christ, confirmed in faith by the gift of the Spirit...

that they give witness to Christ with lives built on faith and love, Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For their parents and godparents who led them in faith...

that by word and example they uplift and follow the way of Jesus Christ, Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are called in baptism to be the children of God, that the Holy Spirit deepens our faith, love, and service to Christ, *Let us pray to the Lord:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all men and women, of every race and nation, that they may know God as Father and seek the joy of the Holy Spirit, Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those struggling with physical limitation and illness, or with the pain of grief and loss ...

that they may know the comfort of your presence walking with them, Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

God our Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost. Through their witness, the Church was born. May the work of the Spirit continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory:

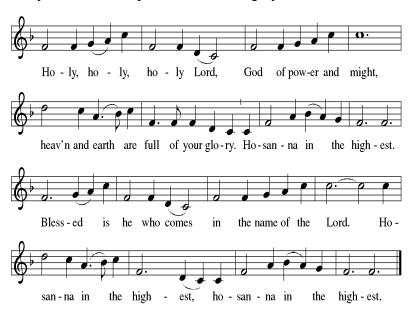
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Invitation To Communion:

All who believe Christ is present in the bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table!

- We will commune at two stations.
- Juice is available in the center of each tray.
- Gluten free wafers are available on request.
- Ushers will invite you forward by the center aisle.
- Return to your seat by the side aisle.
- If you'd like communion brought to you, let the usher know.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

Closing Song: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW 547

Dismissal:

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God!