



Service for Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)
Sunday, November 8, 2009 1:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 Wauwatosa Avenue
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213
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St. Matthew's Confirmation Class of 2009

<u>Name of Confirmand</u>	<u>Parents' Names</u>	<u>Scripture Verse</u>	<u>Participation in Service</u>
Brandon Albrecht	Jenny Albrecht	Proverbs 15:13	Prayer Petition, Acolyte
Karyn M. Bechtel	Scott & Sue Bechtel	John 8:32	Prayer Petition, Usher
Sophie Bice	Daniel & Sonya Bice	1 Peter 5:7	Gift Litany, Choir
Hannah Braun	Paul & Danette Braun	Matthew 5:9	Opening Liturgy, Violin, Choir
Maxton Joseph Casmere Brovarney			
	Dan Brovarney & Debra Endean	Matthew 4:19	Acolyte, Bible Bearer, Prayer Petition
Caitlyn Cavanaugh	April & Matt Cavanaugh	Matthew 6:21	Prayer Petition, Usher
Tessa Cristan	Bob & Sandy Cristan	Psalms 46:10	Communion Assistant, Lord's Prayer
Jaime Due	Brian & Jill Due	Matthew 5:8	Prayer Petition, Usher, Choir
Cameron Ernst	Peter & Sue Ernst	Deuteronomy 6:5	Post-Communion Prayer, Dismissal
Steven Charles Gastrau	Steve & Karen Gastrau	2 Timothy 4:7	Opening Litany, Guitar
Margaret Geertsen	John & Beth Geertsen	John 5:30	Gospel Reader, Choir
Mark C. Hewett	Charley & Kristi Hewett	2 Thessalonians 3:13	Faith Metaphor, Usher
Allison Kuhlmann	John & Terri Kuhlmann	Psalms 4:1	Offertory Prayer, Communion Assistant
Nick Lange	Chris & Laura Lange	Romans 12:9-10	Sending Blessing, Usher
Ben Lingeman	Steve Lingeman, Mary Kay Lingeman	Philippians 4:13	Cross Bearer, Acolyte
Nathan Long Miller	Susan & Mauri Miller	Psalms 9:18	Communion Assistant, Sharing of Peace
Meghan Murphy	Peter & Julia Murphy	Exodus 15:2	Faith Paper, Violin
Ellen Pickering	Joy Tapper & Bill Pickering	John 15:9, 11	Reading Lesson, Piano
Sam Schulz	Patty & Bob Schulz	Luke 6:27-28	Prayer Petition, Usher
Tyler Seif	Greg & Jennifer Seif	Psalms 4:1	Prayer Petition, Usher
Rachel Tillman	Carol & Ken Tillman	John 15:16	Apostolic Greeting, Usher
Claire Urban	David & Anne Urban	Galatians 5:22-23	Class Prayer, Choir
Caitlin Johanna Van Lith	Al & Susan Van Lith	Amos 5:24	Reading Lesson, Choir
Emily Winters	Steve & Lisa Winters	Psalms 36:5-6	Prayer of the Day, Choir
Derek Wulff	David & Lauri Wulff	Matthew 4:19	Gifts Litany, Acolyte

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1:00 p.m. Confirmation Service
Affirmation of Baptism for Ninth Graders

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering

Pastoral Greeting

- ☞ We, as the gathered people of St. Matthew's: Today we are privileged to welcome those who wish to confess their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior. When they were baptized, God made clear his claim on them as His own, and they were received into the church. Now they wish publicly to accept and confirm what was sealed in their baptism, confess their faith in the Lord Jesus, and offer themselves to God as His willing servants. We thank God for having given them this desire and pray that as we now hear their confession, God's Spirit will strengthen all of us for continued service in Christ's kingdom.

[Please stand]
Gathering Song

Lord, Our God, We Now Implore You
Cross Bearer, *Ben Lingeman*
Bible Bearer, *Max Brovarney*
Acolytes, *Brandon Albrecht, Derek Wulff*

1. Lord, our God, we now im - plore You. Send Your Spir - it
2. May they be con - tent to serve You, Ev - er in Your
3. Take de - light to show them mer - cy. Mer - cies new each

with Your grace. Bless these youth who come be - fore You.
king - dom live. May no e - vil ev - er swerve You
break of day. Then, O Lord, in all Your glo - ry

Seal them in Your cho - sen race. Bless their wit - ness, bless their pro - mise.
From the love You free - ly give. Ne - ver leave them or fore - sake them.
Lead them in Your right - eous way. May they will to seek You on - ly.

Till they see You face to face. Till they see You face to face.
But in mer - cy still for - give. But in mer - cy still for - give.
Keep their hearts, O Lord, we pray. Keep their hearts, O Lord, we pray.

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Opening Confirmation Litany

Hannah Braun, Steven Gastrau

- Ⓐ O Lord of the Church, before your altar this day, these confirmands speak as the Spirit has guided them to do.
- ☞ **May the words that they share, by the Spirit's guiding, be a blessing to us all.**
- Ⓐ The words that they speak tell of their faith,
- ☞ **a faith that reaches back to Abraham and Sarah and now is carried on in them.**
- Ⓐ The words that they speak tell of a love,
- ☞ **their love for the Lord, the Lord's love for them, and our love for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.**
- Ⓐ The words that they speak tell of a future,
- ☞ **a future filled with promise, a future filled with hope, and a future that will flow with forgiveness and salvation.**
- Ⓐ Above all, may the words that go forth from the mouths of these confirmands remind us of your grace,
- ☞ **a grace that strengthens faith, a grace that deepens love, and a grace that brightens all our future days.**

Apostolic Greeting

Rachel Tillman

- Ⓐ The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☞ **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Emily Winters

- Ⓐ Let us pray. Pour out your Holy Spirit, Lord, upon those that you have promised: young and old, men and women, leaders and followers. May we catch the vision of your saving love. In flame these youth today who are being confirmed in your faith to speak and live as those in whom the Spirit dwells. Make the witness of your Church a mighty rushing wind. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Word*[Please be seated]***First Reading**1 Samuel 3:6-10, *Ellen Pickering*

This first lesson is from the third chapter of Samuel and centers on God calling the boy Samuel to serve the Lord. In the middle of the night Samuel hears God calling his name. Samuel goes to Eli, the Priest, thinking Eli has called him, but Eli says, "It is the Lord calling. If the voice calls you again, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" Our lesson begins with the sixth verse.

Gifts Litany*Derek Wulff, Sophie Bice*

- A** We have each been given gifts from God.
- C** **May we use them to your glory, Lord.**
- A** As the Bible says, "If the gift is prophesying,
- C** **let people use that gift in proportion to their faith."**
- A** If it is serving,
- C** **let them serve.**
- A** If it is teaching,
- C** **let them teach.**
- A** If it is contributing to the needs of others.
- C** **let them give generously.**
- A** If it is leadership,
- C** **let them govern diligently.**
- A** If it is showing mercy,
- C** **let them do it cheerfully.**
- A** Help us, O Lord, to see what our gifts are.
- C** **And help us, O Lord, to make your gifts to us grow.**

Second Reading1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 14-20, 27, *Caitlin Van Lith*

The second lesson tells us that we each have gifts. Just as our body consists of many parts, so does the body of Christ. People consist of many gifts to make one body in Christ.

[Please stand]

Gospel Acclamation

512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Gospel

Luke 15:11-24, *Margaret Geertsen*

The Gospel for this Confirmation Sunday is from the 15th chapter of Luke, the familiar story of the Prodigal Son. God's relationship with us is centered on love and forgiveness.

Gospel Response

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord for you this day:

☑ Thanks be to God.

[Please be seated]

Gospel Message

"What Will You Do?"

Pastor Gary Erickson

[Please stand]

Confirmation Hymn

574 Here I Am, Lord

Stanza 1: Confirmation Group – *Sophie Bice, Hannah Braun, Jaime Due, Margaret Geertsen, Claire Urban, Caitlin Van Lith, Emily Winters*
Steven Gastrau, Guitar

Stanzas 2-3: Congregation

Affirmation of Baptism

[Please be seated]

Class Comments

Gretchen Haugse, Youth Education Director

Sharing of Faith Paper

Meghan Murphy

Sharing of Faith Metaphor

Mark Hewett

Class Prayer

Claire Urban

Presentation of the Class

page 234 *Al Van Lith, Vice-President of Congregation*

Profession of Faith page 235

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly
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Prayers of Intercession *Brandon Albrecht, Karyn Bechtel, Max Brovarney,
Caitlyn Cavanaugh, Jaime Due, Sam Schulz, Tyler Seif*

☞ We pray to the Lord:

☛ **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace *Nathan Miller*

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☛ **And also with you.**

Meal

[Please be seated]

Receiving the Offering Ushers: *Karyn Bechtel, Jaime Due, Mark Hewett, Sam
Schulz, Tyler Seif, Rachel Tillman, Caitlyn
Cavanaugh, Nick Lange*

[Please stand]

Musical Offering *Melodie by Gluck; Meghan Murphy, Violin*

Offering **# 183 Let the Vineyards be Fruitful**

Offertory Prayer *Allison Kuhlmann*

☞ God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that honors each other, to serve others with joy, to share our love and material possessions. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

☛ **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Tessa Cristan

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.

Communion Anthem

Chorale
Hannah Braun, Violin
Ellen Pickering, Piano

[Please be seated]

Distribution Hymn

474 Bread of Life From Heaven
 Assisting with Communion distribution:
Tessa Cristan, Allison Kuhlmann, Nathan Miller

Acolytes assisting in distribution:
Brandon Albrecht, Max Brovarney, Ben Lingeman,
Derek Wulff

Prayer after Communion

Cameron Ernst

☞ Let us pray. We bless you, O God, for the gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ, our Lord.

☩ Amen.

Sending

Sending Blessing

Nick Lange

- ☩ The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, and strengthen you through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen.

Closing Hymn

538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Dismissal

Cameron Ernst

- ☩ To you, God's faithful people, both newly confirmed and continuously confirmed, go in peace and declare how much God has done for you.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude

It has been wonderful to have you share in the worship of our marvelous God. It is our prayer that you have been refreshed and strengthened to serve Him this week. God's blessings until we meet again.



St. Matthew's Vision, Mission and Values Statements

Vision Statement: (What we want to become)
Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are a community of disciples growing in faith, hope and love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement: (What we are going to do)
Called to fulfill the Great Commission, St. Matthew's welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ, nurtures our faith journey, equips us to serve others, and sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name.

Values: (Who we want to be)
We want to be people who grow in our Spiritual fruitfulness, which is shown through the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control.

The Staff of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Ministers	The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Gary Erickson
Pastor	The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke
Pastor	The Rev. Margaret Schoewe
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
Church Librarian (volunteer)	Bev Etzelmueller
Director of Older Adult Ministries	Jane Sandstrom
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator	Gretchen Haugse
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Donna Gardner Manke
Senior Choir Director	David Mohr
Youth Handbell Choirs	Jeffrey Reeves
New Creation Choir	Jeffrey Reeves and John Paradowski; Annette Olson, accompanist
Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades)	Jeff Reeves and Haley Picotte
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education	Sue Swing
Finance Secretary	Holly Jurss
Office Assistant	Jill Due
Communications Secretary	Sonja Mohr
Custodians	Tim Ireland Robert Gardner

Scripture Readings for Confirmation Service, November 8, 2009

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:6-10

6 The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 14-20, 27

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32

11 Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22 But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.