

Our Confirmation Graduates - 2025

Ethan Lehmann and Jaxen Mueller



Statements of Faith and Favorite Verses

Ethan

I believe God is the Lord, my holy savior in Jesus and is always there for me.

In the church, I find a place to grow in faith in Jesus.

God's words in the Bible strengthen my faith and help me live a better life.

Luke 1:37 – For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Jaxen

I believe that God is there along my journey and strengthens me to live each day and live through faith.

In the church, I find a place to worship God and strengthen my faith.

The way God comes into my life is by being there when I am down and lifting me up to make me better in that moment pushing me forward to do good.

Romans 5:8 – But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. (I love you at your darkest)



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Confirmation Sunday, May 4, 2025

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WELCOME!

Ringling of the Church Bell

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Words of Welcome

News and Announcements

Call To Worship

L - Sing praises to our Lord:

C - who heals us and makes us whole.

L - Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

C - whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

L - Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

C - God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, on this day we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation. We are witness to the eternal love of Christ in these confirmands and we thank you for their presence in our lives. Remind us of your call upon our lives, that we are responsible for caring for each other. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn - "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"**

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Responsive Psalm – Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

L - I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

C - O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

L - O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

C - Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

L - For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

C - Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

ALL - O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Scripture Reading - John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas

called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Hymn - "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

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Meditation

Service of Confirmation for Ethan Lehmann and Jaxen Mueller

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Candidates Statement of Faith

UCC Statement of Faith (In Unison)

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

Prayer of the Candidates

Prayer of the Congregation

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation

Prayer of Confirmation

Promise of the People

L - Let us, the people of First Congregational Church, affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

C - We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Laying on of Hands

Greeting of Christian Love

The Service of Holy Communion

Call to Communion

Communion Prayer (Unison)

Dear and loving God, with grateful hearts we prepare to receive your gifts to us, taken in remembrance of Jesus Christ. Let your Holy Spirit grace our table, so that we may know Christ fully in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup. Bind us together through this holy meal as the Body of Christ, and grant us the peace of your presence. Amen

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We give you thanks, Loving God, for the splendor of this holy meal. Through the power of Jesus' presence at this table, grant us the grace to remain in fellowship always and the conviction to follow him wherever he leads us. Amen

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives for those who love us and nurture us; for those who teach us to be loving people. Bless those people and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our world.

AMEN.

*Closing Hymn – Blest Be the Tie That Binds – #368

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements – May 4, 2025

Welcome! If you cannot join us on Sunday mornings, you can watch on our Facebook page (**First Congregational Church, Glencoe**). For our Shut-In's at Long Term Care, it can be seen on **Monday's at 9:30 am and Tuesday's at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.**

Our Coffee Hosts for Sunday morning will be the **Discipleship Team – Christian Ed, in honor of our Confirmands.** Please Join us for coffee and goodies in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Sunday is this Sunday, May 4th. Please join us as we celebrate **Jaxon Mueller and Ethan Lehmann** and they choice to follow Jesus.

Birthdays: May 6-Ethan Kottke; May 8-Karen Benson

Weekly Calender:

Sunday: Confirmation with Communion

Monday: 11:00 am Bible Study

Thursday: 8:00 pm A.A.

**Next Sunday: Welcome/Worship/Deacon's Meeting
Sunday School**

Sunday School Celebration: There will be a recognition of the Sunday School students on **May 18th** as we close out the Sunday School year.

4th Annual Spring Fling: Save **Sunday, May 18th**, for this year's Spring Fling from Noon – 4:00pm. This year we will be supporting the McLeod County Food Shelf, through donations received that day. Lots of hands are needed to support this activity. Please consider volunteering by signing up for your favorite functions including set-up prep of tables/chairs, selling concessions, supervising the Kid's Zone and, of course, Clean-up! Watch for sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and in Church during April!

Online Only - Worship Memorial Sunday, May 25th: Join Pastor Adam from the shores of Long Lake as we worship together online. The livestream starts at 9:15am and can be found at [youtube.com/@FirstCongregationalGlencoe](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstCongregationalGlencoe)

April Mission of the Month - Thanks for your contributions received throughout April to support our Church's outreach efforts for the 4th Annual Spring Fling! Thank you to the congregation, Women's Fellowship, Deacons, and the Discipleship Team for your generosity in supporting Spring Fling!

NEW: Common Cup Community Meal - Common Cup will be serving a free community meal the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the dining hall at New Journey Church, Hutchinson. This month's meal will be served by the Common Cup Board, including Pastor Adam. Lunch begins at 11:30am and is served till food runs out. A free will donation will be taken. New Journey church is located at 31 4th Ave. SW, Hutchinson.

May Mission of the Month - This month we are supporting our own church's outreach efforts to the community by collecting funds to sponsor our float in the Glencoe Day's Parade on June 28th! Mark your calendars now to support the church as walkers/candy distributors and riders on the float! Or, bring a blanket or chair and join us outside the church to support our float as it passes by. Your May donations will allow the Church to reach out in a "family-friendly" way to promote our church to our larger community. Use the specially marked envelopes at the back of the church to make your contribution. When writing a check, be sure to make it out to First Congregational Church.

A Bazaar Update: Folks are adding their names to the list of people interested and excited to participate in this year's Christmas Bazaar on December 6th. Our "Church Famous" Pizzelles and Rosettes are guaranteed to be in good supply, as well as hand crafted items, jams and "like new"* Santa's Attic gifts. What's your "Claim to Fame" you'd like to provide this year? Join us at our next meeting on June 8th, after church, with your faves.

***Remember: Before you open your doors for the Glencoe Days garage sale, be sure to set aside a half dozen of your "best" items for Santa's Attic! Space will be available at the church throughout the summer to store them.**