



REFORMATION SUNDAY

CONFIRMING THE FAITH

Like Martin Luther more than five hundred years ago, today's confirmands have been thinking about their relationships with the LORD. Each has chosen a favorite Bible verse, and each has written a personal statement as to what it means to be a Christian, a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
MASON ELLINGSON

*Give your burdens to the LORD,
and He will take care of you.
He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.*
–**Psalm 55:22**

I am Mason Ellingson and this is what I believe about God, Jesus, and the Bible.

God is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is the creator of humanity and everything good. He created me and everyone around me. God is the one I call on in times of need, like the verse Psalm 55:22 talks about: “Give your burdens to the LORD, and He will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.” This is my confirmation Bible verse, and a verse I really like.

I know God loves me because, like Psalm 55:22 talks about, He helps me through hard times when I ask Him to help me. God has put very special people in my life, like great friends, and a very loving family. He has given me great talents like piano and saxophone-playing. With these talents, He has given me opportunities to spread His love, like my keyboard playing at church.

Jesus Christ has done so much for me. He forgives my sins, and never holds my past sins that have already been forgiven against me. Like Psalm 55:22 says, He never lets me fall down in hard times and in times of need. When I do stray from Jesus’ path, He always helps me and guides me back.

The Bible is important because the Bible is God, like John 1:1 said: “In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” It is important because we are with God when we are reading the Bible. We can look for answers for our questions in the Bible. The Bible brings us closer to God.

This is what I believe about God, and what He has done for me.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
RONELLE HASSE

*Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them.
For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you.
He will neither fail you nor abandon you.*

–Deuteronomy 31:6

My faith has been a journey, and will continue to be a journey after confirmation. My journey started when I was baptized in the church. Then it led me through years of Sunday School and VBS. Some of the mission trips I have been on have also played a major role in my journey. Some people in my life such as my parents, grandparents, and other adults in the church have been a major part of my journey through Christ. I have also had many friends in school that have lead me to read the Bible every day and who have helped grow my faith. My journey will not stop at confirmation, though. It will continue throughout my life and lead me to where Christ wants me to be.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
HUNTER KATTERHAGEN

*Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with My victorious right hand.*

–Isaiah 41:10

I see God as the most important person in our lives. I believe that even when you do make mistakes, He will forgive you. I know Jesus Christ was God's son. He was put on Earth to set an example of what He wants us to be, and what we could do to grow closer to God and to be more like Him in our everyday life. I believe that Jesus came to Earth to save us from our

sins. I think God is everywhere in our everyday life guiding us to be more like Him even when you don't think He is with you.

My favorite Bible verse that I think everyone should believe is Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God." I think that that verse is powerful and everyone should think like that. A lot of people fear in their life, but I think when they do they should think of this verse as a thing they should look up to and remember that they don't have to because God is with them.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

BRYNLEE OSTENDORF

I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

–**Philippians 4:13**

Who is God? God to me is so good, there's no one else like Him. He listens and strengthens me, He is so powerful, and His love for everyone is infinite.

Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – this is our Almighty God.

God changed my life when I put Him first and gave all of myself to Him. Life has been amazing, I can't say how much the LORD has changed my life.

God loves me because He loves everyone and forgives.

I can tell people about our Lord Jesus Christ, and tell them how amazing they are and how much they are loved.

Jesus Christ saved everyone by dying on the cross for our sins.

The relationship I have with God is that I pray to Him every night before I go to bed and every morning when I wake up. Our family prays before we eat as well.

I don't know what God has planned for me, but I bet it's going to be amazing.

The Bible is so important because it's God's words in a book, and it tells you stories and things about what happened.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
CADEN SCHULTZ

*[The LORD says,] “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.
I have called you by name; you are Mine.
–Isaiah 43:1b*

I chose this verse because God will always be with me, and I know I should not fear anything because He will guide me into the right direction if I continue to look to Him. By learning from my parents, attending church and Sunday School weekly, going to VBS, and going on mission trips, I learned that I want to continue to grow my faith with God. Through confirmation, I am declaring my faith.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
ADDISON YOUNG

*Let all that I am praise the LORD;
with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name.
Let all that I am praise the LORD;
may I never forget the good things He does for me.
–Psalm 103:1-2*

I was blessed to be raised in a God-fearing family, but I had a misconception. I thought attending church each Sunday and reading my Bible was enough to make me a good person. I knew all of the stories and learned all the prayers, but none of them held meaning in my heart. Without knowing it, I began living life by going through the motions. I didn't have a true intimate relationship with my Savior.

God wanted to change that, so He put me through some trials where I didn't have any other choice than to turn to Him. They easily became some of the toughest and most rewarding times of my life. I'm not proud of who I was, but who I am today wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for my past.

I have grown tremendously over the past couple of years. I have come to a point where just by looking out the window, at my family, and in the mirror, gives me enough proof that there is a God. I have gained a peace and a hope that everything will work out for those who trust God, so fear no longer troubles me. Instead of looking to the world for my worth, I look to my Creator; opinions don't hold as much meaning in my life. I have given my entire life over to God, and I am truly excited for what he has in store for me – even if that means I'll need to go through some more trials in order to get there.

I have laid every burden at the feet of Jesus, and now I wake up each morning with an overwhelming sense of joy that can only come from God.

I know the Truth in my heart.

I believe; nothing in this world will change my mind.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

ELLIANNA YOUNG

Christ Jesus died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

–2 Corinthians 5:15

God doesn't remove the void. He fills the void with a purpose: to live for the glory of God who died for you.

For a while, I had such a deep feeling of emptiness, like I was missing something vital to my life, but I couldn't figure out what it was I needed. Everywhere I was looking, people were on-fire for God, while I was struggling to go through easy motions like reading the Bible. I kept comparing myself to others – if I just do what they're doing I'll feel better. I would also try to fill that emptiness with sports, and school which left me with such a work-based mindset.

It took me a long time to realize that all God really wanted me to do was stop. God wanted to use that emptiness – not to fill it – but to expand it even more, because He wanted ME to fill it with Him. I needed to just be

still, and to stop chasing the things of this world. I needed to trust Him and be okay with His plan, and wait – be still – in His presence.

God can do so much in the waiting. He made the whole world with a dark and empty void. I JUST NEED TO TRUST HIM and LET GO. I cannot wait to see what He will do in my waiting, and in my life.

✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.

LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

Prelude Music

We prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ 🎵 Processional Hymn "A Mighty Fortress"

#229 LBW

Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: Loving God, what are Your plans for my life?

ALL: Where do You want me to go? What do You want me to do? Who do you want me to be?

PASTOR: We know Your plans are perfect, but we often choose other paths, other actions, trying to create an identity that fits in this broken world.

ALL: But You want to change our lives for good and forever!

PASTOR: That is why the LORD came to us in-person as Jesus Christ. We turn from the life He offers and toward death, so He came to bring us back to life. That's why He sacrificed Himself on the cross, dying along with our every and fault and failure, and it is why He returned to life three days later. God has forgiven you, given you the destiny of eternity in Heaven, and so has changed your life. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day – Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

ALL: We thank You, heavenly Father – in the name of Your dear Son Jesus Christ – for bringing us safely through the night, for protecting us from all harm and danger. Please also bless this day, shielding us against sin and every evil, so our every action would be pleasing to You. We trust our lives to You, our bodies and souls – everything! Send Your holy angels to be with us, that the evil enemy would have no power over us. Amen!

First Reading

Isaiah 58:11-12

Psalm 73:1-5, 13-14, 21-26

READER: 1 Truly God is good to Israel – to His people –
to those whose hearts are pure.

ALL: 2 But as for me, I almost lost my footing.

My feet were slipping, and I was almost gone.

READER: 3 For I envied the proud
when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.

**ALL: 4 They seem to live such painless lives;
their bodies are so healthy and strong.**

READER: 5 They don't have troubles like other people...

**ALL: ... they're not plagued with problems
like everyone else.**

READER: 13 Did I keep my heart pure for nothing?
Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?

**ALL: 14 I get nothing but trouble all day long;
every morning brings me pain.**

READER: 21 Then I realized that my heart was bitter,
and I was all torn up inside.

**ALL: 22 I was so foolish and ignorant –
To You, God, I must've seemed like a senseless animal.**

READER: 23 Yet I still belong to You;
You hold my right hand.

**ALL: 24 You guide me with Your counsel,
leading me to a glorious destiny.**

READER: 25 Who do I have in Heaven but You?
I desire You more than anything on earth!

**ALL: 26 My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart;
He is mine forever!**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17

Special Music "Just As I Am/Jesus, Take All of Me"

Church Choir

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Who are You?"

♪ Offering Hymn "Seek Ye First"

#783 WOV

Confirmation of Faith

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Son?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Blessing the Confirmands

† Mason Ellingson † Ronelle Hasse † Hunter Katterhagen
† Brynlee Ostendorf † Caden Schultz † Addison Young
† Ellianna Young

The Words of Institution

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♪ Communion Hymns

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" #503 LBW

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #212 LBW

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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**ALL: 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 – Martin Luther

A word of blessing.

PASTOR: May God the Father graciously provide your every need –
in body, soul, and spirit.

May Christ Jesus, Heaven's Son, deliver you from sin,
giving you merciful rest.

And may God's Holy Spirit heal, comfort, and strengthen you
against sin, death, and the devil, giving you the victory of a new
and never-ending life. Amen!

♪ Recessional Hymn “Be Thou My Vision”

#776 WOV

Postlude Music

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

Individual prayer at the altar is offered after the worship service today.

The Mission Statement of American Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
we seek to make the Kingdom of God real and present in our
world through ongoing worship, witness, and service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daylight saving time ends next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening.

Sunday, November 5th – is All Saints Sunday – in our worship service we will be remembering immediate family members who have died since November 1st, 2022. If you have someone whom you would like to be remembered, please write their names on the designated list on the bulletin board in the narthex.

There is a Food Donation sign-up sheet on the easel in the narthex for the Family Night Thanksgiving Dinner which will be held Wednesday, November 1st at 6:00 pm. This is a Youth & Family sponsored event in partnership with Quest Kids from the First Baptist Church and all are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.

There will be a brief ALCW meeting on Sunday, November 5th immediately following the worship service to elect a new ALCW president. PLEASE COME!

Attention all Veterans: We will be honoring our veterans on Sunday November 12th. All veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms to worship that day. Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11th.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

If you borrowed the book “Looking for the One” by Dave McIver, please return it to the church office.

WE ARE IN NEED OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

We are looking for anyone interested in helping serve one Sunday a month with our kids' Sunday school program or willing to be a substitute when

needed. Lessons are planned out and easy to follow, and supplies can be provided if needed. Please talk to Sierra, Jody, or Pastor Ethan if interested!

REMINDER - for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution: Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. **THANK YOU!** – Board of Deacons.

The September - November copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

CHURCH OUTREACH

Missionaries: Dan and Nancy Butkowski; Dwight and Dorothy Hazard; Chris Mikkelson.

Prayer Partners is our confidential chain of prayer. To request a prayer, send an e-mail to prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org. If you would like your name added or removed from the Prayer Partners' e-mail list, contact Patty Ostendorf or Becky Hillig.

Our Mission Focus for October is Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 74

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,845.06

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 9/30/23:

Budgeted needs: \$172,349.19

Receipts: \$153,836.60

Actual expenses: \$161,643.16

As of October 22nd, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$21,481.64 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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QUEST KIDS 2023 FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

September 13 - Quest Kick Off Carnival! @ 6:00 PM

September 20 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

September 27 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

OCTOBER

October 04 - Quest Kids Family Night
Pumpkin Painting/Carving! @ 6:00 PM

October 11 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

October 18 - NO QUEST - MEA Weekend

October 25 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

October 31 - Trunk Or Treat! 5:00-6:30 PM

NOVEMBER

November 01 - Quest Kids Family Night
Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:00 PM at ALC

November 08 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

November 15 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM


November 22 - No Quest (Happy Thanksgiving!)

November 29 - Quest Kids @ 6:00 PM

Questions?
Contact Pastor Jackson!
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TRUNK OR TREAT



CANDY NEEDED

Please consider donating 1,2,3 or any amount of **CANDY** to be used at Trunk or Treat this year.

Due by: 10/29

*hosted at FBC



PRAYER LIST

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Larry Adamek, Joe Ayers, Joanne Bokinskie, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Bob Fox, LaMoine Hatton, Larry Hatton, Stephanie James, Lois Johnson, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and Theresa Wiegers.

We are so frequently reminded of the extreme danger those involved in Law Enforcement face. Within our congregation, there are many individuals and families who have friends and loved ones serving in these roles. Therefore, several of us are requesting that we regularly include these names in our weekly congregational prayers.

Presently we are requesting prayers for:

- Nick Eldred, son of Chuck & Nancy Eldred
- Tom Haugen, son of Bryan & Linda Haugen, grandson of Ione Krause
- Tim Schroeder, son of Sue & Dennis Kaneski
- Brian Schultes, son of Dean & Julie Schultes
- Pete John, cousin to Janie Thole
- Barry Tirk, son of Allan & Blanche Tirk
- Tony Solseth, grandson of Carole Thompson
- Dave Greaver, Todd County Sheriff's Department Chaplain

We are perhaps not aware of all who should be included in this list. We have begun compiling and ask you to give the church office names of additional law enforcement personnel and their families.

Wednesday Family Night Supper 2023 – 2024 Schedule

Nov. 1st	Thanksgiving Family Meal – Youth & Family
Nov. 8th	Duke's Mixture – Team 1
Nov. 15th	Variables – Team 2
Nov. 22nd	NO SUPPER (Thanksgiving Break)
Nov. 29th	Youth Missions Fund Raiser
Dec. 6th	Spaghetti – Team 3
Dec. 13th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Dec. 20th	?
Dec. 27th	NO SUPPER (Christmas Break)
Jan. 3rd	Soupers – Team 6
Jan. 10th	Variables – Team 2
Jan. 17th	Duke's Mixture – Team 1
Jan. 24th	?
Jan. 31st	Spaghetti – Team 3
Feb. 7th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Feb. 14th	Soupers - Team 6
Feb. 21st	Duke's Mixture – Team 1
Feb. 28th	Youth Missions Fund Raiser
Mar. 6th	Variables – Team 2
Mar. 13th	Spaghetti – Team 3
Mar. 20th	Taco Temptations – Team 4
Mar. 27th	NO SUPPER (Holy Week)
Apr. 3rd	Soupers - Team 6
Apr. 10th	Duke's Mixture – Team 1
Apr. 17th	Variables – Team 2
Apr. 24th	ALCW

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Oct. 29th** **9:00 am Reformation Sunday Worship Service
with Confirmation and Communion**
10:00 am Prayer at Altar after Service
10:15 am Sunday School
- Tue. Oct. 31st** **5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Trunk or Treat Quest Kids at
First Baptist Church**
- Wed. Nov. 1st** **10:00 am** Set up for Quest Shoebox Packing
6:00 pm Family Night Thanksgiving Dinner with
Quest Kids Shoebox Packing Party Following
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Deacon Meeting
- Sat. Nov. 4th** **Set back clocks 1 Hour for End of Daylight
Saving Time**
- Sun. Nov. 5th** **9:00 am** Worship Service Celebrating All Saints
Day with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am ALCW Meeting

Sunday worship services are radio broadcast on KEYL 1400 AM and 103.1 FM, live-streamed on Facebook, and posted with video recordings of services later on our website.