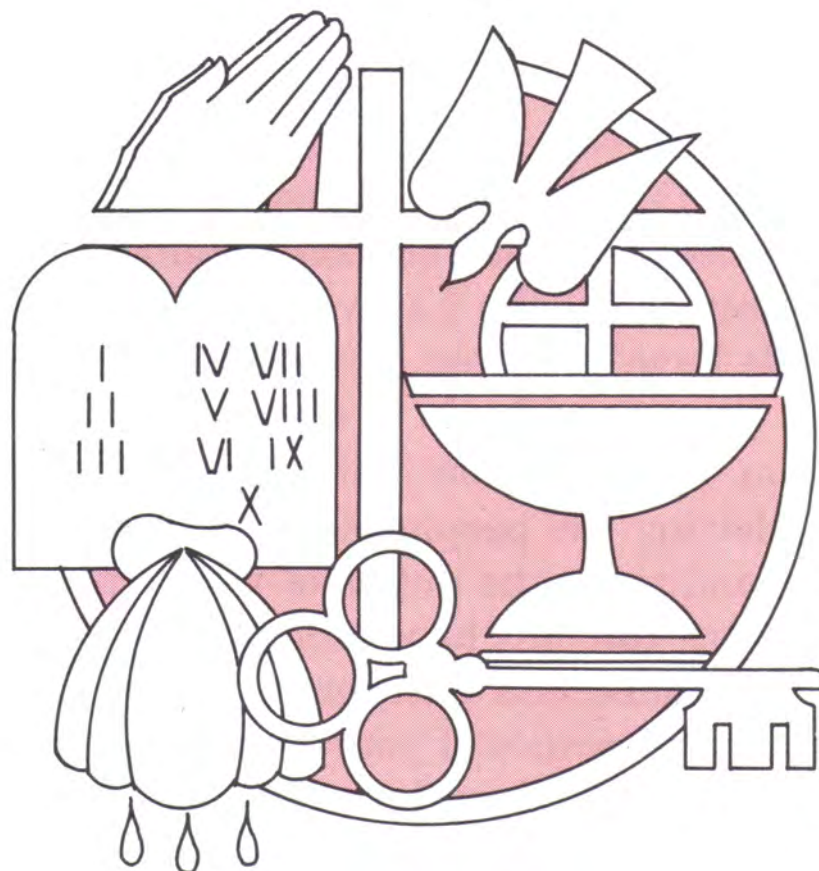


Introducing Our Confirmands



Sunday, May 18, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lombard, Illinois

My Confirmation Verse:

Matthew 6:34

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious about itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me:

This verse reminds me to stay in the present and that I should trust God about anything in my future. Also, it means that every day as trouble but God will always be with me.

Hymn: LSB 392, “God Loves Me Dearly”

Bio: My name is Sophia Garcia. I am fourteen years old and I was born in Elmhurst, Illinois. I am going to go to Willowbrook High School. I enjoy playing soccer and running. My favorite memory of Trinity is when I was in Kindergarten and Mr. DeWitt shaved his head for a fundraiser.

Parent Confirmation Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we celebrate Sophia’s Confirmation, we give thanks for the precious gift of her life. She is a treasure and a blessing to our family, and we love her deeply. It has been a joy to watch her grow into the beautiful young woman she is today. We ask for Your continued blessings and guidance over her life.

May Sophia draw strength from her faith, and may her heart always remain open to Your presence. Let her light shine as a beacon of hope and light to those around her. Lord, guide her steps and grant her wisdom as she walks the path You’ve prepared for her. Help her to trust in You fully, relying on Your strength through every season. May she follow the calling You have placed in her heart with courage, joy, and a steadfast Spirit.

We pray that she will always know the peace that comes from You, and that her days may be filled with hope, purpose, and love.

In Jesus’ Name,
Amen



Sophia Clotilde Garcia

My Confirmation Verse:

Psalm 139:14

“I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well”.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me:

This verse is special to my because it reminds me that God has made me in His image and nothing can change that. I am perfect in His eyes and shouldn't change anything about myself. In times of doubt, I look to this verse and remind myself of who I am living for and why God has made me and put me on this Earth.

Hymn: LSB 657, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Bio: My name is Angelina Iverson. I am 14 years old. I was born in Elmhurst, Illinois. I will be going to Willowbrook High School next year. I enjoy reading and spending time with my friends. I enjoy playing volleyball, running track, figure skating, and running cross country.

Parent Confirmation Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise You, for Angelina is fearfully and wonderfully made. We ask You to have the Holy Spirit dwell in her all the days of her life. She is embarking on a new chapter in her life, and we ask You to guide, lead, direct, and protect her according to Your will.

May she always know the sacrifice that our Savior Jesus Christ suffered on the cross for our sins. May she have a strong faith in You that never falters, but one that is strong and rich.

We thank You for Your grace and love, and may Angelina remember You and enrich her faith by Your Son's true body and blood through in the Sacrament of the Altar.

In Jesus Name,
Amen



Angelina Linnea Iverson

Confirmation Guidelines

As established by the Board of Elders for
Trinity Lutheran Church

For Lutherans, youth confirmation ministry has always been, and continues to be, a high priority. Many congregations continue to perform this ministry very much the way that their parents and grandparents did in previous generations. Other congregations are trying new ways to reach and teach young **catechumens**.

Both groups, however, have this in common: They strive to articulate the Gospel to their youth in the most effective and God-pleasing way possible. Therefore, all Lutherans are united in their commitment to the Lord's Great Commission, as they see their children as God's gift to the church.

With this understanding in mind, the Board of Elders of Trinity Lutheran Church, in devotion to both the Lord and to the mission of this congregation and its members, establish the following guidelines and requirements for the **catechumens** of this parish:

The primary texts for use in our adult and junior confirmation classes will be Luther's Small Catechism and Biblical text studies as presented in "Old and New Testament Catechesis" by Rev. Peter Bender of the Lutheran Catechetical Academy.

Catechumens will participate in a two (2) year program of instruction under the control of the Board of Elders, taught by the Pastor, assisted, if needed, by the day school teachers of Trinity Lutheran School.



Catechumens will be required to participate in the worship service, serving as acolytes. There will be a designated number of times an individual must serve in this capacity, depending on how many confirmands are in the program and the date of confirmation.

Students will be required to submit a series of sermon reports during their course of confirmation studies, both in the 7th and 8th grade years, along with an extensive memory work requirement consisting of the contents of the Small Catechism.

A series of written exams will be given to each student during their two year course work over the material taught in class, and confirmands will also be required to make a public statement of faith as well as passing a private verbal examination with the pastor and representative(s) from the Board of Elders.

Church attendance is vitally important for all members of the parish, especially for **catechumens** as they begin to develop their adult habits and commitments. Therefore, **catechumens** are required to attend church services at least twice each month during their course of study for confirmation.

The Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian Community. Prior to admission to the Lord's Supper, it is necessary to be instructed in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 11:28).

The rite of confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.

Matthew 10:32-33 Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My father in heaven.

Revelation 2:10 Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement

"The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lombard, IL is to proclaim the truth about God's saving Grace, given freely through the life, death and resurrection of His son Jesus Christ; to actively encourage our members to grow in faith, fellowship and love for one another; and to reach out to others so that they may hear the Gospel of Salvation, find forgiveness, reconciliation and a new life in Christ."

Trinity Lutheran Church and School Ministries

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Children's Christian Education Ministry - Principal, James Baerenklau

Mary Martha Ministry - President, Arlene Solyom

Sunday School Ministry - Superintendent, Lori Solyom

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