

Call to Discipleship and Commissioning of Confirmands

Our Communal Call to Discipleship (Matthew 25:34-40)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

Response (in unison)

Congregation

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

The Call to Our Confirmands

Pastor Aaron Punt

By grace, Christ frees us from sin and for discipleship. He calls and anoints us as a royal priesthood through our baptism. Our lives in Christ are marked by change, growth and deepened commitment as we grow in faith. Today, we celebrate with Evan, Claire and Emma as they commit to serving Christ's mission.

Commissioning of Confirmands

Pastor Lisa Schrott & Pastor Aaron Punt

I present Evan Haskel, Claire Mayhew and Emma Roya, servants of Christ created in the image of God, for the church's commissioning. Evan, Claire and Emma: Do you commit to exploring your faith in Jesus Christ through Confirmation through prayer, study, and discussion with curiosity and openness?

Congregation, in baptism we promise to guide and nurture by word and deed with love and prayer, and encourage the baptized to know and follow Christ. Reminded of these vows, do you promise to support and encourage Evan, Claire and Emma, through prayer, conversation and example as they explore their faith and what it means to follow Jesus?

Response (in unison)

Congregation

We do.

Laying on of Hands

Parents and Congregation

Prayer for Strengthening in the Spirit:

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Blessing

Pastor Aaron Punt



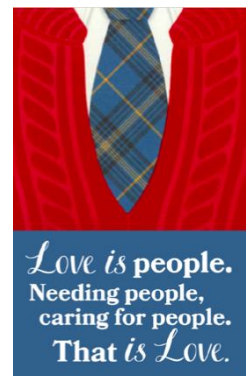
Ritual Action

Week 7

Weekly Ritual Actions

Find practices or activities that work for the community, whether it is two people or your entire congregation. Consider how your faith is engaged in community through this practice or activity. While these communal spiritual practices and their impact will differ from person to person and community to community, here are some examples:

- Volunteering together to for the Cass Community Mission Trip, the CROP Walk, or the Election Postcard Get Out the Vote Drive.
- Sharing a conversation about what's important to your faith with another person or group
- Holding space for someone in your community who is struggling
- Reflecting on how we can see our own actions and faith lived out in a community, and discern what is meaningful and what might need to change



Literally meaning “co-laborer or co-worker,” Synergos encompass the sense that we have shared goals and shared values that we are working toward.

While spiritual formation is often seen as solo or solitary work, there is much of spiritual formation and spiritual deepening that can happen within community.

