

The background of the poster is a vibrant, abstract painting. It features a central figure in a white robe, possibly a priest, with hands raised in a gesture of blessing. The background is filled with swirling, flame-like patterns in shades of yellow, orange, and red, suggesting the presence of the Holy Spirit. The overall style is expressive and spiritual.

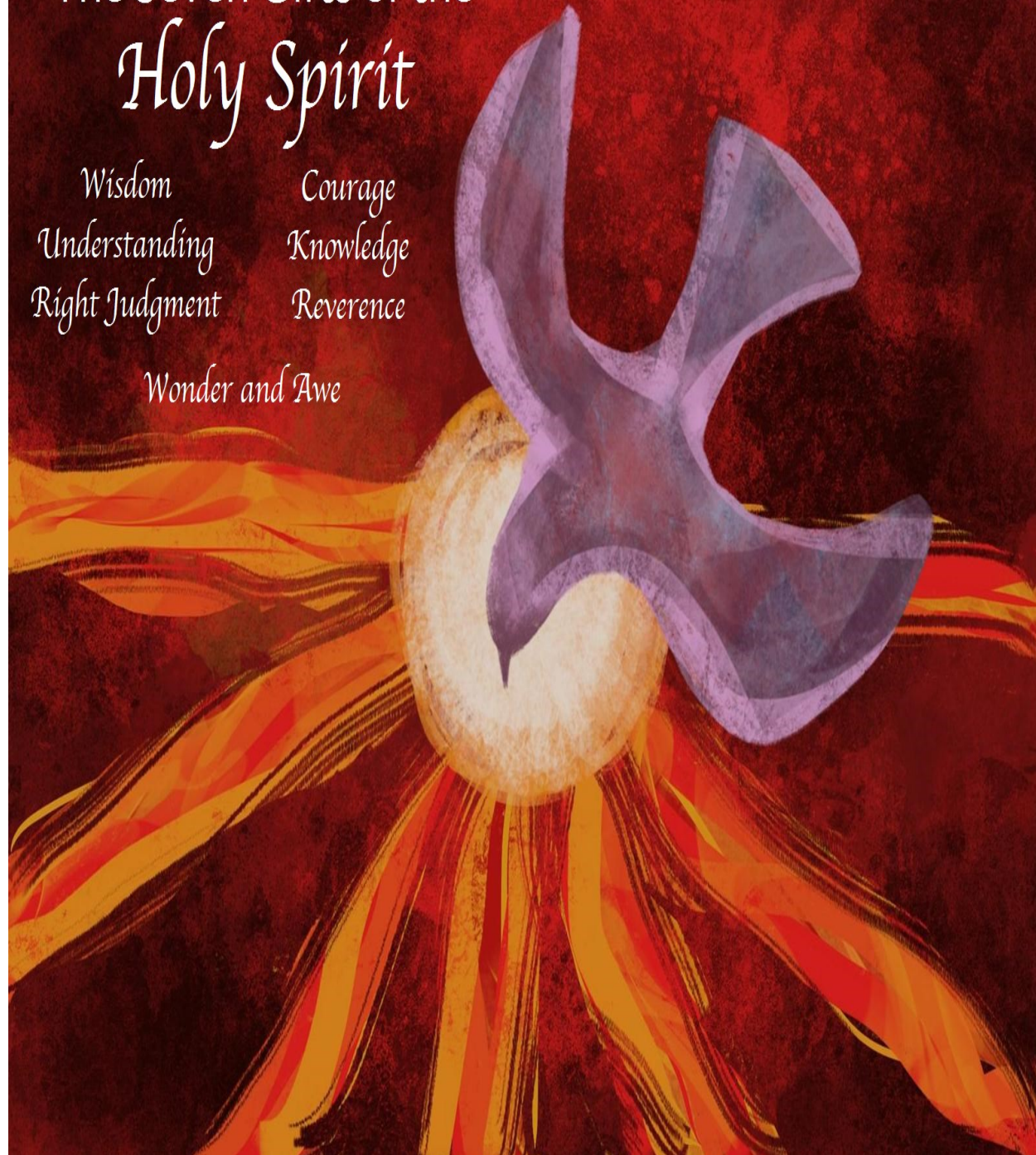
Confirmation 2024

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The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom Courage
Understanding Knowledge
Right Judgment Reverence

Wonder and Awe



Hymn

“Veni Sancte Spiritus”

Cantor & Congregation

The blessing will be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

*Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in
Max, Josephine, Otto, Samantha, Andrew, Katie, Ryan, Marco, and Anderson
the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life,
empower her/him in her/his serving,
give her/him patience in suffering,
and bring her/him to everlasting life.
Amen.*

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

L: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brother in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard Jesus and the religious leaders disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Statements: * Ryan Miller, Marco Superczynski, and Anderson Taphorn *

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day *“Here I Am, Lord”*

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Confirmation marks the completion of a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. On the day that these young people were baptized, their parents and sponsors confessed their faith in front of the congregation. Today, with God’s help, these young people do that for themselves. We rejoice with those who are affirming the promises made on the day of their baptism.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these brothers and sisters, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

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who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

L: Let us pray.... Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and sisters, whom you have

made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

Profession of Faith

L: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

L: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

L: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor Jon addresses the assembly.

L: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Family members and baptismal sponsors are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands. Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Reading of Bible Verse Assigned to Each Confirmand

Max Carroll— “I can do all things through God who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Josephine Baranowski — “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Otto Krause — “Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

Samantha Mahoney — “Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:9-10

Andrew Selle — “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

Katie Gayhart — “Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honor.” Proverbs 21:21

Ryan Miller — “Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Do not neglect the gift that is in you.” 1 Timothy 4:12, 14

Marco Superczynski — “Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will be sure.” Proverbs 4:26

Anderson Taphorn — “Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.” Proverbs 19:20