

CONFIRMATION DEVOTION & REFLECTION

Walk with Christ

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, Mount Olive joyfully celebrated the confirmation of 40 young believers. Pastor Gawel shared a powerful message, urging the confirmands to anchor their identity in Christ, remain firmly rooted in His Word, be built up through life's challenges, and live each day with deep dependence on and gratitude for Jesus' love.

As we reflect on our own confirmation and the faith God has planted in our hearts, we invite you to spend time with this devotion throughout the week.



"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." — Colossians 2:6-7

Who Are You?

When you think about who you are, you might think about your hobbies, talents, or achievements. It feels good to be good at something! But life changes — jobs end, talents fade, and situations shift. If we only define ourselves by what we do, we can end up feeling lost when life doesn't go the way we planned.

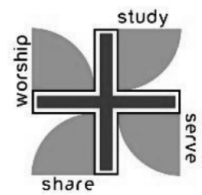
- **But here's the good news:** God defines you by something far better:
You are His forgiven and dearly loved child: He knows your future, He created you on purpose, and He promises to walk with you every step of the way.

Faith Is a Gift

You didn't find Jesus — He found you. Through His Word and Baptism, God gave you faith. He planted it in your heart like a seed. And now, Jesus Himself lives in you! What an amazing thought — the holy, risen Lord living in your heart today.

What Does it Mean to Walk with Christ

- Stay close to Jesus by staying close to His Word.
- Let His love guide your choices.
- Ask in any situation:
 - **"What did Jesus do for me?"**
 - **"How can I show His love today?"**



Wherever life leads you — good days or hard days — Jesus is walking with you. And not only that — He's working through you to bless others.

Rooted, Built Up, & Overflowing

- **Rooted:** Like a strong tree that survives storms because of deep roots.
- **Built Up:** Like a strong building adding beautiful rooms and decorations.
- **Strengthened:** Growing through struggles — patience, humility, and trust in hard times.
- **Overflowing with Thankfulness:** Always grateful for God's work in your life.


Even when life feels overwhelming, God's love holds you firmly in place. He promises that nothing can snatch you away from Him (John 10:28)!

Keep Growing!

- Faith isn't something you graduate from — it's a lifelong journey.
- Stay in the Word, keep attending worship, and receive the Lord's Supper often.
- God will keep shaping you, stretching you, and building you up, even through hard moments.

Parents: You are your child's first and best faith example. Keep modeling repentance, forgiveness, and daily trust in Jesus. Your ongoing walk with Christ powerfully impacts your children's faith!

Bible Passages for Additional Reading

	John 15:5 — <i>"I am the vine; you are the branches..."</i>
	Philippians 1:6 — "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion..."
	Psalms 1:1-3 — "Like a tree planted by streams of water..."
	John 10:27-28 — "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For Everyone:

1. How do you usually define yourself? What does God say about who you are?
2. How do you feel knowing Jesus lives in your heart right now?
3. What does it mean to “walk with Christ” in everyday life?

For Parents:

1. How can you model a love for God's Word in your daily life?
2. How can you encourage your children to keep walking with Christ even as they grow up?

For Kids/Teens:

1. What's one way you can show Jesus' love at school, at home, or with friends?
2. What do you think it means that your faith has deep “roots”?

Reflect on your confirmation day and verse. How has God worked in your life?

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for planting faith in our hearts and walking with us every day. Help us to stay rooted in You, to grow stronger through Your Word, and to live lives overflowing with thankfulness.

Build us up in Your love and guide us in every step we take. Bless our family to stay close to You always.

In Your name we pray, Amen



2025 Mount Olive Confirmands

As our confirmands take this important step in their faith journey, they need the encouragement of their church family more than ever. Pray for them — that they remain rooted in Christ, built up in His Word, and strengthened by His Spirit.

Reach out with a kind word, a handwritten note, or a reminder that they are never walking alone. Let's be a community that cheers them on, lifts them up, and walks alongside them as they continue to grow in God's amazing grace

Prayer Challenge

Will you take a prayer challenge and pray for each of these students this month? Each day, reflect on the confirmed's chosen verse and pray for them. We created a template below if you need help getting started!

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing **[Name]** to know and trust in Jesus. Thank you for giving **[him/her]** a heart that believes and a voice to boldly speak your name. Bless **[Name]** with a strong faith that shines in everyday life.

Help **[his/her]** parents and family surround **[him/her]** with love, encouragement, and the support needed to grow closer to you.

Pour out your blessings on **[Name]**, fill **[his/her]** heart with joy, and keep **[him/her]** close to you always, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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| 1. Carter – Psalm 46:1 | 15. Kendall – Jeremiah 29:11 | 29. Josiah – 2 Timothy 2:11-13 |
| 2. Alexander – Philippians 4:13 | 16. Silas – Joshua 1:9 | 30. Gavin – Philippians 4:13 |
| 3. Lucy – Romans 8:38-39 | 17. Audra – John 8:12 | 31. Hailee – Joshua 1:9 |
| 4. Evelia – 2 Timothy 4:7 | 18. Jonah K. – 1 Peter 5:7 | 32. Sophia – Deuteronomy 31:8 |
| 5. Addysen – Romans 8:28 | 19. Bryce – Ephesians 2:8-9 | 33. Mary – Psalm 55:22 |
| 6. Finn – Joshua 1:9 | 20. Elijah Allan – Proverbs 16:3 | 34. Ethan – Isaiah 43:1 |
| 7. Annabee – Isaiah 40:31 | 21. Alex – Psalm 72:18 | 35. Brooklyn – Deuteronomy 31:6 |
| 8. Gabriel – Philippians 4:13 | 22. Jacob – Romans 10:9 | 36. Abigail – Philippians 4:13 |
| 9. Kendra – Joshua 1:9 | 23. Anna – Isaiah 43:1 | 37. Rayna – Joshua 1:9 |
| 10. Landon – Isaiah 41:10 | 24. Clara – Isaiah 40:31 | 38. Owen – Psalms 23:4-6 |
| 11. Vioette – Ecclesiastes 11:10 | 25. Mason – Romans 12:2 | 39. Jamison – Romans 8:38-39 |
| 12. Avery – Joshua 1:9 | 26. Kenneth – 8:28 | 40. Jonah W. – Romans 8:28 |
| 13. Isabelle – Romans 8:28 | 27. Kinley – Philippians 4:13 | |
| 14. Isaac – 2 Corinthians 8:9 | 28. Maxwell – Romans 8:18 | |