

The Service of Confirmation – June 7, 2026

Our Confirmands and Their Bible Verses

Grayson Asadi McGlaughlin: “Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9) Grayson chose this verse because it is saying that no matter where we go, even when we’re down in the slumps, even in death, God will be with us no matter what happens. Grayson admires the apostle Paul who spread the Word of God, the love of God, even though he could be persecuted. Grayson says God is using him to do good, serve others, and spread love. Grayson likes to serve through our church, helping with Sunday breakfast and community meals. He’s thankful for his family who treat him well, and he knows God takes care of him through his family. He believes God helps him be a better person. He appreciates his friends at church, especially his peers who support him.

Alana Kagochi: “The Lord does not see as people see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7b) Alana chose this because often those who don’t deserve it or go against God’s Word are the ones to be lifted up in our world, but in the kingdom of God, God will look inside people’s hearts. Alana respects anybody who puts others’ needs before their own. She appreciates people at our church who serve others, like through the community meals; simple actions can affect people. Alana tries to help other students with their schoolwork, plays trombone and makes music to bring people joy, and hopes to use her knowledge to help others in the future. Her dream job is to research diseases we don’t have a cure for yet. She admires Mary Magdalene in the Bible who was forgiven by Jesus and became one of his close followers. Her story reminds Alana that Jesus is for all people, even those who are far from perfect. Alana loved when Mending Wings led worship at Peace out of their Yakama Native American Christian tradition—God shines through different cultures, spreading love and joy, caring for one another, and making the world a better place.

Speaking Words of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce evil, all the powers of this world that defy God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: **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.

P: Do you believe in 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. Amen**

Affirmation of Faith – Confirmation

Grayson and Alana have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of God’s promises.

P: Siblings in Christ, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ receives us and makes us members of his Church. In the community of God’s people, you have learned from God’s Word God’s loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at God’s holy table and called to be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God makes with us:

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?

R: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Grayson and Alana and pray for them in their lives in Christ?

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

P: 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. Continue to strengthen Grayson and Alana with the Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen**

(Confirmand comes to the font with family and sponsors, and with the laying on of hands, receives the prayer:)

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Grayson/Alana the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in serving, give patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

R: **Amen** (Confirmand speaks their Bible Verse.)