Sermon Notes

August 30, 2026

I. The Theme: Wild Fire

A. Students chose it: The Wildfire of Faith
B. Fire runs through all of Scripture
C. The fire was never the person's own — always given from outside

II. Three Fire Images

A. Sinai: a devouring fire on the mountaintop, visible to the whole community
B. Hebrews 12:29: "Our God is a consuming fire"— present tense, not history
C. Luke 12:49: "How I wish it were already kindled" — the longing of Jesus

III. The Fire Is Sent

A. Great Commission
B. Pentecost
C. The Holy Spirit is the spark. Faith is the gift.

IV. Confirmation

A. Confirmation = the moment you stop watching the fire and agree to carry it
B. Faith alone. Grace alone. Christ alone. Glory to God alone. — each through the lens of fire
C. The resurrection was life that could not be contained

V. Candle lighting

A. Paschal candle — Christ, burning through generations
B. Parents light and hand to students — handing on the faith