

Remembrance of the Day of Confirmation

HAVING BEEN DULY INSTRUCTED IN THE DOCTRINES
AND DUTIES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION,
AS PURELY TAUGHT, CONFESSED AND BELIEVED
BY THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
AND HAVING VOWED FAITHFULNESS
THERETO UNTIL DEATH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE
CROWN OF LIFE. — REVELATION 2:10

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SO EVERYONE WHO ACKNOWLEDGES
ME BEFORE MEN, I ALSO WILL
ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE MY FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN. — MATTHEW 10:32

MOSES LIFTS THE BRONZE SERPENT

ST. MICHAEL DESTROYS THE DEVIL

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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50 PRINCE OF PEACE

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

THE RITE OF LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION



This morning three young Christians who have been baptized in the name of the true God and taught the basic truths of the Bible will stand in front of us to publicly express their faith and their desire to stay loyal to Jesus and His Word. This traditional rite, called Confirmation, is an opportunity for these Christians to confess their faith and for us to pray for them and for their church to invite them to receive the Lord's Supper. God be praised for these children, for their salvation, for their faith in Him and for His continued grace in their lives!

God bless you Danika, Jacob and Samuel!

A personal prayer before worship

Lord Jesus, You promised, "Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." I thank You for this congregation where I can join with brothers and sisters to enjoy the good news that I am forgiven and share that joy with others. Send Your Holy Spirit and enlighten our knowledge, increase our love, guide our mission and renew our zeal that all we do might be to Your glory. Amen.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*
Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew. 

Hymn | 868 By Faith

Invocation

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

In the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Confession and Absolution

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Praise First Song of Isaiah (#810)

Refrain **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

**1 Therefore you shall draw
water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
"Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his name." (Refrain)**

**2 Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember
that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord
for he has done great things
and this is known in all the world. (Refrain)**

**3 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. (Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you always cause your church to grow, and with your light and grace, you strengthen the hearts of those to whom you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Let all who have been instructed in your truth continue to increase both in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Joshua 24:14-18

Joshua and the people of Israel boldly promised to be faithful to the one, true God who rescued them and gave them victory. That same saving grace and the power of the Holy Spirit make us able to boldly promise to serve the Lord.

¹⁴“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.
¹⁵But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other

gods! ¹⁷It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Antem | Go Now In Peace

by Don Besig

As our confirmands continue to grow in the Lord, the Lord will be with them to guide and give His peace. This anthem gives the beautiful story of life as a child of God: faith toward God and love toward each other. We pray this for ourselves and especially today for these young Christians.

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Like the Thessalonians, our calling and comfort are sure because God is the source of both. He has called us by the Holy Spirit through the gospel and calls us now to stand firm on that gospel, to hold it for dear life by the faith the Lord has given us.

¹³But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord,

because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the

Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

(Hymn #689, st. 1+4)

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
and let my heart and soul be bright,
illumined with the light of grace
that issues from your holy face.**

**Grant that I only you may love
and seek those things which are above
till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

The Holy Gospel

John 6:60-69

Jesus' words are the words, full of the Spirit, that give eternal life. Those words draw us to Him and we hold on to Him as we hold on to His words.

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.

⁶⁵He went on to say, "This is why I told you

that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day | 877 Reformation Song

Sermon 2 Thessalonians 3:13-17 "Hold Fast"

Please remain seated. Cantors sings "May God the Father" (words printed below). During this time we also worship the Lord with our offerings.

Offering



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

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Anthem | May God the Father

by Sarah Lambrecht and Dorothy Scharlemann

We pray along with this song that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit would continue to pour His rich gifts and grace on our confirmands all the days of their lives until they are together at home with the Lord.

May God the Father of our Lord,
Who called you by his holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you,
Keep you through faith forever true.

In Jesus Christ may you be blessed
And brought to his eternal rest.
The work he has in you begun,
He will perform till all is done.

The Holy Spirit give you pow'r,
The strength of prayer in ev'ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God,
That lifts above his chast'ning rod.

(Refrain) May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Preserve you blameless till in grace
You stand before his holy face.

The Rite of Confirmation

Danika DeLaCruz

Isaiah 40:31 Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Jacob Morrison

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Samuel Boettcher

John 10:27-28 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Prayers for Confirmands and the Lord's Prayer

*At the end of each petition, the minister prays: Lord, in your mercy, and the congregation finishes the sentence: **hear our prayer.***

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. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing

sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

Hymn | 693 O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near

Hymn | 876 Fight the Good Fight

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your † sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

Prayer and Blessing

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn 813 He Will Hold Me Fast



We thank the Lord for Amy Sehloff and other musicians today for using their gifts used to serve us and honor our Lord with music this morning!

