Confirmation Sunday
July 28, 2024

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

ROMANS 1:16, NIV

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Welcome, we are happy to have you here!

- Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If we can do anything to serve you, please speak with an usher, deacon, or Pastor Mueller.
- Today’s service will include Holy Communion. Those who communion share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is what we confess together: “I have been baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I confess and repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and my Lord. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation.” Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are still learning about our confession, or if you hold a different confession, Pastor Mueller looks forward to speaking with you further about the blessings of the Lord’s Supper.
- We encourage families to worship with their children. There are blue binders with paper and crayons on the bookcase at the back of the Sanctuary for use during the service.
- Our Guests are invited to complete a worship card (found in the pew pocket), including prayer requests. Members are asked to use the worship card for prayer requests and updating contact information. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that, if possible, permission be granted by the person for whom a prayer is requested. Thank you.
- Please silence your cell phones.
- We use the Lutheran Service Book for Liturgy and Hymns during the service - referenced as “LSB.” Unless otherwise noted lyrics are projected on the screen.
Based on Divine Service Setting Four

+ Preparation +

On this Confirmation Sunday, the baptismal font is filled to remind us of our Baptism into Christ.

Welcome

Call to Worship Ephesians 4:4-6

P There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

C one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

P one God and Father of all,

C who is over all and through all and in all.

LSB #904 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Invocation

P Remembering our Baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us come together to remember who we are and Whose we are.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer
and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our
unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we
have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free
ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us
take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father,
seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be
merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and
lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

(Pause for silent reflection.)

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for
His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant
of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.
Psalm 136:1-9

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.
C Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.
P Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;
C to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever;
P to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever;
C to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever;
P to Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever;
C the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever;
P the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

C To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.
To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated  
At God’s right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father’s glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You,

C strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities;
P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament – Genesis 9:8-17

God makes a covenant with Noah.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant
with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Romans 11:33, 36
L Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
C How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!
L For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
C To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle – Ephesians 3:14-21
Paul writes concerning the love of Christ.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to
him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written
that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:45-56

Jesus walks on the Sea of Galilee and heals the sick people.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and
go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed
the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on
the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out
on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they
were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them.
And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them,
walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they
saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and
cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately
he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And
they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about
the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret
and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat,
the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole
region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to
wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages,
cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and
implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

**P** This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

*(Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.)*

**LSB #715 “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”**

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*Homily: “Dear Max…”*

*Romans 1:16*

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*Catechism* *The Apostle’s Creed, the Second Article*

**P** We have begun our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

**C** I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His
kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Offering - *LSB #712 “Seek Ye First”*

Rite of Confirmation of Max Voelsch

*LSB #805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Prayer of the Church

+ *Service of the Sacrament* +

Preface

**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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord’s Prayer

C 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 Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Please follow the usher’s directions. Those who are able are invited to kneel at the railing. Hold your hand up to receive the host; this assists the Pastor or Deacon to recognize those desiring to commune. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Individual cups of wine (red) or non-alcoholic wine (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Following the blessing, you may deposit your cup in the collection bowl located by each side aisle before returning to your seat.

LSB #802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
LSB #850 “God of Grace and God of Glory”
**Nunc Dimittis**

*C* O Lord, now let Your servant
*Depart in heav’nly peace,*
*For I have seen the glory*
*Of Your redeeming grace:*
*A light to lead the Gentiles*
*Unto Your holy hill,*
*The glory of Your people,*
*Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father,*
*All glory to the Son,*
*All glory to the Spirit,*
*Forever Three in One;*
*For as in the beginning,*
*Is now, shall ever be,*
*God’s triune name resounding*  
*Through all eternity.*

**Post-Communion Collect**

*P* Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*C* Amen.

**Benediction**

*P* Let us bless the Lord.

*C* Thanks be to God.

*P* The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*C* Amen.
LSB #919 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

P  Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

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Readings for Next Sunday, August 4:
Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35

Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am
Today and August 11 - Apocrypha

Events this Week
Tue-Quilting 9:30a; Wed-Movie night 5p

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our confirmand, Max Voelsch! Please join in the reception after service to welcome him into membership, and to celebrate and encourage him as he continues to grow in his faith!

HIKERS AND WALKERS: Mark Your Calendars! Our first events are scheduled for August 23rd and 24th! On Friday, August 23rd will be an easy walk on the Burke Gilman/Sammamish River trail from the old golf course to Bothell Landing Park (roundtrip 2 miles) starting at 10am. On Saturday, August 24th will be an easy-moderate 1-2 mile hike at St Edwards State Park, meeting at Epiphany at 9:30 am. Sign ups will go up at the beginning of August to coordinate carpooling. This group is for anyone of any fitness/ability level who is interested - if you have any questions, please email DCE Alanna!
HELP is NEEDED for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship. There are several open dates this summer for coffee fellowship after the 9am service on Sunday mornings. There is a sign up sheet on the small bulletin board next to the kitchen window. The Fellowship committee is also in need of a few people to support the efforts to provide fellowship events for our congregation in the coming months. Thank You! If you have questions, please email Linda Fuerbringer (lindafuerbringer@hotmail.com)

Join us for our JULY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT this Wednesday, July 31st starting at 5 pm! We had so much fun in June that we're doing it again with a whole new round of pals sure to enchant viewers of all ages. Sign up on the bulletin board and invite your family, friends, grandkids and neighbors to join us! Mini flyers are available on the table next to the office. If you have any questions, talk to DCE Alanna.

Epiphany's annual night out at the ballpark for the Everett AquaSox Faith and Family Night is Sunday, August 18th at 4:05 pm! Join us for an afternoon full of fun and fellowship for members and friends of all ages! We currently have 20 tickets available for $11 each, so sign up on the bulletin board and pay your fee to Epiphany (cash or check) to hold your spot by TODAY! Please see DCE Alanna if you have any questions!

The VBS Volunteer meeting is TODAY at 12:30 pm. This meeting is mandatory for all volunteers who will be participating during VBS week to make sure we are ready to welcome the families on August 6th. Please see DCE Alanna as soon as possible if you cannot make this meeting!

ALL HANDS ON DECK! VBS Decorating is happening next Sunday, August 4th immediately after Education Hour. We could use any and all helpers to transform the church into a tropical island for our Shipwrecked VBS! Light snacks will be provided for all volunteers as a thank you! Questions - email DCE Alanna.

A memorial service for Charlene Rhoades-Koenig will be held on August 10 at 2:00 p.m., with a reception to follow, as we give thanks to God for Charlene, for His love, and for eternal life.
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