



Confirmation Sunday

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

Sunday, May 2, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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AS WE GATHER

Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction in which baptized Christians learn about the confession, life, and mission of the Christian church. The rite of confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian relying on God's promises given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a life long pledge of fidelity to Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #657 vs 1-4

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we might delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HYMN "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" #411 vs 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with Thy Spirit.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray, show Your humble servants Your mercy that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may be dealt with not according to the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CONFIRMANDS SHARE THEIR CONFIRMATION VERSES

GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION

Caleb Stibbe—John 3:16

Joshua Roben—John 14:6

Hymn "God Loved The World So That He Gave" #571 vs 1 & 2

OUR FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD

Brenan Ringnell—John 3:8

Emily Anderson—Isaiah 41:10

Malaki Runkle—John 10:27-28

Lucas Larson—Philippians 4:13

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus #729 vs 1,4,6

OUR LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT TO GOD

Isabella Fitzgerald—John 15:12-13

Kale Larson—John 15:5

Breanne Steuber—I Corinthians 16:13

Berent Kosbab—Colossians 3:23

Hymn "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace" #693 vs 1 & 2

GOD'S PROMISED BLESSINGS TO US

Sydney Beseke—Joshua 1:9

Luke Curtis—John 14:27

Slade Fitzgerald—Matthew 28:20

Hymn "Christ Be My Leader" #861 vs 1-3

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith according to our Lord's bidding. The fulfillment of his bidding we now celebrate with thankful hearts, rejoicing to confess the faith into which you were baptized and which you yourselves will now confess before the Church.

Jesus said: "Whoever confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father in heaven. But he that denies me before men, I will deny him before my Father in heaven." Lift up your hearts therefore to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of his Church I now shall ask you.

Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

Confirmands: Yes, 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: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian

Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and pray that you do not fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do so intend with the help of God.

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you desire to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and Sacraments, which are his means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: I do so intend by the grace of God.

P: Give then your hand as pledge of your promise, and kneel to receive the blessing.

(Name), God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

Upon this your profession and promise I invite and welcome you, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for his Church and to live them out continually in his worship and service.

P: Let us pray for the newly confirmed.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these your sons and daughters to the knowledge of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess his saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fights of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The Pastor dismisses the newly confirmed, saying:)

P: The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 vs 1 & 2

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: Certainly it is a good and excellent thing to give thanks to You, gracious Lord, loving Father, majestic King. For Jesus, humbling Himself as a servant, gave Himself for us on the tree of the cross, so that through His sacrifice we might be reconciled to You and have Your peace and forgiveness. Therefore with the whole company of heaven we join in their unending hymn:

C: ***(sing)* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

All: ***(sing)* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS OF DISTRIBUTION

"Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord" #637 vs 1-3

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" #570 vs 1-6

"The Church's One Foundation" #644 vs 1-5

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Almighty God, You have shown us Your love by sending Your one and only Son into our world to break the bonds of sin and to bring us peace with You. Through His body and blood, we have here received, strengthen our faith in You, and give us the power to live as Your people of peace; through Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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.**

CLOSING HYMN "*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*" #924

Confirmation: Today we confirm the following youth at the 10:30 service: Emily Anderson, Sydney Beseke, Luke Curtis, Isabella Fitzgerald, Slade Fitzgerald, Berent Kosbab, Kale Larson, Lucas Larson, Brenan Ringnell, Joshua Roben, Malaki Runkle, Breanne Steuber, Caleb Stibbe. A reception for the confirmands and their families will be held at 9:15.

Thank You to the Board of Parish Services and 7th grade confirmation class for hosting the confirmation reception. Thank you to Sally Yahnke for ironing the robes. Thank you to Sharon Huse for making the confirmation stoles.

Confirmation Robes need to be returned to the church office by noon on Monday (May 3).

No Sunday School and Bible Class Today.

Planning Council (All Officers and Board Chairpersons) will meet on Tuesday, May 4 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jr. High Food Fun Faith will be held this Wednesday, May 5 at 3:45. All Jr. High youth are invited to attend.

Weekday Worship Service will be held this Wednesday with communion at **6:00 p.m.** (Please note change of time.)

Open House Bridal Shower for Macy Petrowiak, bride to be of Chris Kahler will be held on Saturday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Fairmont Yacht Club. RSVP to Holly at (507) 848-7104 (call or text). Macy is registered at Target & Sterling Drug.

National Youth Gathering Meeting: There will be a mandatory meeting with regards to the National Youth Gathering for youth and parents. You can attend either Sunday, May 16 at 9:15 a.m. or Wednesday, May 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Youth Flaming Flocking Fundraiser has been extended to May 10. Forms are available from the church or youth. Have fun and “flock a friend” or buy insurance to not get flocked!

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m. Confirmation Reception
No Sunday School/Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service

Monday, May 3

10:00 a.m. Visitation Pat Hanson Funeral
11:00 a.m. Funeral

Tuesday, May 4

6:00 p.m. Planning Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 5

3:45 p.m. Jr. High Food Fun Faith
6:00 p.m. Weekday Worship with Communion
6:45 p.m. Youth Advisory Meeting

Saturday, May 8

10:00 a.m. Sathoff Graveside Service

Sunday, May 9

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class/ Coffee & Fellowship

In Our Prayers: Bob Hoffmeyer, Roberta Garbers, Karen Brolsma

Coping With Cancer: Miriam Krueger, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Karen Brolsma, Jethro Zezulka, Dan Hanson, Sandy Claussen, Robert Ziemer, Judith Nielson, Wanda Klima, Lois Anderson, Marilyn Pierson, Crue Crosby, Janet & Dick Lepird, Lorraine Gagnon, Dennis Cook, Norma Brolsma, Kurt Jans, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Joyce Hansen Picken, Linda Chase, Adam Janssen, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts.

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Luke Schwager, Levi Anderson, Lois Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Ron Morris, Steve Roben, Jill Gonsior, Evelyn Thate, Don Holtz, Karen Koehler, Jayda Rowen, Leilani Boosinger, Wayne Sommer, Nichole Chase, Sue Dunker, Doug Faber, Mikaela Morris, Jacob Nolte, Levi Ringnell, Stella Anderson, Kristin Behne, Lyric Rienhardt

Members Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: Derek & Ashley Olson, Kirk & Becky Yahnke, Jason & Brenna Anderson, Brian & Rachel Vanden Berg, Payten & Paige Crosby, Houston & Natalie Schubert

We remember the family and friends of Joan Hartke. Joan was called to her eternal rest on April 23 and her funeral was held here at St. John's on April 30.

We remember the family and friends of Pat Hanson. Pat was called to her eternal rest on April 25 and her funeral will be held here at St. John's on Monday, May 3 with visitation at 10:00 and the funeral at 11:00 a.m.

We also remember the family and friends of Donald Swanson. Don was called to his eternal rest on April 27. Service will be May 8 at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Baptism We welcome Annison Lynn Rosenberg as a member of St. John's through Holy Baptism today. Annison is the daughter of Jason and Sarah Rosenberg. She was born on March 13, 2021. Sponsors for Annison are Jenna Wolfe, Jenna Jurgensen, and Brian Rosenberg.