

October 15, 2023
Confirmation Sunday



God's own child

I gladly
say it!



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #338

"Thine Forever, God of Love"

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

✠ Examination – on Law & Gospel ✠

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

- P** Having reviewed the law of God and standing guilty of sin, I ask all of you before God, is this your confession that you repent of your sins, believe in your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and purpose by the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful lives? Declare so by saying: *Yes, with the help of God.*

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

The Gloria Patri

LSB #685:1

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"

- P** Having confessed our sins and received forgiveness from God, we sing songs of praise to the Holy Trinity in the form of the Gloria Patri:

- C** ♪ **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

Requested Prayers & the Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

(We begin with requested prayers.)

P . . . Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

✠ Examination – on God’s Word ✠

Ephesians 1:7-14

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those

who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

P In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul identifies all of God's Word as being profitable for doctrine and instruction, and therefore this congregation is a confessional church which bases all of its teachings on the Word of God. Each Sunday, we speak to one another using the words of the Apostles', Nicene, or Athanasian Creeds, so that we might announce to each other and to the world our conviction based on God's Word and our unity on the Scriptures. Therefore, let us boldly confess our hope and our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ **Examination – on the Trinity & Baptism** ✠

Hymn: WS #751

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Luke 2:40-52

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Jesus Christ – The Atypical Teenager

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

✪ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #334

"Let Me Be Thine Forever"

✠ Examination – on Prayer ✠

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

✠ Examination – on The Lord's Supper ✠

Confirmation

Shaun Michael Dobratz

Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

Ryan James Dobratz

Matthew 19:26 *"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

✠ Prayer for Our Confirmands ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed 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!

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper** ✠

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

Hymn: TLH #309

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

CLC Call News Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN **has accepted the call** from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL **is considering the joint call** from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Pastor Em. David Baker **has received and accepted the call** from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX to be vacancy pastor.

Congratulations to Shaun and Ryan on their Confirmation! May the Lord bless you as communicate members of Faith and as young men in His Kingdom!

Pastor Out of Town: I will be out of town next Sunday for a wedding in Milwaukee. Len will be leading the service next Sunday morning.

- We **WILL** have Bible Class this Wednesday 10/18
- We will **NOT** have Bible Class next Sunday 10/22
- We will **NOT** have Bible Class next Wednesday 10/25

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 16 - 21, '23

Mon John 9:24-34 Jesus brought light to the eyes of a blind man, and the religious leaders wanted to discount the miracle. To him, however, it was clear, as Jesus had said, "the very works that I am doing, these testify about me that the Father has sent me" (Jn5:36). This was enough to get him thrown out.

Tues John 9:35-41 When Jesus finds the man He had healed, He blesses his new-found sight with insight, to see that Jesus truly is the Son of God, the promised Savior. Alas! Those who reject the Light of the world (Jn. 8:12) remain blind.

Wed James 5:13-20 James urges prayer in the name of the Lord who heals disease and sickness. Moreover the same Lord conquers death itself through the forgiveness of sins.

Thur Psalm 32:1-7 David would teach us how precious is God's forgiveness and how to receive it. It will not be obtained by silence and deceit, but by confessing our great need of it.

Fri Matthew 9:27-31 Jesus brings light to the eyes of two blind men, not because He wants the publicity (spotlight), but because of His great compassion for them.

Sat Matthew 9:32-34 A demon-possessed man is brought to Jesus, and He drives the demon out. Those who refused to believe Jesus, however, end up blaspheming by attributing God's work to Satan.