



# Sunday, November 14, 2021

## Confirmation Sunday

### **Introduction**

At baptism, God claims us as His children. We were given the free gift of membership in the family of God and set apart for God's work in the world. Most of us were baptized as children, possibly too young to fully grasp what was happening. We were also too young to take on the full responsibilities of membership in God's kingdom. Our parents and sponsors took on the responsibilities of those promises for us. Today, four of our Confirmation Students, after learning and completing the confirmation program requirements, will affirm these promises, and profess their faith.

### **Call to Worship....."Come, Sing Alleluia" (Choir)**

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# Gathering Song....."Spirit Song"

O let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His  
 O come and sing the song of glad - ness as your hearts are filled with  
 love, Let Him fill your life and sat - is - fy your soul. O let Him  
 joy, Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name. O give Him  
 have the things that hold you and His Spir - it, like a dove, Will de -  
 all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, And you'll  
 scend up - on your life and make you whole. Je -  
 en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.  
 sus, O Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.  
 Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill Your  
 lambs. lambs.

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need.**  
**Amen.**

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28**

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**HERE ENDS THE READING.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**HERE ENDS THE READING.**

## **Choir Anthem....."Give Me A Grateful Heart"**

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### **Gospel: Luke 4:16-22**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

# Sermon Hymn....."The Potters Hand"

**VERSE 1**



1. Beau - ti - ful Lord, \_ won - der - ful Sav - iour, I know for sure, \_



all of my days \_ are held in Your hand; \_ Craft - ed in - to \_ Your per - fect

**VERSE 2**



plan. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. You gent - ly call \_ me in - to Your pres - ence,



guid - ing me by \_ Your Ho - ly Spir - it; Teach me, dear Lord, \_ to live

**PRE-CHORUS**



all of my life \_ through Your \_\_\_\_\_ eyes. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm cap - tured by \_ Your



ho - ly call - ing, set me a - part, \_ I know You're draw - ing me \_



\_ to Your - self; \_ Lead me, Lord, \_ I \_\_\_\_\_ pray. \_\_\_\_\_

*Continued . . . . .*

**CHORUS**

Take me, — mould me, — use me, — fill me; — I  
 give my life — to — the Pot - ter's hand. — Call me, —  
 guide me, — lead me, — walk be - side me; — I give my life — to —  
 — the Pot - ter's hand. —

1. | 2. D.S.

3. **ENDING**

Ooo —  
 repeat as desired

Ooo — Ooo —

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*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church

## **Affirmation of Baptism**

**November 14, 2021**

*Lisa Braks*

*Ryan Handley*

*Jennifer Weisman*

*Presley Wilde*

***For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.***

***Ephesians 2:8***

### **PRESENTATION**

*Pastor:* Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Lisa, Ryan, Jennifer and Presley, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

*Pastor:* Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these young people, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Pastor:* I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

*Pastor:* Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

*Pastor:* Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

*Pastor:* Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

*Pastor:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*Congregation:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Pastor:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*Congregation:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Pastor:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*Congregation:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

*Pastor:* Lisa, Ryan, and Jennifer, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Confirmands:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*Pastor:* People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ? If so, please answer with....

*Congregation:* **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Pastor:* Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*Families will move toward their student for prayer when their name and Bible verse are read.*

*Pastor:* Let us congratulate and rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ with an applause.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God our healer, place your presence in the lives of all who call upon you (*especially Joyce, Dawn, Don, Fred, Barbara, Victoria, Christi, Larry, Kristina, Dominic & Megan, Vicki, Joe, Joy, Michelle, Gloria, Sharon, Michael, JJ, Larrie, Ellen, Elijah, Maryann, Darell, Richard, Robin, Henry, Lisa, Ruth, Karen, Ardie, James, Nancy and Gavin*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **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.

## **Invitation to the Table**

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

## **Distribution**

*At this time take the elements you have with you saying these words:*

**The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn....."Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**