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MAY 18, 2025

9:30 AM



Jeremiah Bass

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Scarlett Walker

"But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded."

2 Chronicles 15:7

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed in which baptized Christians learn about the confession, life, and mission of the Christian Church. Prior to admission to the Lord's Supper, it is necessary to be instructed in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 11:28). 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 lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.

Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, Question 14 (CPH, page 51)

Altar Flowers Given Today

In Celebration of Son's birthday Henry Kenneth, by Joyce Mbeyella

In Memory of Freddie Garner by Sue Garner

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	5/4/2025	5/11/2025	5/18/2025	5/25/2025
9:30 am Worship	Vinny Caracci Steve Buchtrup	Ward Irvin Greg Sinatra	Bill Smith Tim Lambert	Vinny Caracci Steve Buchtrup
Readers	5/4/2025	5/11/2025	5/18/2025	5/25/2025
9:30 am	David Barnett	Greg Schaag	Ron Shultheiss	Laura Calfee

WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies' Crafts

Wednesday, 10 a.m. Last Chapel of the School Year

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	5/4/2025	5/11/2025	5/18/2025	5/25/2025
9:30 am	128/124	163/152		
Sunday School	32	40		
Monthly Budget	\$51,100	\$51,100	\$51,100	\$51,100
Weekly Giving	\$8,569	\$10,091	\$	
On-Line Giving	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Giving MTD	\$8,569	\$18,660	\$	

AS WE GATHER “Oh, sing to the Lord a new song.” Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our Confirmation worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing? Much of today’s worship has us singing a few (or all) of the stanzas of familiar hymns. Let us join the joyful multitude in heaven and earth!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

LSB 790

♪ **1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning

And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,

Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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

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

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

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

**5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

The Lord be with you.

✠ And also with you.

Let us pray.... (*The collect is prayed.*)

Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

✠ Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little

while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

♪ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

- ♪ **1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**
- 2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**
- 3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

SERMON

"Conquering... Inheriting with A and Ω"

The one who conquers will have this heritage... I will be his God, and he My son. (Rev 21)

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CONFIRMATION ADDRESS

Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith

according to our Lord's command. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

2025 Confirmands

Jeremiah Bass (Parents Steven and Jamie Bass)

Scarlett Walker (Parents Jason and Mikalee Walker)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism? *Yes, I do.*

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and ways? *Yes, I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
I do.

Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true? *I do.*

Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
I do, by the grace of God.

Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death? *I do, by the grace of God.*

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it? *I do, by the grace of God.*

We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and have been welcomed into membership at Faith. As you continue in your baptismal calling and grace, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As the Youth Confirmands prepare to receive their Scripture verse and blessing, we invite their parents to stand as their son or daughter comes forward to the altar.

A blessing, based on God's Word, is spoken over each Confirmand:

May 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. Amen.

PRAYER Let us pray for our Confirmands: Almighty God, in Baptism You made these confirmands members of the body of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. You washed them by His blood, buried them with Him in His death, and gave them a new life in His resurrection. Renew them by the Holy Spirit, which You have poured out on them generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Let them live out their lives as heirs of eternal life. Lead them to serve Your Church in holiness and righteousness all their days. Keep them in fellowship with all who wait for the return of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Time for additional prayers...

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you! Amen.**

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

♪ **1. The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.**

**2. The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,**

Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.

3. The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

♩ 1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Nicholas Sinatra and Stephen Wareham at Faith, Sunday, June 8, 2025!