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Seventh Sunday of Easter – Confirmation



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We grow in the Word (education),
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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Welcome!

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Join us for a meal after the service to celebrate the confirmation of Emma Gorder, Hunter Hamilton, and Catelyn Jacobs.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our worship service is open to all. The forgiveness received in the Lord's Supper is proclaimed to all throughout the service. However, the Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is to be received by those who have been instructed about its meaning and the unity it expresses.

*For this reason, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor
before partaking of the Holy Supper.*

So that you can be sure that unity of faith and teaching exists we invite you to participate in a Bible Information Course. This class will prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Please contact Pastor about class times.

Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation is intended to give those who have received basic instruction in the truths of God's Word the opportunity publicly to confess their faith before the church. The rite informs the congregation that the catechumen has sufficient scriptural understanding and spiritual maturity to partake of the Lord's Supper. Today Emma, Hunter, and Catelyn will confess their faith and join us at the Lord's Supper.

Confirmation is an important milestone, but not as important as what comes before it and after it. Having been brought to faith in Holy Baptism and strengthened through God's Word, our confirmands realize that God's Word and the Lord's Supper are a never-ending source of strength, courage, and comfort. May God keep them in His care, and bring them at last, with all believers, to the never-ending joys of heaven.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

♪ GLORIA ♪

**1 To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!**

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, your Holy Spirit grows and governs the whole body of the church. Sanctify and keep those who dedicate themselves to your service. Renew them in body and mind that they may eagerly serve you in the unity of the faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

EMMA'S CONFIRMATION VERSE

JOSHUA 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged,
for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

HYMN: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

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PSALM 119

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸Your commands are always with me

and make me wiser than my enemies.

⁹⁹I have more insight than all my teachers,

for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁰I have more understanding than the elders,

for I obey your precepts.

¹⁰¹I have kept my feet from every evil path

so that I might obey your word.

¹⁰²I have not departed from your laws,

for you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴I gain understanding from your precepts;

therefore I hate every wrong path.

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HUNTER'S CONFIRMATION VERSE

PSALM 9:10

Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

HYMN: IN CHRIST ALONE

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VERSE OF THE DAY

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

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4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the
cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,
in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the
bat-tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating the time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555-1613, adapt.
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CATELYN'S CONFIRMATION VERSE

ISAIAH 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

HYMN: HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

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C: We believe in one God,	<i>Dt. 6:4</i>
the Father, the Almighty,	<i>2 Cor. 6:18</i>
maker of heaven and earth,	<i>Is. 51:13</i>
of all that is, seen and unseen.	<i>Col.1:16</i>
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,	<i>1 Cor. 8:6</i>
the only Son of God,	<i>Jn. 3:18</i>
eternally begotten of the Father,	<i>Heb. 1:2,5</i>
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	<i>Jn. 1</i>
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	<i>Jn. 10:30</i>
Through him all things were made.	<i>Jn. 1:3</i>
For us and for our salvation,	<i>1 Th. 5:9</i>
he came down from heaven,	<i>Jn. 6:38</i>
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,	<i>Lk. 1:35</i>
and became truly human.	<i>Gal. 4:4</i>
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	<i>Mk. 15:15</i>
He suffered death and was buried.	<i>1 Cor. 15:3-4a</i>
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.	<i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i>
He ascended into heaven	<i>Ac. 2:33-34</i>
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	<i>Heb. 1:13</i>
He will come again in glory	<i>Mt. 25:31</i>
to judge the living and the dead,	<i>2 Tim.4:1</i>
and his kingdom will have no end.	<i>Lk. 1:33</i>
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,	<i>Job 33:4</i>
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	<i>Jn. 15:26</i>
who in unity with the Father and the Son	<i>Jn. 4:24</i>
is worshiped and glorified,	
who has spoken through the prophets.	<i>2 Pet.1:25</i>
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.	<i>Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20</i>
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	<i>Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38</i>
We look for the resurrection of the dead	<i>1 Cor. 15:21-22</i>
and the life of the world to come. Amen.	<i>Rev. 22</i>

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "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 am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

I do.

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

I do.

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

I do.

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

I do, and I ask God to help me.

Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

I do, and I ask God to help me.

Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for our confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

♪ Sanctus ♪

**1 Sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,
your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky.”**

**Our voices cry, “Hosanna!” Lord, hear our humble plea:
in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.**

**2 Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,
who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!**

**How blest are you, Lord Jesus, now coming in God’s name!
“Hosanna in the highest!” our grateful hearts proclaim.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out 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.
Amen.

♪ Agnus ♪

**1 O Lamb of God, once lifted high upon a cross to bleed and die,
in perfect love you took our place— bestow on us your saving grace.**

**2 O Lamb of God, your sacrifice has cancelled sin, has paid its price;
your perfect love will never cease—have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.**

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: YOUR BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR

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Stand

HYMN: LORD, NOW YOU LET YOUR SERVANT

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN: GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

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