



## *Confirmation Sunday Reformation Sunday*

*St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN  
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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

Jesus announced that those who abide in His Word know the truth, which sets them free. And the truth, Paul points out in the Epistle, is that God has declared us justified, not guilty under His Law, because of His gracious gift of faith in Christ. That gift frees us from fearing God's righteous wrath; we are confident that the Lord of hosts is with us.

Sure of His presence and protection, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. Rather, in all that we think, say, and do, we are free to respond to the angelic invitation we hear today: "Fear God and give Him glory...and worship Him who made heaven and earth." (Rev. 14:7)

**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: God is our refuge and strength;

**C: therefore we will not fear.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**C: and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

P: If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples,

**C: and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God's Word

P: Lord of hosts,

**C: Hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes for separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and

power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. 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.

**C: Amen. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!**

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

**INTROIT** Psalm 46:1-7

P: God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

P: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

P: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

**C: Nations are in an uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us;

**C: The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of hosts, have mercy.**

P: For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of creation, have mercy.**

P: For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord of lords, have mercy.**

P: For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Christ, our Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

#### **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**

Shanna Amborn—Psalm 118:14

Grant Koehnen—John 3:16

Harrison Rathman—John 14:6

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

##### **OUR FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD**

Angelina Arnold—Psalm 46:1

Brock Lange—Isaiah 40:8

Rylan Cutler—John 10:27-28

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

##### **OUR LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT TO GOD**

Reese Olson—2 Samuel 22:33

Tyson Thate—Romans 1:16

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

##### **GOD'S PROMISED BLESSINGS TO US**

Cade Williamson—Joshua 1:9

Kaylee Sukalski—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.**

**GREETINGS** by Paul Stueven, president of congregation

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**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

**Go In Peace And Serve The Lord**

**Confirmation Sunday:** This morning during our 10:30 service we will confirm ten of our youth: Shanna Amborn, Angelina Arnold, Rylan Cutler, Grant Koehnen, Brock Lange, Reese Olson, Harrison Rathman, Kaylee Sukalski, Tyson Thate, Cade Williamson.

**Quarterly Voters’ Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 1 at 9:15 am. Election of officers and board members will be on the agenda.

**Candidates for Unanimous Ballot**

<b>Treasurer</b>	Mary Whitehead
<b>Board of Education</b>	Stephanie Kneeland Darla Price
<b>Board of Elders</b>	Brian Krumwiede Ryan Kahler
<b>Board of Parish Services</b>	Lana Morris Deb Williamson Deb Schwager Janet Kahler
<b>Board of Stewardship</b>	Stephanie Wohlhuter Bonnie Wilson Lynne Mulso
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	Sam Meixell Jim Claussen

**Church Newsletter** will be printed this week. Please have all items for the newsletter turned into the church office by Monday afternoon.

**Weekday Worship Service** is this Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm with Holy Communion.

**FFF Sr. High** is scheduled to meet at the church on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Friends are welcome to attend.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Trimont Fire & Ambulance will host a Drive-Thru pancake breakfast today, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Trimont Fire Hall. Free will donations. Proceeds for fire equipment.

**Turkey Dinner To Go:** Next Sunday from 11:00-1:00 St. Paul's UCC of Welcome will have a turkey dinner for curbside pick up on Dugan Street. Cost is \$7/plate.

**Thank You** to Opal and Sally Yahnke for ironing the confirmation robes. Thank you to Sharon Huse for making the confirmation stoles.

### Take My Moments and My Days

**Sunday, October 25:**

8:00 Worship, No Sunday School, 10:30 Confirmation Service

**Wednesday, October 28:**

3:45 pm 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation, 6:00 pm Sr. High FFF, 6:30 pm Communion Service

**Sunday, November 1:**

8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, 9:15 am Sunday School/Voters' Meeting



**In Our Prayers** Verle Williamson and Sue Nelson

**Coping With Cancer:** Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Nathan Behne, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki,

Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

**Care List:** Korrie Crouch, Terri Ringnell, Kurt Jans, Mary Kay Schultz, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Reinold Hagen, Verna Bliesmer, Angie Leiding, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week** Dennis Scheff, Aubrey Larson, Clint Cole, Grace Meyers, Monroe Morgan, Roger Nelson, Peg Meade, Colby Williamson, Dustyn Hartung, Kali Traetow, Carter Klima, Jean Finke, Ali Sinn, Kali Fransen, Connie Beckius, Gary Roush, Megan Morgan

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Brent & Sara Meyer, Ronnie & Connie Beckius, LeRoy & Valera Meyer

**Today** we remember and keep in our prayers the ten confirmands: Shanna Amborn, Angelina Arnold, Rylan Cutler, Grant Koehnen, Brock Lange, Reese Olson, Harrison Rathman, Kaylee Sukalski, Tyson Thate, Cade Williamson. Flowers have been placed on the altar for this special occasion.

**Prayer Of Thanksgiving** for Tyler & Mikaela Morris who were blessed with a son, Wesson Paul. He was born October 18.