

# CONFIRMATION WEEKEND 2018

## FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION

### May 20 & 21, 2018

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- / Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- / We love families! Your children are always welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- / Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- / If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Worship Leaders**  
**Organist**

Pastor Brian Adams & Pastor Jacob Hoff  
Miss Heather Schmidt

### CONFIRMATION

The word, "*confirmation*," means "*strengthening*." The young people, who will be confirmed today, have been *strengthened* by God's Word. They have been instructed in that Word for the past two years in confirmation classes.

Today, we celebrate that strengthening of faith, which the Holy Spirit has done in their hearts.

Today, we also celebrate Pentecost. Fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, he sent the gift of the Holy Spirit, as he had promised, to his disciples and to his believers.

May the Holy Spirit continue to bless all through faith in Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit help these confirmands to remain faithful to the solemn promises they make before God today.



Following the Bells in the 10:00 am service, the Confirmands will process into church, led by the pastors, as a class. Please **Rise and join** in the singing of the Opening Hymn.

## THE OPENING HYMN

### “STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS” Christian Worship #474 (all services)



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The trum - pet call  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! Stand in his strength  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The strife will not



the cross! Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It  
o - bey; Forth to the might - y con - flict In  
a - lone. The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye  
be long; This day the noise of bat - tle, The



must not suf - fer loss. From vic - t'ry un - to vic -  
this his glo - rious day! Ye that are brave, now serve  
dare not trust your own. Put on the gos - pel ar -  
next, the vic - tor's song. To him that o - ver - com -



t'ry His ar - my shall he lead Till ev - 'ry  
him A - gainst un - num - bered foes; Let cour - age  
mor; Each piece put on with prayer; Where du - ty  
eth A crown of life shall be; He with the



foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Minister:** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

**Congregation:** We will rejoice in the Lord, we will be joyful in God our Savior.

**M:** Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!

**C:** We have no greater joy than to know that our children are walking in the truth.

**M:** You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**C:** If we hold to His teaching, we are really his disciples. Then we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free.

**M:** Yet, your enemy the devil prowls like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful you don't fall.

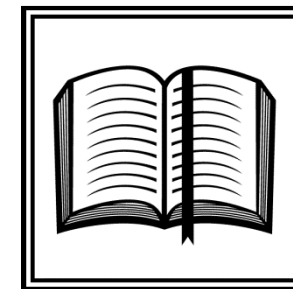
**C:** If the Lord had not been on our side when men attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive.

**M:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**C:** We will hold unswervingly to the faith we profess, for He who has promised is faithful.

**M:** From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**C:** God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it. My heart is set on keeping your word to the very end.



## THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

**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:** (Spoken) **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON

<sup>2:1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both

## ACTS 2:1-21



Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

## CONGREGATION SINGS RESPONSE:

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your Word, And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.**

Please Stand

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 14:25-27

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

## CONGREGATION SINGS RESPONSE

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands - 'Tis a delightful road -  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.**

*Christian Worship #462, verses 3 & 4*

*Please be seated*

8:00 am & 6:30 pm service continue on page 14 in the bulletin, with the hymn CW #183,  
“Holy Spirit, Light Divine.”



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Each Confirmand was given the opportunity to choose their own Confirmation Blessing. They also were asked to write why they chose that passage and what that passage means to them. They will now read their explanations to the congregation.*

### Kaylin Lee Bergum

**Revelation 2:10 – “Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”**

I chose the verse of Revelation 2:10, because it shows how the verse is straightforward on how you should act towards God and what gift he will give you if you do as he says, and trust him.

### Meghan Lindsey Braun

**John 15:5 - “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”**

John 15:5 has been one of my favorite bible passages ever since the moment I first heard it. I love this passage because of the beautiful messages it has for us. Jesus starts by saying “I am the vine; you are the branches.” This statement alone shows how much we need God. When you take a look at branches on a vine, you see how important the vine is to the branches. It is their source of life. Without the vine, the branches just wither up and die. The same is true for us. Without Jesus, we would have no hope of eternal life, and would die eternally in hell.

However, Jesus doesn't leave it there. He continues by saying “If a man remains in me and I in him he will bear much fruit.” From the first moment that the Holy Spirit works faith in us, Jesus is in our hearts. We are children of God. We are in Jesus, and Jesus is in us. When this occurs, Jesus promises that we will bear much fruit. We will show love to others, have patience in tough situations, and so many more things. Of course, we cannot do all of these things alone. When Jesus says “Apart from me you can do nothing,” he isn't joking. Without Jesus, we could try to produce the fruits of the Spirit, but we would always fall short. We could try to earn our way to heaven, but again, we would always fall short.

We are sinful human beings, and without Jesus, we are hopeless. However, we do have Jesus, and in him we have heaven forever. John 15:5 has a beautiful mix between law and gospel, and is by far my favorite bible passage.

### **Ryder Ty Derouin**

**1 Kings 8:58 - "May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors."**

1 Kings 8:58 is the passage I look to, and will continue to look to, to keep me strong in my faith for years to come. It says, "May He turn our hearts to him, to walk in all His ways and to keep the commands, decrees and regulations He gave our fathers." I chose this passage because He is telling us to listen and devote our lives to Him. He uses the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and guide us on the right path to heaven. He also talks about how He wants us to be perfect; however, we know we cannot be perfect. That is why we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This passage is very important and comforting to me. I know God will always be working in my heart and will make sure I have the tools to reach my heavenly goal. He gives us commands, and I will do my very best to follow them. It also is very reassuring to me that God loves me so much that He gave His Son so that we can follow His commands and someday go to heaven.

### **Jonathan Andre Dieguez**

**Hebrews 13:5 - "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."**

The passage that I have chosen is Hebrews chapter 13 verse 5. This passage makes me feel like God is always with me no matter what because in this passage he promises me that he will never leave me and I know that he will never leave because God keeps his promises. I know that when I go through rough times in my life, God will always be protecting me because he loves me and cares about me. I am aware that he cares about me and loves me since loved me enough that he sent his only and only son to die so he could forgive me for my sins. So at the end of the day, I know that God will always be there to protect me and for me to talk to anywhere and whenever I want.

### **Sarah Lynne Granberg**

**Psalm 145:13 - "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations."**

I chose this passage because it tells me that God's kingdom lasts forever and that we can be with God forever in heaven. It also gives me strength to know that God will always be with me throughout all my life on this earth, just like he was with people in other generations before me.

It's so comforting to know that we can fully trust God and know that everything he says is true. God says that everything he promises will be fulfilled. So we never have to be afraid. The Lord is faithful in everything he does, everything that happens in our lives happens for a reason. And it will work out in the end. Knowing this we never have to doubt our amazing and loving God.

### **Lindsey Nicole Hutchinson**

**Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."**

I chose this verse because when I think of the verse it reminds me that God directs me in all my doubts and difficulties. His words are there to comfort me in all my fears and distress and to guide me on my path of life. It reminds me that in the darkness of this world, He is the light to the right path and the direction to follow to avoid the wrong way and dangers. This verse leads me to God's words in times of need for guidance and direction.

### **Joseph Robert Kallies**

**Ephesians 1:7 - "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."**

I have chosen Ephesians 1:7 because it means a lot to me and shows us that God loves us. This passage shows us that "In him we have redemption", which means no matter how much we break God's word, no matter how many times we sin, he still loves us, because he is so gracious. However, it says in the passage "Through his blood the forgiveness of sins". That's why we aren't in hell, because he died on the cross to take away every single sin you and I have committed. He is so loving and is so gracious. We disobey him every day and he still loves us so

much that he keeps washing our sins away day after day. We should be in hell with the devil, but instead, we will be with God in heaven because he died for you and I on the cross. "In accordance with the riches of God's grace" God is so loving, that he gives us earthly possessions that we don't deserve. We don't deserve anything God gives us because of the sinful nature that we live in. That is why we have so many things to thank God for because God loves us and he does all these things for us.

#### **Madalyn Faith Manna**

**Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."**

I chose Matthew 11:28 because people go through a lot of worry and sadness in their life. Not everyone knows who to turn to in times of trouble, but I always have the option to go to God. God is always there, whether you need comfort, hope, or just someone to talk to.

We're just humans, and we don't know what God has planned for us. Since we are sinful, we can fall away from God and think He has no plan for us. If you ever feel lost and have no idea what you're doing in life, talk to God. God isn't like any person in this world who can get mad at you for telling your problems. You're never bothering God, and He never gets annoyed at you for talking too much. I know this because He commands us to pray and come to Him in times of trouble.

God lets us know that everything is okay. If anything bad happens, God lets us know through the Bible that it's for our good. God uses bad experiences to teach us lessons or to show he's in control.

I'm very thankful that I can always turn to God to help me, no matter how little or serious the situation is.

#### **Collin Edward McGuire**

**Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."**

I chose the passage "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" from Philippians 4:13. This passage is important to me because it reminds me that God goes with me always through everything I face. I know Christ is in me, and

because of that, I am never alone. He is always with me. Whether I succeed or not, God is still strengthening and uplifting me through everything. It's also the first Bible quote that I've memorized. Which means it holds special meaning to me because I could have chosen any quote, and I chose Philippians 4:13.

#### **Lily Jean Nadolny**

**John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."**

The verse I chose for my confirmation passage is John 15:5 : "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

I chose this verse because it reminds me that everything I have accomplished so far could not have been done without God. If you stay in faith with God, think of all the amazing things you can accomplish. This passage makes me think how amazing it is to have a God that leads me to all the great things I can do in this life. This verse can lead me to trust him in every time of trouble and in times of happiness, because without him we could do nothing.

#### **Allie Brooke Orlowski**

**Psalms 31:15 - "My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me."**

The passage that I choose is Psalm 31:15. I chose this passage because it shows us that we should never be afraid or worried about what is going to happen in the future. We're not in control of our future, Jesus is, and we should have a special comfort in knowing this. If Jesus is in control of our future, we never have to worry about anything, because we know he will lead us on the right path for the rest of our lives.

#### **Zachary Allan Poulakos**

**Psalms 37:5 - "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."**

The reason I chose this passage is because I grew up with this passage and it's always been easy to know and easy to say it. It also shows how God has been with me my whole life and I think for a very short passage, it's very powerful.

This is the reason I chose it and it's also been used for me since I was little till now and I think it is very powerful. This passage also talks about trusting God and that's another reason I like this passage to trust in him.

**Kylie Faith Sweeny**

**Isaiah 7:11 – “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”**

For my confirmation verse, I chose Isaiah 7:11 which says “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” This verse gives us the assurance that God really knew how he was going to save us before it happen. When we are in times of need, we come to God in prayer. We can ask him for anything and know that he will do what's best for us. No matter where we are, what kind of situation we're in, big or small, we know God has the power to help us. We can use this passage throughout life, through good times and bad.

**Jonathan Ernest Vilbaum**

**Psalm 41:1 - “Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble.”**

I like the passage because it says that God will bless you as you love those around you, even if you don't like them. The passage also tells us to help others in times of need. The passage reassures me that God is always with me and will always bless me wherever I am. It also reminds me that I am a sinner, and God will still loves me and will help me in times of need.

**Makayla Ann Wesemann**

**Jeremiah 29:11 - “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

I love this this passage so much. It is such a comfort to me to know that everything will work out for my good and that these hard times are just a speed bump on the road to heaven, and that when I get over that speed bump, I will

have a prosperous life and hope of heaven and a wonderful future. Yes, there will be troubles and trials in my life, but it is so amazing to know in those hard times that God will work it out for my good.

When I look back on times when I am in pain or going through something hard, it is so amazing to see God working in every little thing that I did and how I now have a stronger relationship with God and others around me.

This is such a comfort that God has a plan and a purpose for each and every one of us and that if we submit to him and his plan and his will, he will bless us and the world around us.

**CONGREGATION HYMN**

**“HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE”**  
*Christian Worship #183*



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Light di - vine, Shine up -  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Cleanse this  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, Cheer this  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, Dwell with -  
 5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my



on this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night  
 guilt - y heart of mine; In your mer - cy pit -  
 sad - dened heart of mine; Fill me with your heav'n -  
 in this heart of mine; Cast down ev - 'ry i -  
 life in ev - 'ry part; Your own tem - ple I



a - way; Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
 y me; From sin's bond - age set me free.  
 ly peace; Let it grow and still in - crease.  
 dol throne; Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.  
 would be Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

SERMON

JOHN 14:25-27

THE OFFERING

(One of our many responses to God's many gifts to us is to return a portion of our income through our offerings. During the offering, we invite you to the Friendship Registers located in each pew.)

After the Offering is brought forward, the congregation stands & joins in singing:

1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew -  
the gift may be; All that we have is  
ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou  
thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.

Christian Worship #485, verses 1-2

8:00 am & 6:30 pm services continue on page 17 in the bulletin with "The Responsive Prayer"

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Those being confirmed remain standing

**M:** 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.

**M:** 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? If so, answer: I do.

**R:** I do.

**M:** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? If so, answer: I do.

**R:** I do.

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? If so, answer: I do.

**R:** I do.

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

**R:** I do.

**M:** 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? If so, answer: I do.



**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

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

**M:** 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? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

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

*Congregation please stand.*

*(The minister addresses the congregation.)*

#### **THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

**M:** 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 these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

**M:** Gracious Father, you have adopted these brothers and sisters in Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and so that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ’s body. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Protect them from the powers of evil, and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

*8:00 am & 6:30 pm continues on page 23 in the bulletin with “The Sacrament.”*

*The confirmands, in turn, come forward and kneel.  
The minister lay his hands on the head of each one.*



## CONFIRMATION BLESSINGS

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

### **Kaylin Lee Bergum,**

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.  
“Be faithful, even to the point of death,  
and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”

*Revelation 2:10*

### **Meghan Lindsey Braun**

May the Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake,  
renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace,  
to your patience in suffering,  
and to the blessed hope of eternal life.  
“I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing.”

*John 15:5*

### **Ryder Ty Derouin**

May God, who began a good work in you,  
bring it to completion at the coming  
of our Lord Christ Jesus.  
“May he turn our hearts to him,  
to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands,  
decrees and laws he gave our ancestors.”

*1 Kings 8:58*

### **Jonathan Andre Dieguez**

May God the Father, who created you,  
may God the Son who redeemed you,  
may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you  
keep you faithful unto life everlasting.  
“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

*Hebrews 13:5*

### **Sarah Lynne Granberg**

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.  
“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.”

*Psalms 145:13*

### **Lindsey Nicole Hutchinson**

May the Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake,  
renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace,  
to your patience in suffering,  
and to the blessed hope of eternal life.  
“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

*Psalms 119:105*

### **Joseph Robert Kallies**

May God, who began a good work in you,  
bring it to completion at the coming  
of our Lord Christ Jesus.  
“In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of sins, in accordance  
with the riches of God’s grace.”

*Ephesians 1:7*

**Madalyn Faith Manna**

May God the Father, who created you,  
may God the Son who redeemed you,  
may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you  
keep you faithful unto life everlasting.  
“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

*Matthew 11:28*

**Collin Edward McGuire**

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.  
“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

*Philippians 4:13*

**Lily Jean Nadolny**

May the Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake,  
renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace,  
to your patience in suffering,  
and to the blessed hope of eternal life.  
“I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing.”

*John 15:5*

**Allie Brooke Orlowski**

May God, who began a good work in you,  
bring it to completion at the coming  
of our Lord Christ Jesus.  
“My times are in your hands;  
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.”

*Psalms 31:15*

**Zachary Allan Poulakos**

May God the Father, who created you,  
may God the Son who redeemed you,  
may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you  
keep you faithful unto life everlasting.  
“Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him and he will do this.”

*Psalms 37:5*

**Kylie Faith Sweeny**

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.  
“Ask the Lord your God for a sign,  
whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

*Isaiah 7:11*

**Jonathan Ernest Vilbaum**

May the Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake,  
renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace,  
to your patience in suffering,  
and to the blessed hope of eternal life.  
“Blessed are those who have regard for the weak;  
the Lord delivers them in times of trouble.”

*Psalms 41:1*

**Makayla Ann Wesemann**

May God, who began a good work in you,  
bring it to completion at the coming  
of our Lord Christ Jesus.  
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.”

*Jeremiah 29:11*

CONGREGATION HYMN

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

Christian Worship #334

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
 crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -  
 ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** 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 DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We invite those who are members of St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church and those guests who are affiliated with our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to come forward at the direction of the ushers to participate in the Lord’s Supper. The Confirmation Class, along with their parents, will receive the Lord’s Supper first.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE”

Christian Worship #315

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.  
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb’s great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Please Stand

# THANKSGIVING

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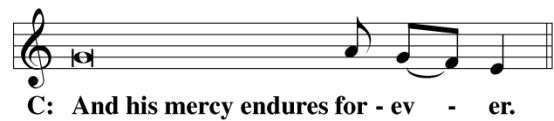
## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE BENEDICTION

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

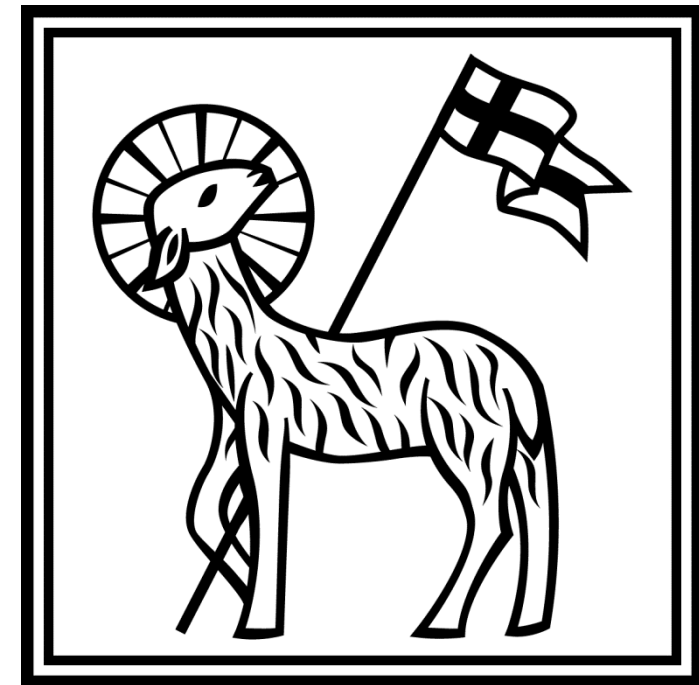
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be seated*



**“OUR LORD AND GOD, OH, BLESS THIS DAY”**  
*Christian Worship #599*



1 Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And  
 2 Oh, bless your Word to all the young; Let  
 3 And when they leave their child - hood home, When



hear us, we im - plore you; None of your chil - dren  
 them, your truth pos - ses - sing, Bear wit - ness true with  
 Sa - tan comes al - lur - ing, May their bap - tis - mal



turn a - way Who now ap - pear be - fore you. We  
 heart and tongue, Their faith and ours con - fess - ing. From  
 grace be - come A ref - uge re - as - sur - ing. God's



come be - fore your face And pray: let your rich grace  
 moth - er's arms your grace With love did them em - brace.  
 cov - e - nant is sure; His prom - is - es en - dure.



De - scend from heav'n a - bove In all your won - drous  
 Bap - tized in - to your name, As yours you did them  
 They ne'er shall be un - done Who trust in God a -



love, And keep us by your Spir - it.  
 claim; O Lord, as yours now own them!  
 lone— God is their might - y Fa - ther!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Jim & Cory Braun, wishing God's blessings on all of the Confirmands.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Next weekend we will begin our summer worship schedule – Sundays at 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM, and Mondays at 6:30 PM. Please note that we will not have worship on Memorial Day (Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>), but will move it to Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE TEACHER CALL ACCEPTED:** “On May 12, 2018, I received the Divine Call extended to me through the Assignment Committee to serve St. Paul’s as its First Grade Teacher and Junior Choir Director. With this letter, I wish to announce my formal acceptance of this Divine Call, and express the joy and excitement that this privilege has been given to me. Moving arrangements and an installation date are still to be determined. I pray that the Lord will bring me safely to you, and that he will bless my ministry among you. In Christ, Miriam Willitz.”

**SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF NEW FIRST GRADE TEACHER:** “My name is Miriam Willitz. I am the sixth of the seven kids in my family. I grew up in Lakeland, Florida, and Frankenmuth, Michigan, where I attended and graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary. I just graduated from Martin Luther College with a degree in elementary education. I will be getting married on June 15th to Caleb Schaeewe. He is a student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. I love running, baking, and my Jack Russell Terrier, Daisy. Caleb and I are both very excited to get to know everyone at St. Paul's, and I look forward to serving you in the coming school year!”

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Mark your calendars. Our Church Picnic will be on Sunday, June 24th. It will begin at 11:30 am. There will be activities and games for all. Brats, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. We ask that people bring a salad or desert to share. More details will be coming. If you wish to help in the planning process, please contact Pete Kosovich or Pastor Adams. We look forward to seeing you there!

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION:** It's time to register for Vacation Bible Camp, held July 9-13, 2018! Please see the registration form in today's bulletin. There are extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP:** We can still use more help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Please see the forms on the narthex counter for more information on how you can help. Vacation Bible Camp is July 9-13<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Our last Power Hour of the school year will be on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM.

**WLHS CHEERLEADING COACHES:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is seeking candidates for the head Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading positions. Candidates must be active members of a WELS/ELS church and have background in cheer. Coach experience is preferred. Candidates may submit their resumes to Jeff Sitz, Director of Athletics, at [jeff.sitz@wlhs.org](mailto:jeff.sitz@wlhs.org) or to Wisconsin Lutheran High School c/o Jeff Sitz, [330 N Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee 53213](https://www.wlhs.org/330-N-Glenview-Avenue-Milwaukee-53213), by Monday, June 11.

**28TH ANNUAL WLHS CHARITY GOLF OUTING:** Register now for the Friends of Wisco Annual Charity Golf Outing set for Monday, June 18, at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, Wis. New this year—choose between two different golf courses. Main course is \$150 per person with shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Optional par 3 course is \$90 per person with shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. Price includes: green fees, golf cart, lunch and dinner, and two drink tickets. Sponsorships include a foursome of golf. For registration and sponsorship information visit [bidpal.net/wlhsgolf2018](http://bidpal.net/wlhsgolf2018). Register by Friday, May 25, to ensure the golf outing shirt will fit you. Contact Heidi Witz at [planner@wlhs.org](mailto:planner@wlhs.org) or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004 with any questions.

**WLHS JOB OPENING:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for house parents for the 2018-19 school year. House parents will supervise up to 12 students in WLHS housing and will be responsible for creating a respectful culture in your "family," monitoring schedules, hold weekly meetings, plan and execute fun activities, academically support students and other duties. The candidate must be a member in good standing of the WELS/ELS. This position will last from the beginning of August until

the beginning of June. This position requires living on site in an apartment building with the students. A stipend as well as an apartment are included in the compensation package. Please submit resumes to Jodi Lunow at [jodi.lunow@wlhs.org](mailto:jodi.lunow@wlhs.org).

**WLHS PRISM CONCERTS:** WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail-in registration or online at [www.wlhs.org/finearts](http://www.wlhs.org/finearts). For more information, please call 414-453-4567.

## VOLUNTEERS

### GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (May 20 & 21)

**8:00 AM** – John & Barb Migacz

**10:30 AM** – Tony & Mary Tripoli

**6:30 PM** – Joan Shevey

### GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 27 & 29)

**8:00 AM** – Connie Myer

**10:00 AM** – Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin & Ian

**6:30 PM** – {Sign up to be a greeter!}

### USHERS FOR MAY

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

### USHERS FOR MAY SPECIAL SERVICES

**GRADUATION (5/31 – 6:30 PM)** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

**ALTAR GUILD**

May 16-22 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel  
May 23-29 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

May 20: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway  
May 27: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

**GRASS CUTTING:**

May 23-26 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tosic  
May 30-June 2 – TEAM #4 – Frank Krajewski

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 114, Communed – 95  
10:30 AM – 126, Communed – 56  
6:30 PM – 54, Communed – 46  
Total Attendance – 294  
Total Communed – 197  
Sunday Bible Class – 26, Sunday School – 10  
Bible Information Class – 3

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 20**

Worship Service with Communion .....8:00 AM  
Confirmation Service.....10:00 AM

**Monday, May 21**

Worship Service with Communion ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 22**

Mary Martha ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 23**

Men’s Open Gym ..... 7:30 PM

**Thursday, May 24**

Preschool Power Hour ..... 10:45 AM

**Friday, May 25**

School Devotion .....8:30 AM  
CDS Track & Field Day..... 12:00 PM

**Sunday, May 27**

Worship Service .....8:00 AM  
Worship Service .....9:30 AM