

The Third Sunday of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday



Confirmation Sunday
The Holy Eucharist - ELW Setting 1
St. Paul Lutheran Church – June 6, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

Introduction to the day

Martin Luther notes in Luther's Small Catechism: "Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. [It] provides opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promises given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith . . ."

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness
We All Believe in One True God

Change My Heart, O God

Giovanni Galstoldi
 Martin Luther
 Marcel Dupré
 Eddie Espinosa

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

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Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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GREETING

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And, also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:8-10

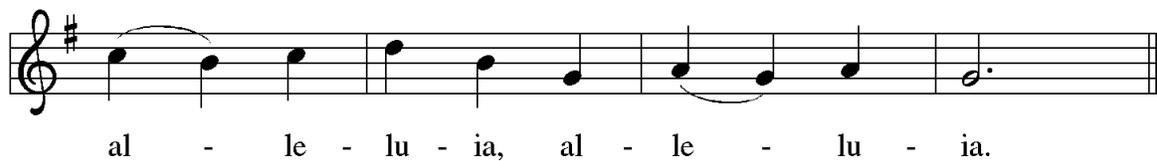
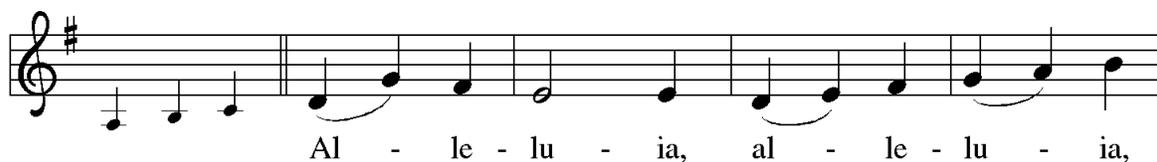
Read by: Jessica Garron

Just make sure you stay alert. Keep close watch over yourselves. Don't forget anything of what you've seen. Don't let your heart wander off. Stay vigilant as long as you live. Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren.

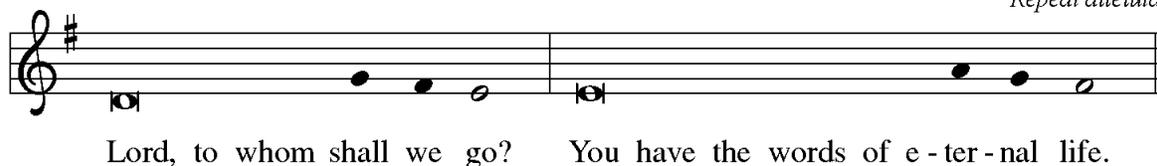
¹⁰ That day when you stood before GOD, your God, at Horeb, GOD said to me, "Assemble the people in my presence to listen to my words so that they will learn to fear me in holy fear for as long as they live on the land, and then they will teach these same words to their children."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

¹I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me that bears no fruit, He takes away. And every branch that bears fruit, He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already clean through the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, neither can you, unless you remain in Me.

⁵"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remains in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit. For without Me you can do nothing. ⁶If a man does not remain in Me, he is thrown out as a branch and withers. And they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

"You Have Connections"

THE RITE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

Mary Jane Morrill, Vice President of Council:

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young women, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Robin Carlo, Director of Family Ministries:

We present Charlotte Claire Morris who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

We present Jessica Marie Garron who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism

Let us pray.

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may join in their responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. I invite the congregation to join in the responses.

Renunciation Question:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Vice President of the Council - Mary Jane Morrill:

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in faith and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing:

Let us pray.

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

The minister may lay both hands on the head of each person and says:

Stir up in Charlotte the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Stir up in Jessica the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Vice President of the Council - Mary Jane Morrill:

Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before, the God who called children to Himself, in prayer.

A brief silence.

God who lifts up the least, and the littlest, we pray for children around the world who are hungry, afraid, and who are victims of violence. We pray for children in war torn countries, especially in the Middle East. We pray for children who do not feel safe at home or at school. Remind us of our responsibility towards all children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we thank you for the beauty of our island home through which you speak to us each day. We confess that we have abused the gift of the earth and in so doing have left many challenges for the next generations. We thank you for the passion this confirmation class has for being good stewards of the earth. Empower them and forgive us and teach us all to treat the natural world with reverence, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shepherding God, who searches high and low for one lost sheep, we pray for youth who have given up on the church, and who find the church to be out of touch. Help us to join you in the search and to learn to speak your word in new ways. Forgive the ways we cling to traditions that have lost their meaning. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, who longs to gather us to yourself as a mother hen gathers her chicks, we pray for youth in our community who struggle with addictions, with anxiety, and with depression. We especially pray for recent immigrants, many of whom are separated from their families. Help them find places of welcome and support. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, who as a young person taught in the temple, we pray for these confirmands and for all the children of the church. We thank you for all of the saints and for past generations whose faithful witness has blessed our church. We thank you for families that have made sharing our faith a priority. We thank you for each one in this community, for those who have taught in our Sunday School and especially for Robin's creative and generous ministry among us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God who dwells among us and within us, we now lift up the needs of our community..... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace and goodness. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL - Robin Carlo

OFFERTORY PRAYER

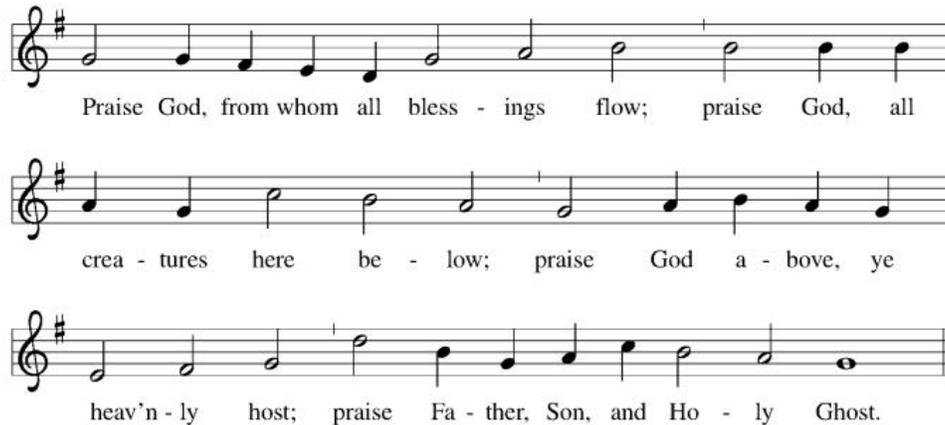
Let us pray.

Merciful God, Our lives flow from your generous creative love. Our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again with your Holy Word, for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen

OFFERTORY RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And, also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
who on this day overcame death and the grave
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the church,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

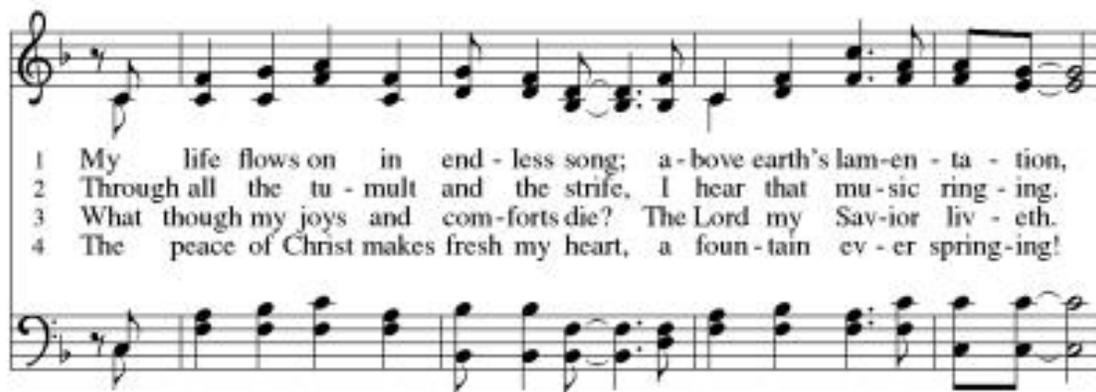
Jesus, Bread of life,
**we have received from your table
 more than we could ever ask.**
**As you have nourished us in this meal,
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**
In your name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION:**Psalm 37**

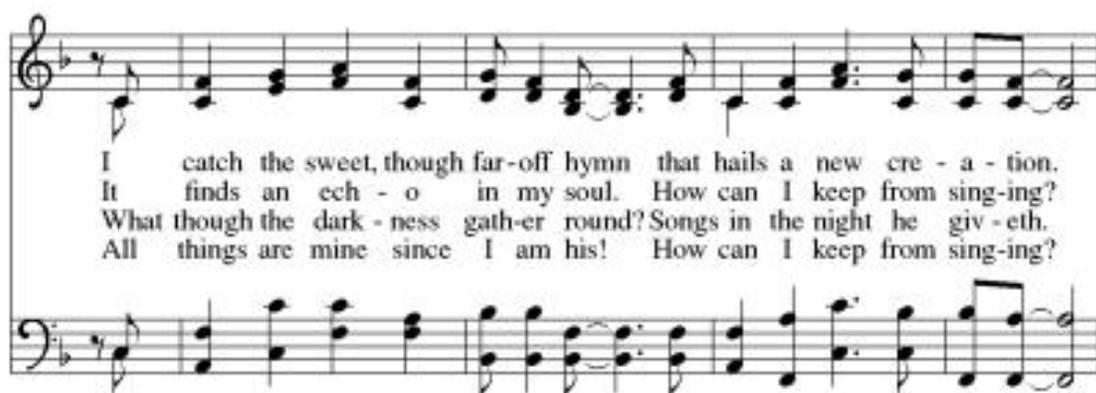
Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord,
and the Lord will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in God and God will do this:
God will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

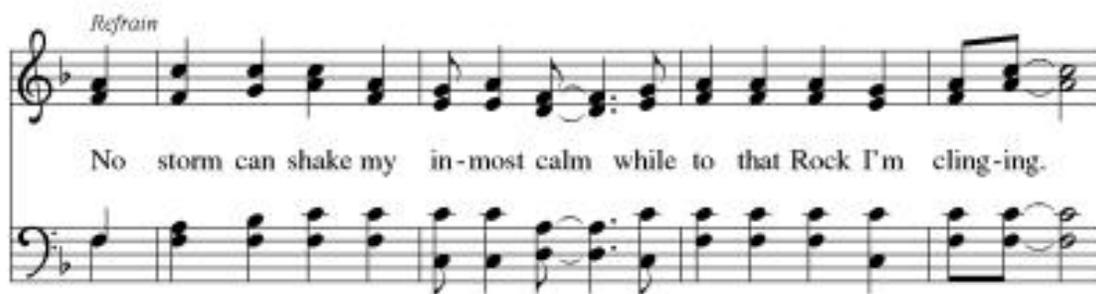


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Charlotte Morris

POSTLUDE

Poco vivace

Hermann Schroeder

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Valerie M. Roberts-Toler

Assisting Minister: Robin Carlo

Readers: Confirmands

Cantor: John Bjorlie

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OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR ELYSE NELSON WINGER

Pastor Elyse will be in the church offices after Sunday services and is available for visits on Sunday afternoons. She is happy to meet inside or outside, using all necessary precautions regarding distancing and wearing masks. Please call her (309-212-9723) or email her (pastor@stpaulcapeann.org) if you would like to make an appointment or in the case of a pastoral emergency.

THE CARE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COOK MEALS FOR FAMILIES

Please refer to Friday's FYI or contact Marion Phipps at 978-283-5746 or Dave Stowell at 978-283-0264

PRAYER LISTS

Please keep these people in your prayers for healing throughout the week: Daneen R., Sonny M., Tasha R., Willy G., Jim W., Brian D., Ron M., Judith O., Ron F., for a Family in need of prayers, Miles, Kathryn, Bill P., Bob S., Alice W.

Armed services: Josh Coakley, Stephanie Norberg, Brian Misuraca, Christian DiGregorio, John Korpi III, Danny Hill, Rachel Misuraca Lewin, Zach Hafey, Liam Carney, and Tony Favalora

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