



Confirmation

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - CONFIRMATION
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Welcome to God's House

Confirmation has been a long-standing practice in the Lutheran Church. Confirmation is not a sacrament nor does it have any command or promise from God. It is a "rite" or ceremony in which a congregation *gives* its confirmands, who have been instructed in Christian doctrine according to the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism, an opportunity to confess publicly their faith, and promise their faithfulness to the Lord and his word. The congregation then *prays* for the confirmands with the laying on of hands and finally *invites* them to participate in the Lord's Supper. God bless Jillian, Ava and Gabi on their confirmation day.


Confirmation

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Day by Day #803

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.

Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.

Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;

I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.

I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Brief silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

♪ 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.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you always cause your church to grow, and with your light and grace, you strengthen the hearts of those to whom you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Let all who have been instructed in your truth continue to increase both in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts - #119H



1 How shall the young se - cure their hearts and
2 Your Word is like a heav'n - ly light that
5 Your Word is ev - er - last - ing truth; how



guard their lives from sin? Your Word, O LORD, the
guides us all the day, and through the dan - gers
pure is ev - 'ry page! That ho - ly book will



truth im - parts to keep the con - science clean.
of the night a lamp to lead our way.
guide our youth and well sup - port our age.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you a crown of life. Alleluia.

Refrain

Gospel

John 8:31-32

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Your Days and Ways to God Surrender #806

Your days and ways to God surrender,
and let his wisdom be your light.
He stands beside you, strong but tender,

and guides your steps thro' storm and night.
Upon a rock you build your life
when you rely on Jesus Christ.

Why do you wallow in this worry?
Why tightly clutch this pain and fear?
Do you forget that on this journey
you're not alone? Your God is near!
The many midnight tears you spill
just make the darkness darker still.

Wait for his hand to write your story,
his gracious will, your destiny.
What looks like gloom he turns to glory;
what's hidden now he will reveal.
Who holds your future and your past
knows what you need before you ask.

Then wake with joy and expectation,
for God is good and heav'n is sure.
Sing, pray, and work in your vocation,
and sleep in peace, your heart secure.
Surrender all to his good grace;
he keeps you safe in his embrace.

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Sermon

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord...trust in the truth

The Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Dear friends in Christ, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your hearts and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your minds and preserved you as children of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We bring our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and ask him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

I now ask each of you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today?

I am.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

(all) 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

(all) 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. Amen.

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

I do.

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God? **I do.**

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

I do.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

The pastor speaks to the congregation:

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in this world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in the

mansions of heaven, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer. 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.

The pastor speaks to those being confirmed:

I now invite each of you to receive a blessing from the Lord, a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

The confirmands kneel. The minister lays his hand on the head of each and speaks a blessing, after which the confirmands speak their verses.

2022 Zion Lutheran Confirmands

Jillian Alayna Breuer

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ava Mae Filber

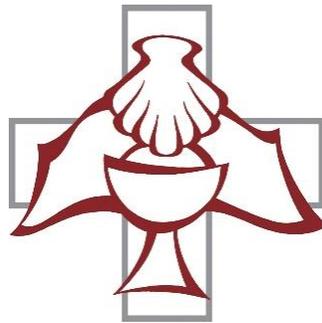
John 8:12

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Gabrielle Elizabeth Jerger

Joshua 1:9

⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”



Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord’s table as a precious privilege given to you by God through his Church. Receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless and keep you.

First Communion for the Confirmands

Sunday late service only

Closing Prayer

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these daughters of yours to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both hearts to believe and mouths to confess his saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight 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.

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.

Closing Hymn

Go My Children, With My Blessing #930

Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

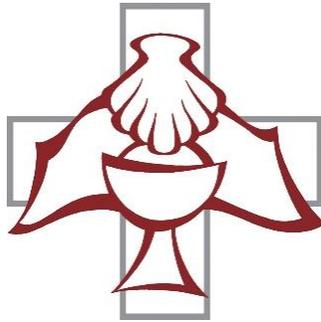
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me;

grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you
and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you
and give you peace.



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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:40 a.m.	Confirmation examination
Tue:	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Aid meeting
Wed:	5:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Fri:	7:00 p.m.	Luther Prep Spring concert
Sat:	6:30 p.m.	KML Percussion concert
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School

In Our Prayers Marilyn Martin, back home regaining her strength after having to spend some days at the hospital.

Confirmation This morning (Sunday) three of our young people - Jillian Breuer, Ava Filber, and Gabi Jerger - will be confirmed in the faith in the late service. You are invited to the examination which will take place during the bible class hour (8:40 – 9:35). Please keep these three in your prayers.

We thank Judy Lemke (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend.

Please pick up the May calendars, newsletters and copies of the *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway.

Sunday School Singing Next Sunday, May 22nd, is the last day of Sunday School and the children will be singing the last hymn of the early service and the first hymn of the late service. That will allow those who are worshipping in the first service to leave after the first hymn of the late service and those who are worshipping in the late service to come a little earlier for Sunday School so they can sing in the first service as well.

Memorial Day Observance As has been tradition for many years, the Allenton Legion will be with us on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend after the late service. We'll be gathering out in the cemetery about 10:15 a.m. for a short ceremony to be reminded of what Memorial Day is all about.

Cleaning Signup This summer we hope to get back to our tradition of volunteering for a week of church cleaning. There is a signup sheet with all of the dates needed on the bulletin board. Please consider this way of serving your church.

Thursday Worship It won't be long before the weather is consistently warm, schools will be letting out for the summer, and many of our members will be taking time on the weekends for family outings, camping, tournaments, etc... If that's the case in your family, please remember that we have Thursday evening worship services year 'round, and they are meant for just those kinds of weekends. Make being fed with God's Word a weekly habit even during the summer.

KML Summer Camps Registration Open KML will be hosting various academic, fine arts, and athletic camps this summer. Please pass the information on to friends and family who would be interested in attending. Register and pay online in one easy step! Visit www.kmlhs.org/camps for additional details and for the online registration link.

Luther Prep Summer Camps LPS Summer Camps are in FULL planning mode and we hope to see more of your children join us! We offer Day Camps & Overnight Camps for a variety of sports AND for the 2nd year in a row our *new* Phoenix Adventure Camp! For all the details & sign up information, go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps