

CONFIRMATION

Pentecost 3 – June 13, 2021



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship, 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School, in recess

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A Member Congregation in the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 360 (TLH)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

THE INVOCATION

(We declare that the triune God is the God we worship.)

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(God cares for our spiritual needs.)

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

PC Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the humble life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

KYRIE ELEISON

(Latin for "Lord, have mercy." We ask God to care for our earthly needs.)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.


C Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(We sing a hymn of glory to God.)

Melody: WS 758 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

 **C Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One, One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(A prayer that collects and reflects the themes of the day.)

THE LESSON

(We hear a Bible reading that supports the thoughts of the season.)

2 Corinthians 4:13-18^{NIV84} *In faith we speak and confess the Lord Jesus Christ, looking toward life in heaven.* | It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Confirmands

(The confirmands share with the congregation what they believe through a series of questions and answers.)

**Kayla Paulson
Brock Rochow
Kyleigh Stainbrook**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(We share in their confession by reciting what we believe.)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 338 (TLH)

Thine Forever, God of Love

THE SERMON

(We learn from God's word.)

The Word of God Is at Work in You

1 Thessalonians 2:13^{NIV84} And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

HYMN 286

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

OFFERING

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

(The confirmands make their promises before God and the congregation and are received into the congregation as communicant members.)

Kayla Christer Paulson (John 8:12)

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

Brock John Rochow (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.

Kyleigh Alexis Stainbrook (Psalm 23:1)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.


PRAYERS

(We talk to God in our prayers.)

BENEDICTION

(The Lord sends us home with His blessing.)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon
you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon
you and give you peace.

 **C Amen, Amen, Amen.**

HYMN 800 (WS, see back cover)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions, June 14-19, 2021

by Prof. Paul Koch (retired)

Mon Genesis 3:8-15 Adam hid in the bushes, for he was ashamed of himself. When God pressed him to confess and repent, he played the blame-game, and so did Eve. Satan had ruined God's dear children, but One greater than Satan thwarted Satan's game-plan by putting Jesus between us and Satan (15). We love Him who first loved us; thank You, dear Lord Jesus.

Tues Mark 3:20-35 Jesus didn't need buffers, for He was fully capable of defending Himself – with logic that was right-on (23-27). [Bad-mouthing Jesus is the same as bad-mouthing the Holy Spirit (28-30).] When His relatives tried to take Him home, He chose to remain with His spiritual family. Bottom line: One's blood relatives must come in second-best to God's family.

Wed 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 We trust God to treat us as He treated Jesus (13-14); *therefore we do not lose heart* (no matter how stressful life can get) because we know God is following His own recipe for our blessing. IOW, we overlook the stuff that's temporary and focus on blessings that are eternal.

Thurs Psalm 51:1-6 We know the drill: Don't face God until you face yourself; If you can't (or won't) face up to your cheating on God and your fellowmen, don't ask God to be nice. We are derelicts because we were born that way (5), and we are on a learning curve spiritually. For all these reasons we throw ourselves on God's mercy—which means we go to the foot of the Cross.

Fri Luke 8:22-25 We feel the sting of Jesus' question: "*Where is your faith?*" Do we come to Jesus only after we have gotten too exhausted to do anything else? Jesus ought not be our last resort – but our ally in all of life's difficulties. Let's not be backward about "awakening" Him to our problems; He has put Himself into the same boat with us – to share our difficult times and to use His powerful influence to calm our troubled waters.

Sat Acts 27:13-38 The tensions were mounting for crew and passengers; their cargo/passenger vessel was being blown every which way, day and night, for two weeks; they were half-starved, sea-sick, groggy from lack of sleep, and they needed HELP. Paul knew God would rescue them in His own good time and in the best way (21-26) – as long as nobody cheated (27-32). God was teaching 276 people a good lesson, and they seemed to be catching on (35-38) that when you are facing death, it's high time to throw your excess baggage overboard and lighten yourself for the swim to safety. [That is, throw your burden of sins into the sea of God's forgiveness, and use Jesus as your life-jacket to carry you safely to the shore of eternal salvation.]

HOME DEVOTION

Lamentations 3:22-23 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

BLESSINGS EVERY NEW DAY

When you woke up this morning, what were your first thoughts? My first thought usually goes something like this: *Where's the coffee?!*

But do you ever begin the day thinking: *I wonder how God is going to bless me today?*

Maybe we don't think like that because we don't consciously recognize the fact that God does pour countless blessings into the lives of His children each and every day. How it might change our lives for the better if we would only remember that God's mercies are new every morning!

As God's blood-bought and believing children, the cup of our lives truly overflows with blessing after blessing from the hand of a Heavenly Father Who is never stingy with His gifts. Yes, some of God's blessings may hurt a little, but they are still blessings. For whatever blessing God gives with each new day—whether painful or pleasant—they all work together to keep us in the faith to life everlasting.

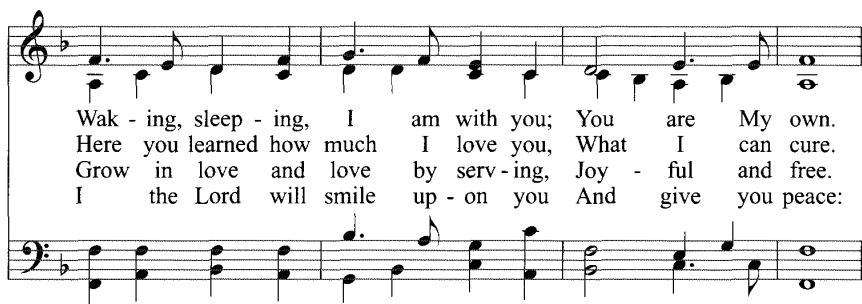
*Every morning mercies new
Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Every morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day;
For Thy mercies, Lord, are sure,
Thy compassion doth endure.*

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 537:1)

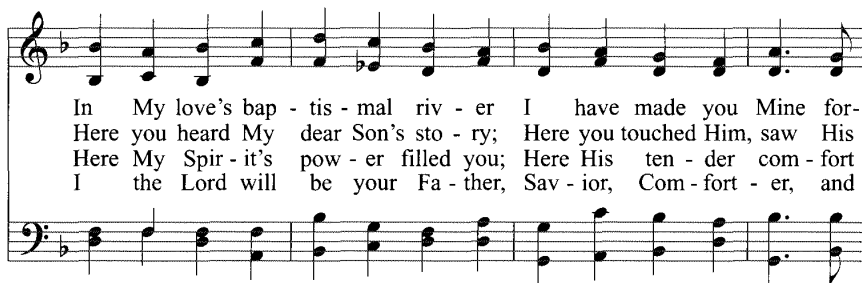
GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING *Benediction*



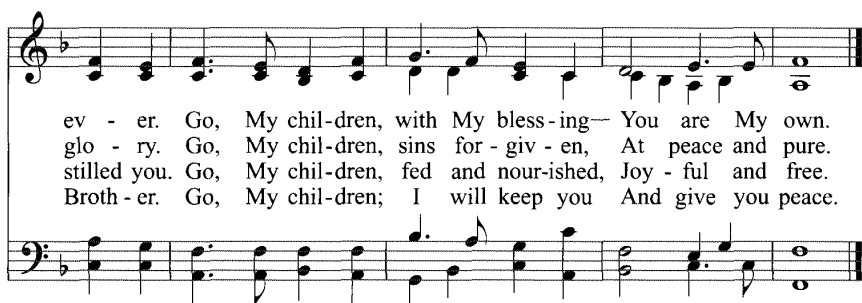
1 Go, my chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clo - ser to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace:



In My love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for-
 Here you heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His
 Here My Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
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 Broth - er. Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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