



*To confirm you  
this day*  
AS HIS

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

May 2, 2021

9:30am

## CONFIRMATION

Today, each of our confirmands stands before God and family to promise faithfulness to Him until his or her life's end. They know that death leaves no one standing, that sinners deserve damnation, and that hell brings eternal torment. Even so, by God's grace and Spirit, our confirmands know the One from whom salvation comes, Jesus the Lord. They rejoice in Him. He defeated for them the powers of sin, death, and hell – Alleluia! To them, washed and recreated in the waters of Baptism, He gives the victory. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We offer this prayer before worship:

*Dear Lord Jesus, guard the faith of our confirmands. Increase their understanding of Your love for them in Christ. Give them courage to confess what they believe by their words and actions. Throughout their lives, turn them to You for forgiveness and for strength to face every trial and temptation. Help them to trust Your Word, because it is unchanging, true, and reliable. Strengthen and refresh them often through Your gifts in the Holy Supper. Amen.*

(With respect and reverence for our Lord, please refrain from taking pictures during worship.)

An opportunity to take photographs will be available after the service.)



# The Service of the Word

## **Processional Hymn 941** *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (1–2)*

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.

The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

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## **Invocation**

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We  
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and  
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and  
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Hymn 941** *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (stanza 3)*

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:  
    You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,  
    Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.

## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise You, O Lord, for through the living power of Your Word and Spirit, You call to faith young and old, rescuing them from the terrors of death and hell. Guide the confirmands in Your unchanging, ever-reliable Word and truth. Increase their trust in Your care, their joy in being Your children, and their desire to live in keeping with Your sacrificial love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Epistle Reading — 1 John 4:1–21**

**B**eloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

<sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another,  
**for love is from God,**  
and whoever loves has been born of God  
**and knows God.**

<sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God,  
**because God is love.**

<sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us,  
**that God sent his only Son**  
**into the world, so that we might live through him.**

<sup>10</sup>In this is love,  
**not that we have loved God**  
but that he loved us  
**and sent his Son**  
**to be the propitiation for our sins.**

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

<sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to You, O Christ.*

## Hymn

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*      **465 (1–3)**

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,

Therefore our heart with rapture sings:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Now still He comes to give us life

And by His presence stills all strife.

Christ has triumphed! He is living!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Sermon      I the Lord Do Not Change      (Malachi 3:6)**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

## The Rite of Confirmation

### **Presentation of the Confirmands**

These students: Josephine Anvelink, Race Anvelink, Alexander Ard, Addison Diemel, Baylie Diemel, Raina Dworniczak, Isiah Genz, Abbi Heller, Reegan Kocherer, Ayden Kohn, Benjamin Letter, Gunnar Majewski, Nicole Marquette, Taylor Rank, Benjamin Reisner, Ethan Schauder, Tatum Sporisky, Madison Ullmer, Owen Ullmer, Ryan Ullmer, Audrey Weier, and Bryli Zuleger, have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public declaration of their faith and commitment to Christ and His Church. We present them to this congregation and to the Church in the name of Christ, whom they here confess, to be accepted as communicant members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Address to the Confirmands**

**Affirmation of Baptismal Faith**

## The Blessing of the Confirmands

### The Litany of Commitment

*(Parents and Godparents stand.)*

Parents and Godparents, give now your promise of continual encouragement to your children.

**We, your parents and Godparents, know you are God's gift to us.**

**We have provided for you while giving our thanks to God for you.**

**We will continue to bring you to the Lord's house, and encourage you to fear, love, and trust in Him above all things.**

*(Remain standing.)*

*(Congregation stands.)*

Members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, you are the congregational family that is receiving these newly confirmed. Give them the assurance of your continued commitment to them.

**We are your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. We welcome you as fellow servants and workers for the Lord. Together we gladly kneel before Him for His forgiveness and strength, and strive to honor Him in all we do. We pledge to you our care and support.**

## The Service of the Sacrament

*Note for those desiring to commune...* Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Corinthians 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

### Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Words of our Lord**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "This is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Amen.*

## **Agnus Dei**

**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.**

**Distribution Hymns      611      619      482      644**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

## **Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn      *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*      643**

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## Serving the Lord in Worship

**Pastors**      Rev. Timothy J. Shoup and Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organists**    Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Acolytes**    Ethan McClone      Audrey Jacobs      James Engel

## Prayers

**Altar Flowers . . .** are placed to the glory of God by the *Confirmation Class of 2021.*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Ruby Christensen, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Judy Manthei, Jim "Ace" Mueller, Rachel Olson, Charlie Rosin, Jerry Steif, Rachel Wussow, and Harland Zehren.*



## Confirmation Class — 2021

*Josephine Anvelink*

*Race Anvelink*

*Alexander Ard*

*Addison Diemel*

*Baylie Diemel*

*Raina Dworniczak*

*Isiah Genz*

*Abbi Heller*

*Reegan Kocherer*

*Ayden Kohn*

*Benjamin Letter*

*Gunnar Majewski*

*Nicole Marquette*

*Taylor Rank*

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## Announcements

**Altar Guild meeting . . .** will take place on Monday, May 3, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Dues for 2021 will be collected. Committees for June–November will be determined. More members are needed. Altar Guild is looking for new members who only serve two months out of the year.

### **Lutheran Hour . . . "Seriously?" (Jonah 1–4)**

A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously—that's the story of Jonah. Tune in next Sunday to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**Men's Club . . .** St. Paul Men's Club will not be meeting in the month of May.

## *Thank You!!!*

*The St. Paul Mission Circle sincerely thanks all for supporting our Bake Sale, and especially the ladies for their wonderful assortment of bakery and treats. The proceeds will be a blessing towards our commitments at St. Paul.*

### **EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

- Sunday**    **5/2**        7:45am Worship — Holy Communion (livestreamed)  
**9:30am Confirmation — Worship with Holy Communion**
- Monday**    **5/3**        6:00pm Bd of Trustees  
6:00pm Bd of Parish Fellowship  
6:30pm Altar Guild
- Tuesday**    **5/4**        7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting
- Wednesday** **5/5**        8:15am Chapel (Grades 5–8)  
9:00am Chapel (4K–Grade 4)  
4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry  
6:30pm Youth & Youth Bd Meeting  
7:00pm Bd of Elders
- Thursday**    **5/6**        1:30pm Ladies Aid  
7:00pm Worship
- Friday**        **5/7**        4:00pm–7:00pm Flower Sale Plant Pickup
- Saturday**    **5/8**
- Sunday**        **5/9**        7:45am Worship (livestreamed)  
9:00am Worship (Mandatory Mask)  
10:15am Worship

