

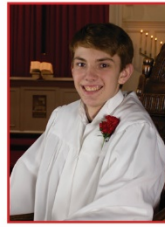
# Confirmation 2020



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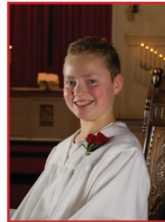
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September 19, 2020  
9:00/11:00 a.m.

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*  
1800 W. Maple  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 19, 2020 – 9:00/11:00 a.m.**  
**Theme: Proclaiming the Faith**

**As We Gather**

Today is a special day in the lives of those students who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and embark upon a special journey in the Church for the remainder of their lives. As important as this day is for them, this day can be a day of reflection for all of us. We can take this opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our own confirmation experience and how the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how He has guided us toward a more complete participation in this congregation and the Church at large.

**Prayer Before Worship**

Heavenly Father, we raise our confirmands to you, Blessed Lord, for your care. We rejoice in their faith journey and ask you to be their guide, guardian, and help. Let them feel the love of their church family as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Reveal to them your plan – your good, perfect, and pleasing will – for their lives. Surround them with your Holy Spirit, instilling in each the confidence only you can provide.

Gracious God, help us to live as your role models for our youth. Give us the wisdom, strength, and courage to walk uprightly, to do your will, to reflect the love of Jesus in all circumstances. Help us make good choices. Let us continue to grow in faith, to commit to the study of your word, and share the good news of the Gospel with these young people and all your children.

You have richly blessed our church family and we are grateful for all you have done. We give you honor, glory, and praise. Let our worship be pleasing and our works be fruitful so we can expand your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Prelude**

Rick Helderop

## **Opening Hymn** All Creatures of our God and King

(Class hymn of the Confirmation Class of 2017)

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain:

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds a loft:  
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
O lights of evening, find a voice. Refrain

3. O flowing waters, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear.  
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! O fire so masterful and bright,  
Providing us with warmth and light. Refrain

## **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

**C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

## **Old Testament Reading** Psalm 139:1-17

(You Are Known By God)

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the

far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

**Response:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

### **Gospel Announcement**

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

### **Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

(Jesus talking to Nicodemus)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I

tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven — the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Sermon Hymn** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen  
(Class hymn of the Confirmation Class of 2020)

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain:

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Refrain

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.

Refrain

**Sermon**

Text: John 3:1-17

“The Last Confirmation Class”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## **Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer** (spoken)

**Rite of Confirmation**

**Spiritual Preparation for Receiving the Eucharist**

**Holy Communion for Confirmands and their Families**

**Communion Hymn** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

1. I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well,  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on,  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. When you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as  
one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

**Benediction and Response:** Amen! Amen! Amen!

**Easter Proclamation**

**P:** Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

**C:** He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

## **Closing Hymn**

## **Lift High The Cross**

(Class hymn of the Confirmation Class of 2018)

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

‘Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. Refrain
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Postlude**

Rick Helderop



Audio/Video Operator

David Hardoin

# CONFIRMATION 2020

**Sean Michael Amos**

**James 1:13**

“Let no man see when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He himself tempt no man.”

**Blake William Baldner**

**Psalms 31:24**

“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!”

**Cody Abraham Chickensky**

**Psalms 121:7-8**

“The Lord will keep you from all harm. He will watch over your life! The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

**Dane Robert Cornwell**

**Isaiah 41:10**

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

**Ryan Alexander Dunlap**

**Ephesians 4:26-27**

“In your anger, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry and do not give the devil a foothold.”

**Nils M. Ericsson**

**Matthew 5:14-15**

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

**Maxwell Scott Falk**

**Joshua 1:9**

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

**Joseph Michael Farah**

**Romans 5:8**

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”



**Lorelai Michelle Gallo**

**Psalm 139:14**

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

**Zoe Grace Gartner**

**Deuteronomy 31:6**

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**Brady Glime**

**Genesis 1:31**

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”

**Margaret Joanne Greenwalt**

**Ephesians 4:32**

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

**Luke Richard Guevara**

**Psalm 62:6**

“He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

**Briggs Douglas Leahy**

**Psalm 23:4**

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

**Gasper Michael Lucas**

**Philippians 1:6**

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it onto completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

**Andrew Christian Pedersen**

**Isaiah 40:31**

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

**Lauren Grace Pratt**

**Isaiah 41:10**

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

**Ingrid Grace Rhind**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

“Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

**Allison Grace Schneider**

**Joshua 1:9**

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

**Jack Andrew Tafel**

**Luke 11:9**

“Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you.”