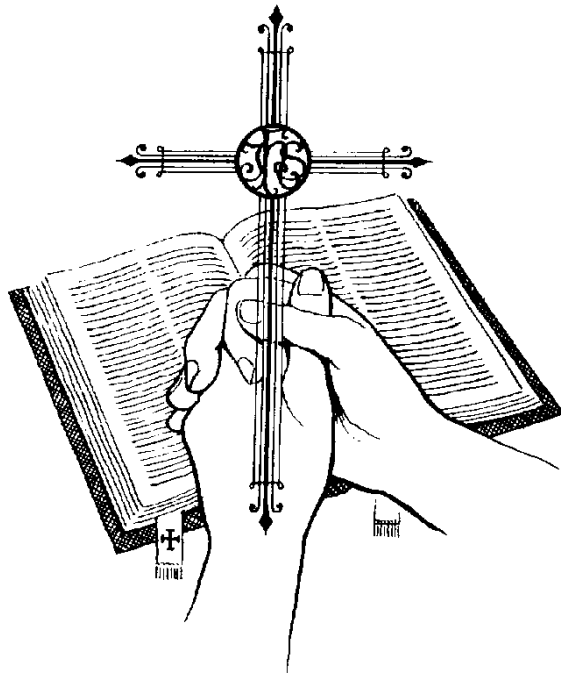


# Confirmation



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

"Let a man examine himself,  
and so let him eat of that bread  
and drink of that cup."  
1 Corinthians 11:28



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During the summer our service time is 10:30 am

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JUNE 2, 2013

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston, WA**

Pastor Dave Naumann

Organist Sue Martin

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 111 (front of the hymnal p. 147)

The Hymns: 388, 447, 496, 54, 800

*Pre-service Personal Prayer: Dear LORD God, Who gives instruction to salvation through Your holy Word, we thank You that You have graciously made us students of Your Word through faith in Christ. Fill us with love and zeal for the Gospel, cause our faith to increase, and make us diligent in the spreading of Your saving Word. Help all of us to live according to Your will. For Jesus' sake, Amen.*

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn 388**

**The Invocation**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation sings:**



A - men.

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS**

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



**C:** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

**Pastor** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL** O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pastor** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



C: A - men. (congregation is seated)

**THE INTROIT**

*Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.*

**P:** O Lord, I have trusted in Your mercy:

**C:** My heart will rejoice in Your salvation.

**P:** I will sing to the Lord:

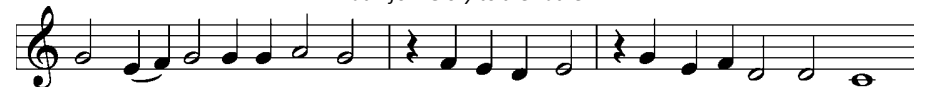
**C:** Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

**P:** O Lord, our Lord:

**C:** How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

*Latin for "Glory to the Father"*



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### THE GLORIA

*A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)*

I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You  
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,  
by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;  
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

### THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

**PASTOR** The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.*

**PASTOR** Let us pray.

A - men.

### THE BIBLE LESSONS

*God speaks to us.*

#### The Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 "You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20 "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21 "that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. 26 "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 "the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; 28 "and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

**PASTOR** Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

#### THE GRADUAL

*The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.*

P: I said, Lord be merciful to me:

**C: Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.**

P: Blessed is he who considers the poor:

**C: The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Give ear to my words, O Lord:

**C: Consider my meditation. Hallelujah!**

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**PASTOR** The New Testament Reading comes from Matthew chapter 7, beginning there in the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

### The New Testament Reading

Matthew 7:21-29 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." 28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

**PASTOR:** Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

**P:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Congregation stands for:

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

**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 sitteth 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 447

### THE SERMON

#### Pre- Sermon Vocabulary:

- ♦ **Righteousness:** "The perfect keeping of God's Holy Law. One sin enters in and you have unrighteousness across the board."
- ♦ **Sin:** "Breaking God's Law"
- ♦ **Grace:** "God's undeserved love. The total work of God whereby He saves sinners. God's Riches At Christ's Expense."
- ♦ **Justification:** "Declared not guilty. Think of a courtroom setting: God is the Judge. You are the guilty criminal awaiting the death sentence. God bangs His gavel and **DECLARES YOU NOT GUILTY.** How can this be? Through the shed blood of His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ!"
- ♦ **Objective Justification:** "God through Christ declared all sinners as righteous: nothing in us or of us. It's basis is solely and alone Christ's perfect obedience, suffering and death."
- ♦ **Subjective Justification:** "You have faith (which God gave you) and this faith believes. This is the individual's own subjective faith."
- ♦ **Justifying Faith:** "The hand which God creates and into which He places the forgiveness of sins. There is no greater or lesser Justifying Faith. Nothing proceeds Justification in the work of the Holy Spirit."
- ♦ **Redemption, from redeem:** "To buy back."
- ♦ **Propitiation:** "Satisfactory payment."

Romans 3:21-25a, 27-28 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets (the Bible), 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Theme: "JUST AS IF YOU NEVER SINNED"

I: A declaration coming from God (21)

II. A declaration centered in Jesus Christ (22-25a)

III. A declaration received by faith (27-28)

# THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

## THE EXAMINATION

*This "quiz" of the confirmand benefits the congregation in two ways. It 1) assures you that this confirmand is indeed ready to become a fellow communicant member while at the same time 2) offers you the chance to review your own knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.*

## CONFIRMATION HYMN – 496

### "Hark The Voice of Jesus Crying"

**Verse 1: Ben and Pastor**

**Verse 2: The women of the congregation**

**Verse 3: The men of the congregation**

**Verse 4: All sing**

## THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:  
Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.  
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.  
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.*

## THE CONFIRMATION

### Public Questions and Professions of Faith

- Do you this day in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- Do you believe in God the Father?
- Do you believe in God the Son?
- Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- Do you desire to be a member of the Holy Christian Church and of this congregation?
- Do you hold all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?
- Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the LORD's Supper faithfully?
- If so, answer; "I do."
- Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

- Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

### A Blessing and Bible Verse:

**BENJAMIN DAVID NAUMANN**

**1 Timothy 6:12**

**"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."**

## THE CONFIRMATION PRAYER

(Pastor)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

**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.**

### Hymn 54

*Congregation stands for:*

### THE BENEDICTION

*The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**PASTOR:**

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**A-men, a-men, a - men.**

### The Closing Hymn 800

\*\*\* SILENT PRAYER \*\*\*

# Announcements

*"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**WELCOME!** to our guests and visitors. It is the prayer of the congregation that your faith has been strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word, by the review of Luther's Small Catechism which explains in simple words the main teachings of the Bible, and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. Please make a record of your attendance at our guest register, and come again. You are always welcome here!

**CONFIRMED IN CHRIST** We thank and praise our Lord for the wonderful Christian training He has given to Ben Naumann through His Holy Word. This is a priceless commodity that he will use his whole life long. Knowing this is not the end of his studies but the beginning, we fellow Christians want to keep him in our prayers and encourage him to continue his study of the Word for all his life. We thank God for this Means of God's Grace for Ben and us all!

## **Congratulations Confirmand!**

- ◆ **All are invited to help Ben celebrate with a piece of cake immediately following service this morning.**
- ◆ **After cake, a brief Voter's meeting is scheduled.**
- ◆ **After the Voter's meeting is our regular monthly potluck meal. Please join us!!**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE** Peace at 8:00 am; St. John's at 10:30 am.

**GRADUATES** To the glory and praise of God we congratulate all those who are graduating this year from high school, college, and other educational institutions. **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** Jeremiah 29:11

**LUFT WEDDING** Phil Luft and fiancée Karla Koller are to be wed on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The invitation to the wedding is posted on the bulletin board. May the LORD bless their lives together in Christ!

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL FUND** Contributions to this fund go toward the opening of a Christian Day School in Clarkston. Just mark your envelope or check memo line as "School Fund".

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & FAMILY CAMP OUT**

During the week of July 8-14 we are planning our annual VBS.

Plans are to have a VBS at St. John's Monday through Thursday, then head for Irby's Blue Spruce Lodge RV Park & Camping (43 Lackey Road, Weippe, ID) Thursday evening through Saturday. On Sunday July 14 we will hold our annual 10:30 am JOINT CHURCH SERVICE at Spalding Park (Nez Pierce Historical Park) followed by an 11:30 am POTLUCK PICNIC. We pray that the LORD will bless our study of HIS WORD as we gather at St. John's, Irby's Campground and Spalding Park.

**DORM SUPERVISOR** Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI, has asked the CLC church body for applicants to serve as the boys' dormitory supervisor. We are pleased to announce that Brian Fox, the son of Les and Wyona, has applied for this position. Brian is completing an information course and intends on becoming a member.

## **ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:**

**Altar Flowers:** There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

**Church Cleaning:** If you'd like to help keep the LORD's house clean, there is a sign-up sheet in back of the church. There is also a suggested cleaning schedule posted in the furnace room closet.

**CLC NEWS** <> The CLC Board of Missions has called the Rev. Edward Starkey, Iron River MI, to be missionary to India. <> Peace Thru Christ Lutheran, Middleton WI, has called teacher Paul Tiefel III, Eau Claire WI, to serve as teacher in its school. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called teacher Jeff Karnitz, Sunnyvale CA, to its high school faculty.

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.”

Psalms 145:3-4

**The Old Testament Reading for 2<sup>nd</sup> after Pentecost/Confirmation**

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*Jesus tells us here that not everyone who professes to be Christian really is His disciple. Doing the will of God – following His Word – the Bible – will allow you to build on the rock solid foundation of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We read..*

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