Confirmation Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter......May 16, 2021

The *Gospel* for the 7th and final Sunday of Easter is the middle section of Christ's high priestly prayer. Before Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, He prayed to His heavenly Father to protect His believers and to unify them as one, just as He and God the Father are one. That is also our prayer for the 8th grade Day School students who are confirmed today. May God bless us all!

<u>There is a Cry Room</u> available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

<u>Children Leaving the Sanctuary:</u> This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

<u>The Lord's Supper</u> is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Prelude

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(9:30) Processional

Congregation will please rise and face the cross

Hymn 528

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P In the name of the Father and of the \top Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

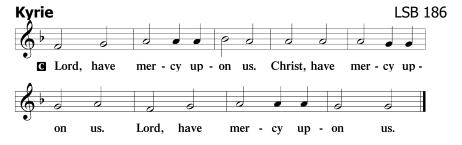
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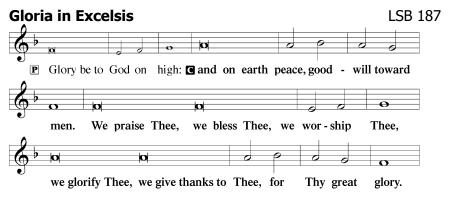
Introit

Psalm 27:1a, 4-5, 10, 14, antiphon v7

- P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- C The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

- P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
- C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.
- P For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
- C He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.
- P For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
- C Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
 - All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit

of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Psalm

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Epistle 1 John 5:9–15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

John 17:11b-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



Jesus said: "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are One. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

 \mathcal{C} 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 \top everlasting. Amen.

(9:30) Solo by Kali Foster

"The Prayer"

I PRAY YOU'LL BE OUR EYES, AND WATCH US WHERE WE GO AND HELP US TO BE WISE IN TIMES WHEN WE DON'T KNOW LET THIS BE OUR PRAYER, WHEN WE LOSE OUR WAY LEAD US TO THE PLACE, GUIDE WITH YOUR GRACE TO A PLACE WHERE WE'LL BE SAFE

I PRAY WE'LL FIND YOUR LIGHT, AND HOLD IT IN OUR HEARTS WHEN STARS GO OUT EACH NIGHT REMIND US WHERE YOU ARE LET THIS BE OUR PRAYER, WHEN SHADOWS FILL OUR DAY HELP US FIND A PLACE, GUIDE WITH YOUR GRACE GIVE US FAITH SO WE'LL BE SAFE

A WORLD WHERE PAIN AND SORROW WILL BE ENDED AND EVERY HEART THAT'S BROKEN WILL BE MENDED AND WE'LL REMEMBER WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN REACHING OUT TO TOUCH YOU REACHING TO THE SKY

WE ASK THAT LIFE BE KIND, AND WATCH US FROM ABOVE WE HOPE EACH SOUL WILL FIND ANOTHER SOUL TO LOVE LET THIS BE OUR PRAYER, JUST LIKE EVERY CHILD

LEAD US TO A PLACE, GUIDE US WITH YOUR GRACE GIVE US FAITH SO WE'LL BE SAFE

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(11:15) Hymn 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

(9:30) The Rite of Confirmation

Kristin Gabrielle Guse	John 14:27
Ian Matthew Russell	Romans 1:16
Madison Elizabeth Raskow	Revelation 2:10
Kila Rose Foster	John 10:27-28
Noah Benjamin Wildauer	Jeremiah 29:11
Wyatt Alan Beasley	Psalm 55:22

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C 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.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

P 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 T give you peace.



(9:30) Recessional

Hymn 711

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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ALTAR FLOWERS are a blessing from our Confirmand's families in celebration of God's faithfulness to the Confirmands.

Calendar of Events

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	May 16, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Classes	
Worship Service	
Worship Service (mask required)	11:15 am
MON:	
Board Meetings	7:00 pm
TUES:	1
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
WED:	-
Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
Day School Chapel	8:05 am
THUR:	
8 th Grade Confirmation	6:30 pm
FRI:	
Preschool Chapel	
NEXT SUNDAY	.May 23, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am
Worship Service with Communion (mask required)	11:15 am
Parish Fellowship Meetingafter	
Men's Group in the Gym	3:00 pm

<u>Parish Fellowship Board</u> will have a meeting Sunday, May 23 after second service.

June Men's Bible Study dates: June 2nd, 16th and 30th at 6:30 am in the Bethany Room. All men are welcome to participate.

<u>Retirement Celebration</u>- Please join us in celebrating the retirements of Wendy Coxey and Deb Burcham for their many years of service at the school. We will have a dinner June 6th, following the 2nd service. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the church office by May 27, and please bring a salad or dessert.

Vacation Bible School-Get ready for **Rainforest Explorers** VBS where Jesus leads the way to the treasure of eternal life with Him! VBS will be held June 21st- 25th from 9-11:30 AM. All children age 3 through those completing 5th grade are encouraged to attend this community-wide, church-sponsored event. Most activities will be held outside on the church grounds. Invite your grandchildren and neighbors! Preregistration forms are available on the table in the narthex or online at www.stpaulsbremen.church. Make plans now to be a part of this exciting program!

Volunteer forms are also available in the narthex. If you have been asked to help, it is not necessary to add your name to the list. We need people to help with registration, crafts, snacks, and serve as group leaders.

<u>Track and Field Day</u> for the day school will be at Jayne's Park on May 24th, 9:00. We need volunteers to supervise field events, the cross-country course, and the First Aid Tent. Please see Mark Wildauer or Deb Burcham if you'd like to volunteer.

THE FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL is coming June 15-19, and PTL needs your help! We will be working in the ticket booths at the carnival as part of a PTL fundraiser and service to the community. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Harman, 574.210.2103.

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of April 15, 2021 - \$76,900 This amount represents over 5 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

150 Psalms in 151 Days

Sunday May 16-Psalm 135 Thursday May 20- Psalm 139
Monday May 17-Psalm 136 Friday May 21 - Psalm 140
Tuesday May 18 -Psalm 137 Saturday May 22 - Psalm 141
Wednesday May 19 - Psalm 138 Sunday May 23- Psalm 142

<u>SCHOOL NEWS</u>: St. Paul's Lutheran School, Bremen is conducting searches for the following positions for the school year, beginning in August 2021: Full time teacher, part time teacher, short term and long-term substitute teachers. Please send your resume' to Principal Mark Wildauer at mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger Usher: Jason Russell

Acolyte: 1st Jack Wildauer 2nd Autumn Napper Elder: 1st Lewis Haug 2nd Dennis Sienicki

Crucifer: 1st