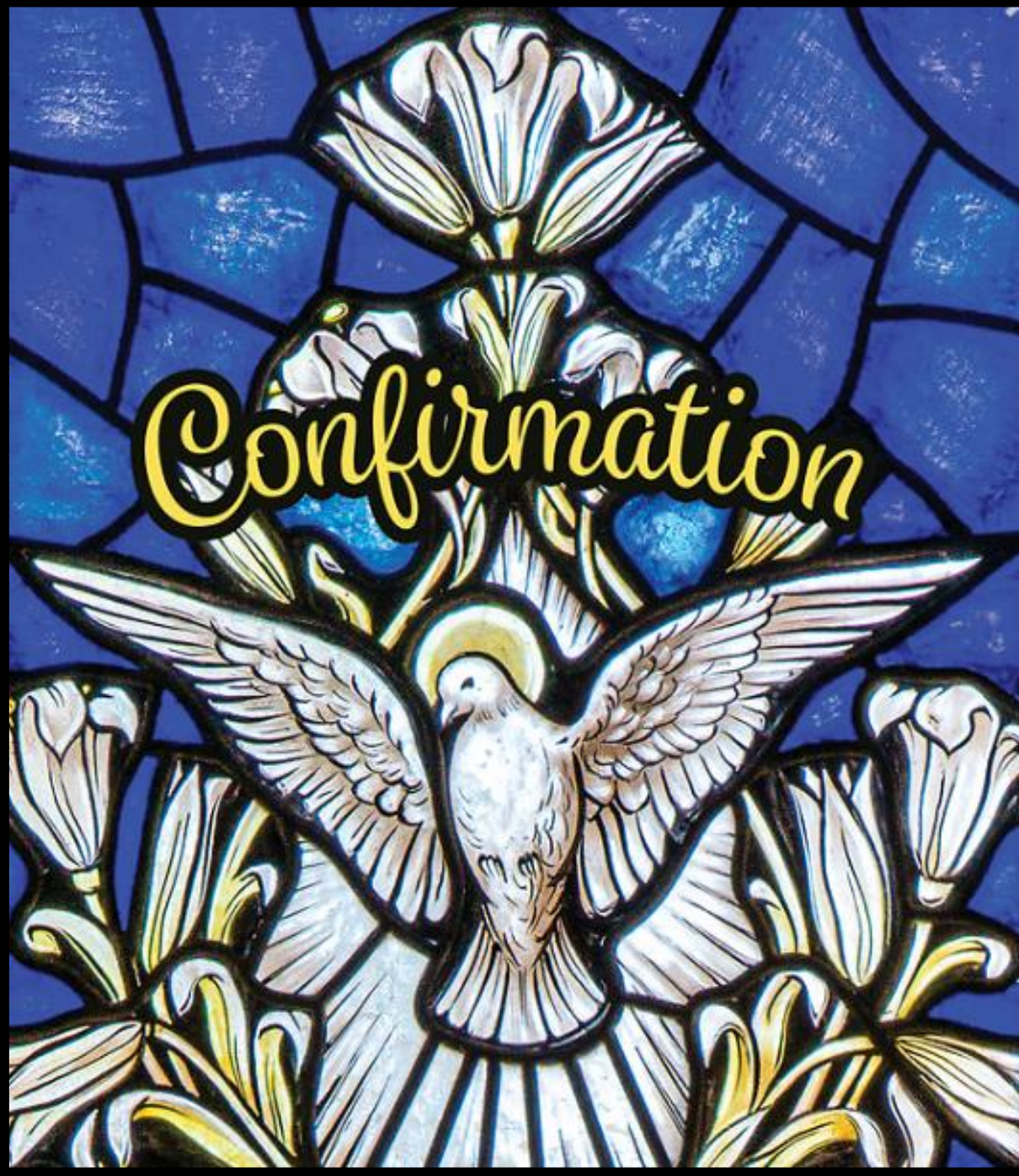


Confirmation





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## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Welcome!

June 2, 2024

*Grace ~ “I am not ashamed of the gospel...”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

*Grace ~ “These are written that you may believe...”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

*Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

*Father, God of grace, you knew us,  
Chose us, named us as your own,  
Through eternal ages planning  
To redeem us in your Son.  
Praise the Father, God who loved us  
Ere creation was begun!*

*We, your creatures, sinned against you,  
And our guilt was crimson red.  
Son of God, you came incarnate,  
Crushed the crafty serpent's head,  
Died our death, now live triumphant:  
Praise the firstborn from the dead!*

*Counselor, you bring as promised  
From the Father and the Son  
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished,  
Free forgiveness, heaven won.  
Praise the Spirit! He assures us  
Our salvation's work is done!*

Invocation

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

Confession

**M:** I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

**C:** **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

**M:** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

**C:** **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

**M:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Hymn

## **And Can It Be**

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*And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

*He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

*No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

## Absolution

**M:** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

## Hymn

CW21 Blue #762 **Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young**

*Lord, bless your Word to all the young;  
let them, your truth possessing,  
declare your praise with heart and tongue,  
their faith in Christ confessing.  
From birth your firm embrace,  
has held them in your grace.  
Baptized into your name,  
redeemed and free from blame,  
as your dear children keep them.*

*When faced with pressure, grief, or pain,  
when Satan comes alluring,  
may their baptismal grace remain –  
a refuge reassuring.  
God's promises are sure;  
his mercy will endure.  
They shall not be undone,  
who trust in Christ alone;  
God is their mighty Father!*

*God's Word is our great heritage –  
and shall be ours forever;  
to spread its light from age to age,  
shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way,  
in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
we keep its teachings pure  
throughout all generations.*

## Confirmand's Examination

**John 8:12- 13-14; 28-32**

2 When Jesus spoke to them again, he said, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid."

14 "Even if I testify about myself," Jesus replied, "my testimony is valid, because I

know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going.

28 So Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one, and that I do nothing on my own. But I speak exactly as the Father taught me. 29 The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him.”

30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. 32 You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

### Hymn of the Day

CW21 Blue #803 Day by Day

*Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
Draw me nearer to my heav’nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
Where, at last, I’ll find eternal rest.*

*Day by day, I know you will provide me  
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
O’er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow;  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life’s pain and sorrow;  
Till in glory I behold your face.*

*Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
When my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
You will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.*

## The Sermon

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, <sup>15</sup> and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. <sup>16</sup> At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. <sup>17</sup> Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## Thanksgiving

### Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://www.paypal.com/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



### Hymn

### **Make Me A Servant**

LAPPY #202 (Sung 3 times – Men, Women, ALL)



Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek;

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Make Me A Servant'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek;'. The second system has the lyrics 'Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.' The music is in a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

Make me a ser - vant to - day.

### The Rite of Confirmation

**M:** Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You can now exercise the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion.

Today you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and answer these questions:



**M:** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Let us all join in confessing our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 everlasting. Amen.**

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

**R:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### The Confirmation Blessing

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all you, we now ask him to give each of you individually. Give now your hand as a pledge of your promise and kneel to receive the blessing.

LILLY MARIE GLASHEEN  
ELANA FAITH GLASHEEN  
CARALYN MAE LUPLOW  
ALARIC STEFAN LUPLOW  
SOPHIA ROSE SALI

**M:** Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's table a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

**The Words of Institution**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, ✠ which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood ✠ of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Instrumental**

**“God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It”**

Marilyn Baer, Olivia Baker

**The Distribution**

*The Confirmands will receive the Lord’s Supper as a class first.*

*The congregation will receive the Lord’s Supper during the distribution songs.*

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.*

**The Distribution Songs**

CW21 - BLUE #679: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

**The Communion Blessing**

**The Benediction**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,  
Spanning time, transcending space.  
Water, bread, and wine sustained us  
When the darkness hid your face.  
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd,  
By your saving means of grace!*

*Forward lead us; Christ, we follow,  
Drawn by Word and promise true:  
“To all nations preach the gospel;  
I am evermore with you.”  
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus,  
Quickly come! Make all things new!*

*Praise the Father, great Creator.  
Praise the Son, who took our place.  
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier,  
God of free and faithful grace!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*