



**Father, I desire that they also,
whom you have given me,
may be with me where I am.
John 17:24a**

May 6, 2018
Confirmation Day

Zion Lutheran Church

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

PASTORAL WELCOME ~ Today is Confirmation Sunday. We have nine young people, sitting in the front pew, who sat before me for two years or so, learning the 6 Chief Parts from Luther's Small Catechism, the basics of what we teach and believe. They memorized answers to 198 questions from the Catechism, and 60 Bible passages that we use as Memory Verses in church. We'd like to thank those of you, who have supported them with your prayers and advice, over the span of their lifetimes, from their parents and grandparents, to their Baptismal sponsors and Guardian Prayer Angels which they were assigned, to all other Christian family and friends. Keep up the good work God began in you, that the same good work of faith He began in each of them, would be brought to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Be faithful unto death, and you will receive a crown of life." Let us begin our service of God's faithfulness, and ours towards Him, in the printed order of service.

INVOCATION (Please rise.)

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

People: Amen.

CONFIRMATION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have been redeemed from the old life of sin through Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed in Your Holy Spirit and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen. (Please be seated.)

HYMN *"Thine Forever, God of Love"*

LSB 687 vv.1,4,5

PASTOR AND THE CONFIRMANDS

Luther’s Small Catechism says, “Confirmation is a public rite of the church, preceded by a period of instruction, designed to help baptized Christians identify, with the life and mission of the Christian community.” These nine teens have been taught by me the past two years. We are acknowledging that, today, in a special way in our service.

Prior to admission to the Lord’s Supper, it is necessary to be instructed in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 11:28). These nine teens have also been taught by me, about the Lord’s Supper.

The rite of confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God’s promise, given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith, and a lifelong pledge of faithfulness to Christ, as they answer my questions together, in this service. They are by no means perfect children, none of us are, but they know they have a perfect Savior, and that their heavenly Father sees them as perfect, but only for Jesus’ sake.

Let us witness today some of what they have learned...

McKenna Kumar

Favorite Bible Verse ~ “*Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.*” Matthew 7:15.

Favorite Hymn ~ “*The Lamb*”

LSB 547 v.1

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
 Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reigning on His throne?

Question/Answer

Gabriel Gilbert

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *“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.”* Isaiah 41:10.

Favorite Hymn ~ *“God Bless Our Native Land”*

LSB 965 v.1

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

Question/Answer

Allyssa Carroll

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *“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.”* John 3:16

Favorite Hymn ~ *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

LSB 388 v.3

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry where;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

Question/Answer

Calista Goward

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"* 1 Corinthians 3:16.

Favorite Hymn *"Silent Night"*

LSB 363 v.3

Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radian beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Question/Answer

Rachel Laurenz

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."* Numbers 6:24-26.

Favorite Hymn ~ *"On Eagle's Wings"*

LSB 727 v.1

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And He will raise you up on eagles's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

Question/Answer



Kahl Mallek

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."* Psalm 119:105.

Favorite Hymn ~ *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

LSB 368 v.3

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Question/Answer

Liam Zastrow

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *"The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?"* Psalm 27:1.

Favorite Hymn ~ *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

LSB 575 v.1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

Question/Answer

Luke Zastrow

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:13.

Favorite Hymn ~ *"A Mighty Fortress"*

LSB 656 v.1

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

Question/Answer

Jacob White

Favorite Bible Verse ~ *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”* Proverbs 22:6

Favorite Hymn ~ *“Onward Christian Soldiers”*

LSB 662 v.1

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ the royal master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Question/Answer

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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✠ **Kahl Gregory Mallek** ✠

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

✠ **Calista Brianne Goward** ✠

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

✠ **Liam Hunter Zastrow** ✠

“My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
no one can snatch them out of My hand.”

John 10:27-28

✠ **Mckenna Grace Kumar** ✠

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

Luke 11:28

✝ **Jacob Alan White** ✝

“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.”
John 3:16

✝ **Gabriel Lawrence Gilbert** ✝

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6

✝ **Allyssa Ann Carroll** ✝

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged,
for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

✝ **Rachel Carolyn Laurenz** ✝

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the
world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
John 14:27

✝ **Luke Fisher Zastrow** ✝

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him,
he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”
John 15:5

Pastor: Confirmands, though I preached to you today on Jesus’ farewell sermon to His disciples, this is not the end today, but just the beginning of your taking more responsibility for the nurturing of your faith, and for all of us, as the Church, to continue to walk alongside of you. You have had the baton passed on to you of the basic beliefs of our Christian faith, so you can pass them on to others and make disciples with us. Let God’s Word and Sacraments keep you faithful the rest of your lives, to gratefully remember what Jesus did to forgive and save you in life and for after you die.

SOLO *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"*

Ylvisaker

OFFERING

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: The Bible says that if we don't confess our sins and our Savior, we won't be forgiven.

People: But, if we confess both of them, God will forgive us for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: So, I ask you before God:

Do you confess to the Heavenly Father your sins that you have committed?

Do you trust that Jesus died on the cross, suffering hell there, to forgive all of your sins?

Will you ask the Holy Spirit to make you gratefully, more like Jesus?

Then, answer, "Yes!"

People: Yes!

Pastor: Having confessed your sins and your Savior, Jesus Christ, I as your pastor sent by God, announce to you that your sins are all forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633

"Lamb of God"

LSB 550

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB 618

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

LSB 922

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Sierra Yell
Greeters	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt
Acolyte	Krista Kade
Ushers	Dick Bluemer, Bruce Tessin, Paul Bohn
Altar Guild	Julyane Hutfilz & Sharon Hyatt

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 162 Needed for *The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$5,342.= Loose Plate \$467, Envelopes \$3,440, Mission \$147, Maintenance \$388, Par. Rent \$900; Cap. Prj. \$45; A/C \$1000.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: May 11- John Gardner, Donna Reagan; May 12- Gwen Diebel, Laurel Ross; May 13- Robert Knapik, Dave Willman; May 14- Kayla Rohde; May 16- Logan Heath, Bernie Hutfilz; May 17- Katie Burdick, Brinley Hodges, Don Hollingsworth.

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering will be taken today following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer, Zion's adopted missionary serving in Uganda. Follow her on Face book "Missionary Meyer in Uganda". Please pray for Rachel who will be celebrating her birthday May 12.

Fellowship Hour ~ All are invited to join us in celebrating the confirmands with cake and drinks in the narthex following the service.

Sauerkraut ~ There is still sauerkraut available for \$3 per quart and \$1.50 per pint available in the church office. Pass the word along to those who may be interested.

Benevolent Fund ~ Zion's Benevolent Fund was established to help people in our congregation as well as people in our community who could use a helping hand with an electric or fuel bill, food, etc., with preference being given to Richland Township and local area residents. If you know someone who may be in need of financial assistance please contact a member of the Stewardship/Evangelism Board or the church office.

Job Opportunity ~ The Early Childhood Center at Peace Lutheran School, 3161 Lawndale Road in Saginaw Township, is hiring part-time aides for its new infant and toddler care programs. Aides can work up to 20 hours per week; start date is after May 14. If interested, please contact Peace Early Childhood Director Kathi Pearson at kpearson@peacesaginaw.org or 792.2581.

Easter isn't over

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it'll all be over so soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year.

But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily he offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now.

Easter isn't over ... ever