

Confirmed in Christ



Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Confirmation Sunday

Pastor Mark Voss

May 1, 2016

Opening

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad.

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

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In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my
In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less
There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the fierce - est drought and
babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones he came to
slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day Up from the grave he rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
save. Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
- gain! And as he stands in vic - tor - y. Sin's curse has
- y. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my all in all, Here in the
God was sa - tis - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the
lost its grip on me, For I am his and he is mine Bought with the
pluck me from his hand; Till he re - turns or calls me home, Here in the



love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Act of Confession

P: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear his cross.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, the neglect of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness of Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service of love, and our imperfect stewardship of your many gifts.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in our condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your love. In your abundant mercy cleanse us from our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

P: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. As God's forgiven children, go in peace. Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

SING:

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Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;
Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,



Let me for - sake you nev - er Nor wan - der from your Word.
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, To you I all re - sign,



Lord, do not let me wav - er But give me stead - fast - ness,
For you have dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.



And for such grace and fa - vor Your ho - ly name I'll bless.
Let me, since you have sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of teaching and confirming our youth. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



God's Word

Love for Christ shows itself in obedience to his teaching and trust in his peace.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-18 - Put on the armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

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!

Gospel

John 14:23-29 – Jesus gives us peace

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 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. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

P: The Gospel of the risen Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Apostle's Creed (8a)

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.

Sermon Hymn – “May God the Father of Our Lord”

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Sermon

Life's Ups & Downs

Philippians 4:7-9

Keep your guard up

⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

Let your guard down

⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Hymn of the Day - "Christ Be My Leader"

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Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation (10:30am Service - See below) In keeping with the nature of a sacred worship service, we ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the service.

Blessing

Closing Hymn – “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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The Rite of Confirmation

Introduction

Pastor: When you were little children, you were received into God's covenant of grace in holy baptism. Through instruction in the Word, you have learned of this covenant. On this Confirmation Sunday, you have the opportunity to publicly make profession of your faith in the Triune God and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to confirm that covenant with him, to dedicate yourself, body and soul, for time and eternity, to our God and Lord. Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully give yourselves to him.

The Promise of Our Confirmands

Pastor: Do you this day, in the presence of God and this Christian congregation, confirm the solemn covenant of your baptism?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil, and all his works and ways?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: Yes, 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: **Yes, 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.**

Pastor: Do you desire to become a communicant member of the Wisconsin Synod and Christ Our Redeemer congregation?

Confirmands: **I do.**

Pastor: Do you believe the sixty-six canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, and the teachings of the Wisconsin Synod, drawn from Scripture, to be the true and correct ones?

Confirmands: **I do.**

Pastor: Do you promise to be faithful in the confession of this Church, and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.

Confirmands: **I do so promise by the power of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise to conform all your life to the guidance of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace, to walk as God's child, and in faith, word, and action, remain true to the Triune God, as long as you live?

Confirmands: **I do so promise by the grace of God.**

Prayer For Our Confirmands

The Promise of Our Parents and Congregation

All: Give us strength, O God, to set a good Christian example for our children by using your Word daily in our lives, worshiping regularly in church, and communing frequently. Give us the power to live a more spiritual life and by our example encourage these young Christians to grow in their faith.

The Blessing From God

The confirmands, in turn, come forward and kneel.
The pastor lays his hands on the head of each one
and speaks a confirmation verse and blessing.

After the Confirmands have received their Bible verses and individual blessings,
they remain standing.

Welcome Into Membership

Upon your profession and promise I invite and welcome you, as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of Christ Our Redeemer Congregation, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for his Church and to live them out continually in his worship and service. Go in peace.

Musical Selection – Junior Choir

“Your Servant I Will Be”

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Confirmation is a church rite for those who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith. This ceremony includes the opportunity for confirmands to publicly confess their faith, receive supporting congregational prayers, and enjoy the benefits of the Lord's Supper.

Procession This is no ordinary walk into an ordinary building. It is an entrance into God's house and presence. Here the confirmands present themselves before God, confess him publicly, and swear allegiance to him (and Christ) alone, willing to suffer all, even death, rather than to forsake Christ and his gospel.

Robe The white robe is a symbol of the Christian's holiness and sinlessness in the sight of God because of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. Each believes "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses me from all sin."

Bended Knee When the confirmands kneel in the presence of God, they are saying before all the world that God is above them, and they are beneath God. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, the glory of God the Father."

Bible Verse and Blessing The pastor reads a Bible verse, which serves as the confirmation verse. The verse is intended to be a guide and encouragement through the life of each confirmand. He then lays his hand upon the head of the confirmand and speaks a blessing from God.

Handshake Loyalty to Christ, both in what a person believes and how a person lives, must be constant – even to death. The confirmands give their right hand as they join the fellowship of the Christian church in rejecting the devil and living as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Recessional Again, this is no ordinary walk out of an ordinary building. The recessional is symbolic of the confirmand's walk into the world and into the life of the congregation. Each is now a communicant member of the church and is ready to fight the good fight, serving Christ with his entire life. Each is walking heavenward and enjoying the companionship of fellow Christians.

CALENDAR

Today	8 a	Worship
	9:15a	Confirmand Speeches and Sunday School
	10:30a	Confirmation Worship
Monday		No School
	7p	Sunday School Staff
Wednesday		No Choir
Thursday	8a	Breakfast Bible Study
	6p	Elders
	7p	Worship
	7:45p	Bible Study
Saturday	9a	Field & Track Day

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.