

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Confirmation & Reformation Sunday

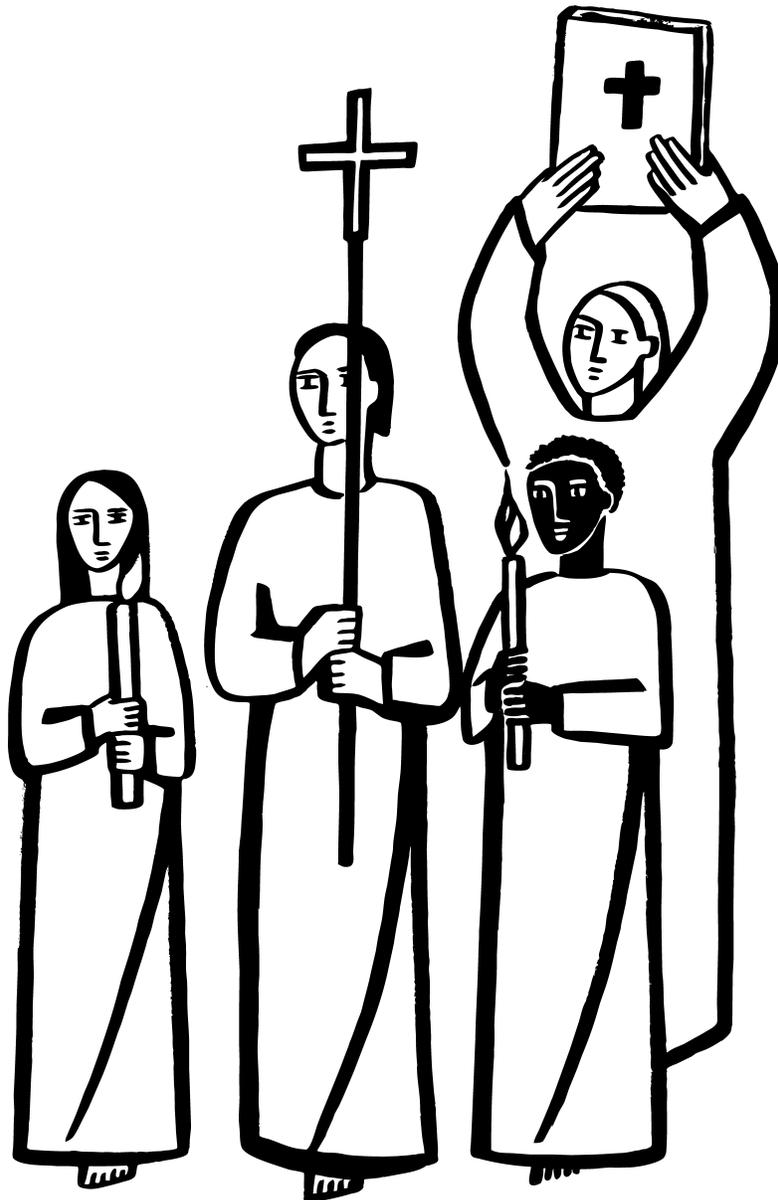
October 31, 2021 | 10:00 am

"...to Reach, Ignite, & Empower people for Jesus."

Romans 3:19-28 & John 8:31-36

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.

We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



Words of Welcome & Announcements

Meditative Moment

Passing of the Peace

Gathering Song *Borning Cry*

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
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to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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Opening Prayer

Cam Carlson

Children's Message

Matthew Hahn & Sydney Kearin

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading**John 8:31-36****Braden Koepp**

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message**Sister Tashina Good****Song of the Day*****A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper frees us from the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe,
forsworn to work us woe,
with guile and dreadful might
is armed to wage the fight:
on earth there is no equal.

2 If we in our own strength confide,
our striving turns to losing;
the righteous one fights by our side,
the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who this may be:

Christ Jesus, it is he,
the Lord of hosts by name.
No other God we claim!
None else can win the battle.

4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs,
shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
though all of these be gone,
they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's our forever!

Affirmation of Baptism:

Profession of Faith (congregation please stand and join in the responses)

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

ALL: I renounce them.

Apostles' Creed:

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

WELCOME of our New Confirmands

Prayers of the People

Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer

Clara Anderson & Paige Rohde

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Offering Music *River Flows in You* (by Yiruma)

Braden Koepp

Offering Prayer

Words of Welcome to the Table

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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Pastor: Most gracious God,

ALL: You restore us, You accept us, You forgive us. Our place at Your table is always there for us even though we could not be less deserving of it.

Merciful Lord, we give thanks for the reconciliation we have receive at the feast. Wrap us in Your unending grace as we continue to live in our flawed world. AMEN!

Commissioning of Confirmands into Leadership Within the Church and Body of Christ in the World:

Congregation: We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ in the priesthood we all share. Help us to each acknowledge our baptism every day knowing we are claimed by God. Acknowledging that as you the confirmations affirm your baptism, you are bound to God's promise, to one another, and to us. We welcome you into leadership in this church: within our youth group, within our committees and governance, within our worship, and beyond our doors. God has called us into this mission together and we rejoice in your affirmation and commitment to doing this ministry alongside of us.

Benediction

Sending Song Every Move I Make

Singers: Clara Anderson & Paige Rohde

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Waves of mercy waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
O my God this love how can it be

(Spoken)

How can it be how can it be
How can it be how can it be
How can it be how can it be
How can it be how can it be

Na na na na na na na

(SING 2 TIMES)

Repeat Song

-David Ruiz

Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study: The afternoon Bible Study at 1 pm will be in-person outside door G (the door by the garage) or in the Narthex. The evening Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Coffee & Bagels: **This Thursday, November 4th.** Come and meet Pastor Brice at the North Oaks Bruegger's on their patio the 1st Thursday of every month and the 3rd Monday of the month at 10-11:30 am. Stop in and grab a coffee and bagel.

October Drive:

Donations needed to support our Confirmation November 10th Service Project making

Ralph Reeder Snack Packs:

- Canned easy to open pasta
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Small cereal boxes
- Oatmeal packets
- Small cracker or cookie package
- Fruit snacks

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

Most needed items:

- Pasta Sauce
- Flavored rice mixes
- Boxed Dinner Kits
(Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.)

*Please drop off your items at Shepherd in the grey bin in the hallway by Door G. Thank You!

Trunk 'n Treat: **This afternoon 12:30-2:00 pm. In our parking lot.**

Music rehearsals: We are beginning **Celebration Choir rehearsals**—6:30 pm, this Wednesday in Mission Chapel. All are welcome – if you have sung in a choir, if you have NOT sung in a choir, if you are looking for an opportunity to join with others, please come! Typical schedule includes rehearsing for two weeks and then singing at both services that following Sunday. All choir members will be masked and socially distanced.

And, if ringing bells is more your style, we will begin **JuBELLation rehearsals** on Wednesday, November 10...again at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Contact Jean Johnson for more information.

Donut Table Hosts needed: Donut table hosts/servers are needed to set up and serve donuts during our gathering time on Sunday mornings. Time commitment is 8:40 to 10:00 am Sundays on a schedule that fits your availability. Please sign up at the donut table or contact Maria in the office to volunteer.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30-11:00 in the narthex. The next meeting will be **November 9th**. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting is welcome to drop in.

2021 Confirmands



Clara Anderson

Cam Carlson

Matthew Hahn

Sydney Kearin

Braden Koepp

Paige Rohde



The flowers on the altar today are a gift from Chris and Catherine Rohde
in honor of the Confirmation Class of 2021
and their small group leaders Lisa Vannelli and Amy Hahn.

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Donut Time 9:00 - 10:00 am

All are welcome to enjoy donuts outside door A on the front lawn for fellowship. We will provide the donuts, please bring your own beverage of choice. Please join us!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

TODAY:

8 am Service

Reader: Ginny Altman

Ushers:

Steve Klietz

Lynn Sheff

10 am Service

Reader: Sydney Kearin/
Braden Koepp

Ushers:

Chriss Latterell

Leslie Peterson

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