

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FESTIVAL

QUESTIONING AND CONFIRMATION

November 1, 2020

WELCOME!

"If you continue in My Word, then are you My disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." -- John 8:31-32

Hymn 629 vv. 1-3 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds!

PSALM 1

P: Blessed is the man

C: Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

P: Nor stands in the path of sinners,

C: Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

P: But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: And in His law he meditates day and night.

P: He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,

C: That brings forth its fruit in its season,

P: Whose leaf also shall not wither;

C: And whatever he does shall prosper.

P: The ungodly are not so,

C: But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

P: Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,

C: Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Hymn 629 vv. 4-5 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds!

QUESTIONING OF CONFIRMANDS

Justin Schopp

Miles Wiechmann

Having learned the chief teachings of the Christian faith from their study of the Bible, using Luther's Small Catechism as a guide, our confirmands today are publicly "examined." This examination is not a final test. It is an opportunity for them to show that they have studied Scripture, speak publicly of their faith, and review for the congregation the truths which the congregation also learned.

Hymn 628 vv. 1-3 Shepherd of Tender Youth

SERMON: Revelation 2:8b-10

THE FIRST, THE LAST, AND THE CROWN !

*These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. **Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life!**"*

Hymn 628 vv. 4-5 Shepherd of Tender Youth
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The rite of confirmation is not a Biblical command. There is no Bible verse that says, "Thou shalt be confirmed." However, the Bible is very clear that **instruction**, for young and old alike, is necessary. Therefore . . .

Confirmation is that practice in the Christian Church by which the *confirmands*

- 1) are instructed in the teachings of Holy Scripture;
- 2) publicly declare their faith in the Triune God and in Christ their Savior,
- 3) pledge faithfulness to the Lord in whose Name they were baptized.

The rite of Confirmation is also that practice by which the *congregation*

- 1) receives the confirmands' statement of faith in Christ the Savior,
- 2) pronounces the Lord's blessings upon the confirmands,
- 3) receives them into adult membership and the Lord's Table

Justin Ray Schopp Miles James Wiechmann

(confirmation summarized)

Do you confess your faith in the Savior and His Word?

Receive now from the congregation the blessing of the Lord.

Confirmation Verses:

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on
your own understanding.

Welcome to Holy Communion

Prayer:

Hymn 338 vv. 1-3 Thine Forever, God of Love!

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP BY CONFESSION OF FAITH

This morning we also receive into communicant membership three young adults who were confirmed at a Lutheran congregation of another fellowship. They have read and discussed with me the CLC's Statement of Faith and Purpose—a summary of our confession of Scripture. They stand in confessional agreement with us. We welcome them into our midst today.

Ezekiel Wiechmann Thaddeus Wiechmann Shekinah Wiechmann

Hymn 338 vv. 4-5 Thine Forever, God of Love!

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

VISITORS, please note that *St. Luke's* does not practice "open" communion. Communion is an expression of oneness with the Lord, but is also an expression of unity with one another. Differences of teaching (doctrine) do separate Christian from Christian on this earth. We ask that only members of *St. Luke's* or sister CLC congregations come forward.

Be assured that we are not judging anyone's heart or faith in Jesus. God alone can see the heart. For further questions, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

Preparation for Holy Communion:

Dear people of God: For those intending to come to the Lord's Table, it is fitting that you diligently examine your hearts as St. Paul exhorts (I Corinthians 11:27-29), lest you receive the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner—making a mockery of it and of the Savior's redemption of your soul—bringing judgment rather than blessing upon yourselves.

Therefore, I ask you before God:

1. Do you confess that you are a sinner before God and deserve His wrath and punishment? --- Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

2. Do you humbly seek the Lord's forgiveness, believing that Jesus is your Savior from sin, and that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sins? --- Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

Your Father in heaven, looks upon you with mercy for Jesus' sake. His Son was wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities. God made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Comfort your heart. In Jesus, you are forgiven.

3. Do you in humble faith recognize that the body and blood of the Lord Jesus are truly present together with the bread and the wine in this blessed sacrament? --- Then declare so by saying: I do so recognize.

4. As a forgiven child of God, do you intend, with the assistance of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life and to put away the sin that so easily entangles? --- Then declare so by saying: I do so intend.

Receive this Sacrament with joy, comfort, and peace.

Words of Institution:

Distribution of the Sacrament: Hymn 311 Jesus Christ, Blessed Savior
St. Luke's communicant members, as well as visiting members of other CLC congregations, are invited to come forward.

Hymn 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee!

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION:

Hymn 655 I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus!

HOLIDAY—NOVEMBER 1st : November 1st is actually a holiday on our worship calendar (see hymnal, page 3). November 1 is “All Saints’ Day.” Do not confuse the Lutheran All Saints’ Day with the worship and prayers to saints as carried out in the Roman Catholic Church. The Bible does **not** instruct us to pray to dead believers. The Bible does **not** teach that the “really good” believers who died have extra merit by which they can help Christians on earth. Not so! Every believer is a saint. “To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus,” Paul writes in Ephesians 1:1. On November 1, we thank God for the believers who have gone before---also those on earth today.

REPORT FROM VOTERS MEETING 10-25-20:

7 voters + pastor present

Pastor’s Report: Catechism classes underway. Home visits underway.

Please speak to the pastor if any suggestions or questions. Thank you for all that you provide !

Received by Confession of Faith: Ezekiel, Thaddeus, & Shekinah Wiechmann. Public acknowledgement at service on 11-01-20.

Received by Youth Confirmation: Justin Schopp and Miles Wiechmann. Public acknowledgement at service on 11-01-20 (Note: Already received as communicants at annual meeting during the Covid shutdown.)

Procedures during virus: Various items discussed

Church Calendar “Nov-Dec-Jan” Approved: See sheet.

Video of Service: Various trial runs will begin for having our service available on-line—particularly for those facing poor driving conditions, those suffering from illness, or those at a distance.

NEWBORN: The Lord has blessed Phil and Erica Larson with a son Edward Philip Larson, born Friday, October 30 at St. Alexius, Bismarck. We ask the Lord’s blessings upon parents, child, and family!

SNOWPLOW THANK YOU: We thank Danny and Laurie Hoff for removing the snow from the parking lot—a great help for getting the gravel dried !

ELECTION DAY: Consider it a privilege to vote on Tuesday for those who will be given authority in our nation.

CHURCH CLEANING: The following ladies have volunteered to clean church for the five Sundays of November—and we thank you very much!

J. Goldsmith, L. Schoon, D. Wenner, C. Hourigan .

SCHEDULE:

11/08	10:30	Worship	9:30	Bible Class & Sun. School
11/15	10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30	Bible Class & Sun. School
11/22	10:30	Worship	9:30	Bible Class & Sun. School
11/26	Thursday	10:00	THANKSGIVING WORSHIP	
11/29	10:30	Worship	1 ST SUNDAY ADVENT	9:30 Bible Class & Sun.School

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