

The Rite of Confirmation

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9:30 a.m.



“A human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the step.” Proverbs 16:9, 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love, Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me, “Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46 vs 10, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 12:4, “A human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the step.” Proverbs 16:9



St. Timothy Lutheran Church, ELCA

Pentecost/Confirmation

St. Timothy Lutheran joyfully welcomes all people of any race, national origin, age, gender, ability, relationship status, political affiliation or sexual orientation, whether you are a believer, doubter or seeker. We welcome all because God welcomes all. Sharing and learning from our different experiences and ideas about life and faith, we live the love of Christ together.

Welcome

Prelude..... “Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters” *Tate*

Pentecost Litany

Wind and fire, roar and flame;
A mighty wind rushed upon them.

Gathered together, they had waited;
Not knowing what was to come,

Not knowing what would happen to them.
They sang and prayed;

They were afraid and hopeful,
Until the power of the Spirit

Set them on fire and sent them out,
Telling the story of grace untold,

That God’s love is stronger than death,
That resurrection is real,

That all are invited to live the grace God is.
The Spirit came in wind and fire,

Moving them to places they had not known,
To people they’d never seen,

Speaking the language of God’s kingdom,
Telling the story of Jesus to us and all.

And still we pray, Come Holy Spirit,
Come set us on fire.

Gathering Hymn..... *“Send Down the Fire”*

Refrain

Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
 Send down the rains of your love; Come,
 send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
 we shall be peo - ple of God.

Verses

1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,

Teach us the song of your love;	Give us
Teach us the way of your peace;	Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth;	Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ;	May your

hearts that sing,	Give us deeds that ring,	Make us
hearts that feel,	Give us hands that heal,	Make us
right - eous souls,	'Til your jus - tice rolls,	Make us
ho - ly light	Keep us shin - ing bright,	Ev - er

ring with the song of your love.
walk in the way of your peace.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children’s Sermon

First Reading *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

3bNo one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

12For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twentieth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading.....*John 20:19-22*

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

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

Sermon *Pastor Sarah*
Copies of the sermon can be found on the worship table.

Hymn of the Day **“Spirit of Gentleness”**#396
(Stanzas 1-3)

The Rite of Confirmation

Presentation

I present the following who desire to affirm their baptism.
As their names are read, each candidate comes forward.

Desi James Bain	Karson Jens Beallis
James Malcolm Delgado	Delainey Tate Harris
Tessa Ryleigh Harris	Ryan Arthur Perry

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these young men and women whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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 to the dead.
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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Commitment

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each affirmer responds in turn:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Amen.

Those affirming baptism kneel in turn. As they come forward their chosen bible passage will be read. Their parents, baptismal sponsors and small group leaders are invited to come forward for the blessing and the laying on of hands.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *their* faith, guide *their* life, empower *them* in *their* serving, give *them* patience in suffering, and bring *them* to everlasting life.
Amen.

Acclamation

The ministers and the affirmers face the congregation.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

The congregation addresses those affirming baptism:

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition the Assistant says:

Gracious God,

The people respond:

Receive our prayer.

After the final petition, the people say:

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Offering Anthem“Cornerstone”Perry
(The Choir)

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread, reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.... praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Distribution of Communion

*All people are invited to the Lord's table of grace. We offer Holy Communion by individual glass, **the red glasses are filled with wine and the white glasses are grape juice.** Gluten free wafers are available from a pastor upon request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, just let the usher know. Children who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing as well as anyone who doesn't want to receive communion.*

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn **“Send Us Your Spirit”**
 (Choir sings verses, cong. sings refrain)

Refrain

*1. 2.

Come Lord Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re -
 new the face of the earth. Come Lord
 Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re - new the face of the
 earth.

Post Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn..... **“O Day Full of Grace”** #627
 (Stanzas 1, 4 & 5)

Dismissal

People of God, loved by God what have you been called to do?
Live the love of Christ!!
 Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude ”Te Deum” *Charpentier*

Worship Volunteers

ReaderRyan Perry
Deacons.....Lainy & Tessa Harris and Jimmy Delgado
Ushers Bill Wilson & Lucas Osowski
CruciferDesi Bain
Acolyte.....Karson Beallis

If you are a visitor, we welcome you as siblings in Christ as together we “Live the love of Christ.” We are happy you are here, and we would like to get to know you. As you leave the sanctuary, please introduce yourself to the pastors and sign the guest register at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

If you wish to request prayers for fellow members, family members or friends, please email them to sttimothyprays@gmail.com, or call Arline Johnson at 630-420-7574. Our Prayer Line members will join you in praying for anyone who needs your prayers.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

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Setting 1*

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