

The Rite of Confirmation

May 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Matthew 28:20b - "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Exodus 14:14 - "The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Joshua 1:9 - "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Matthew 5:43-44 - "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

Genesis 1:31 - "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning,

the sixth day." Psalm 82:3 - "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute."

Isaiah 6:8 - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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.

Prelude....."Fanfare in C"..... *Helman*

Welcome

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

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

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children’s Sermon

First Reading *Acts 2:1-21*

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth
below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

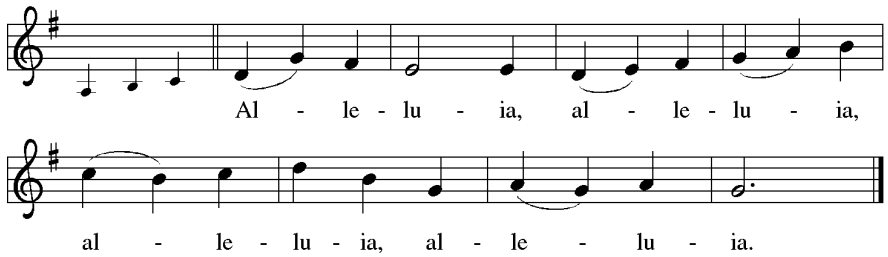
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



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

Gospel Reading *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;

for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

Sermon *Pastor Sarah*
Sermon notes can be found on the worship table.

Hymn of the Day **“O Living Breath of God”**#407

The Rite of Confirmation

Presentation

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

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| Matthew David Bemister | Nolan James McLean |
| Cloe Januszyk | Trevor Joseph Norton |
| Adam Clayton Loos | Jackson Lawrence Schulz |
| Anne Marie McIntyre | Annabelle Rose Wohlfahrt |

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:

In your mercy,

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“The Power of My Spirit”..... *Chopin*
(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.

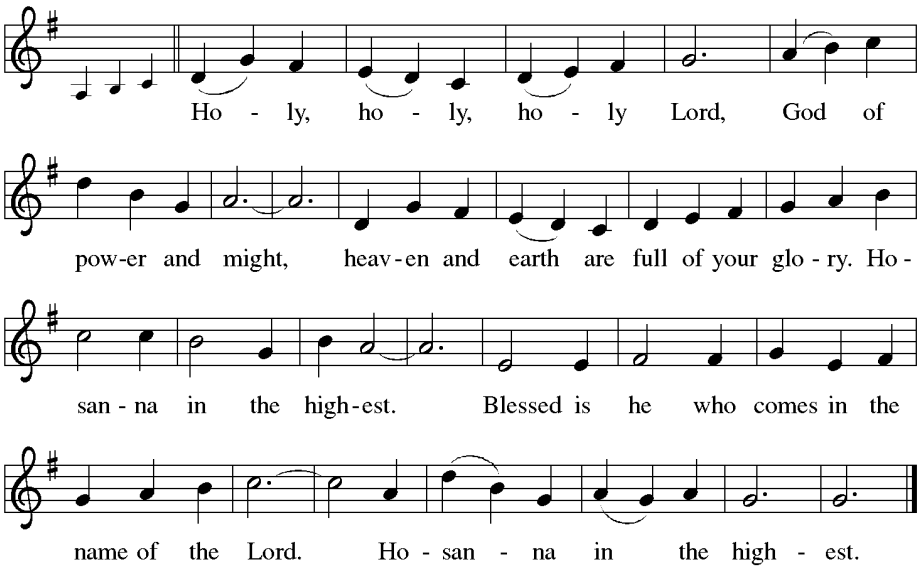
Lift up your hearts.

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



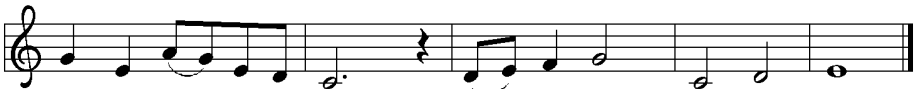
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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.

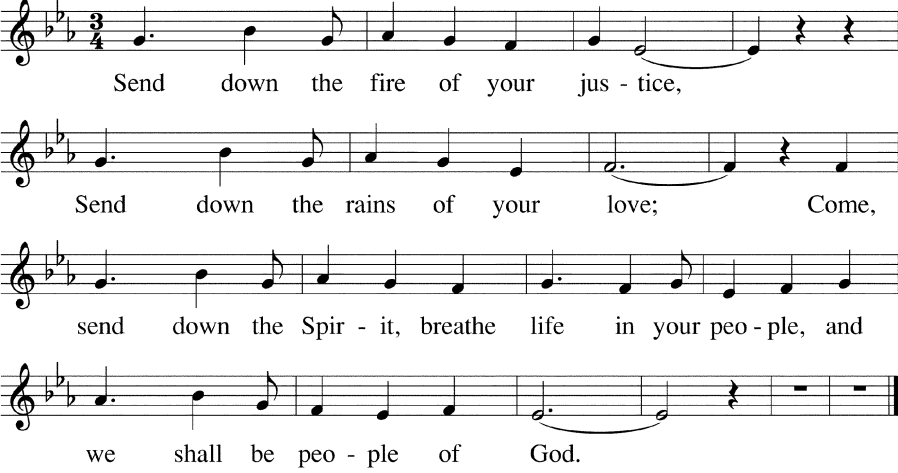
Benediction

May God who fills us with the Holy Spirit, breathe life in you and fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing 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. **D.C.**
 walk in the way of your peace.
 burn with the fire of your truth.
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

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 ”Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters” *Tate*

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 prayerline@sttimothylutheran.com. Our Prayer Line members will join you in praying for anyone who needs your prayers.

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