

The Presentation & Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation

Zion & St James Lutheran Churches

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Stand

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Verses

LSB 260

- **P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- **C** Teach me Your paths.
- P Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C Your Word is truth.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Sit

Reading

Deuteronomy 11:18-22

P A reading from Deuteronomy, the eleventh chapter.

¹⁸"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹You shall teach them to your children, talking of

them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ²⁰You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. ²²For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading Matthew 10:28–32

²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Pastor will introduce the Candidates for Confirmation by name, and a brief homily will follow.

Stand

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

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.

Sit

The Candidates for Confirmation will approach and stand at the Baptismal Font. Pastor will ask them all questions about what they have learned during the process of their preparation. Some things they will be asked to recite, as they have learned them by heart. Other things they will be asked to answer and confess in their own words. Many of the questions and answers can be found in LSB 329-330. After the examination, they will all return to their seats.

Stand

Prayer

- **L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]. . . let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A concluding prayer of Thanksgiving.

Benedicamus LSB 267

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 267

- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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