

Affirmation of Baptism



Confirmation Sunday

10 July 2022

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

July 10th, 2022

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY?

Traditionally in the Lutheran Church, Confirmation is a public profession of faith. It is the culmination of a process by which individuals (*usually in their teenage years*) come to learn more about our faith in the person of Jesus through the theological “lens” of Lutheranism.

This public profession of faith follows the rite of “Affirmation of Baptism.” It is a reaffirmation of the promises that parents, sponsors, made for them at their baptism. On this day, the Confirmands, relying on God’s promises given to them in Baptism, make these promises for themselves:

To live among God’s faithful people.

To hear the ongoing Word of God for you and to share in Holy Communion.

To proclaim the good news of God in Jesus through word and action.

To serve all people, following the example and teachings of Jesus.

To strive to make our world better for all peoples.

Confirmation is not the “end” of one’s faith journey but an ongoing desire to live one’s life being guided by faith in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

SONG: *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Pastor: We acknowledge that we live, work, and play on Treaty 6 territory, traditional and ancestral land of First Nations and Metis people, whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

WELCOME: *Pastor Colin Millang*

SONGS: *“One Thing Remains”
“Christ Is Enough”*

GREETING:

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

Response: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord God,

*Response: Your mercy delights us,
and the world longs for your loving care.
Hear the cries of everyone in need,
and turn our hearts to love our neighbours
with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.*

STATEMENT OF FAITH:*Avram Davis Jacobsen*

I have come to realize that music is a gift. To be able to play or sing is a gift, and listening to music being played or sung can be a gift to the one hearing it. I believe that music is a gift from God.

Most people can't play an instrument. Lots can't even sing along to a song without it sounding terrible and out of pitch. I am not like that though. God gave me a gift. The gift to play the guitar and the trumpet. The gift of music. I call it a gift because I just seem to have it. Practice makes me better, but the gift I have not worked for.

Music wasn't just created for fun. It has a purpose. It plays an important role in life. Not just for me, but for everyone.

It doesn't matter whether you are playing or listening to it. Music relieves stress and boosts dopamine levels. I believe this is why God gave us the gift of music; I believe this is why God gave me the gift of music.

Music can play a big part in someone's happiness.

Maybe you're having a bad day. You're alone in your room, with no one to talk to and you don't know what to do.

So what do you do? You put in your headphones and press play. Slowly, you get happier, your dopamine levels rise, and you just feel relaxed. Music is a gift.

Music can also be used for teaching. I think God gave me my musical abilities so that I can help people learn more about the goodness of music. Maybe someday I will teach someone to play or just help someone. When I play in church, music helps people to feel good, and the words help people to understand who God is.

I am grateful to God for what I have been given.

Thanks be to God!

READING:*Colossians 1:9-14*

STATEMENT OF FAITH:*Mitchell Edward Pekse*

***“Those who walk with God,
always reach their destination.”***

~ Henry Ford ~

No matter what, God has always walked with me. Personally, I know this. God has seen me through thick and thin. Even though life throws punches and often without warning, God can shield us from the brunt of the blows.

This is true because when I was three, I was diagnosed with Chronic Granulomatous Disorder. CGD is a genetic disorder, where white blood cells are unable to kill certain bacteria. The doctors predicted that I had four years to live. But no matter what, my family was always able to get me seen by various doctors and specialists. This was the hand of God at work. Even though I was 45 pounds and barely a meter tall at eleven, I prevailed and kept walking with God. I knew that my journey on this broken and shattered world wasn't done.

There was always an option to get life-saving treatment, but my parents wanted me to have a say in if I wanted this treatment. God walked with me to this decision and waited for me while I took my time. There were overwhelming odds on me surviving this, and thanks to God who watched over me while I slept, walked with me when I walked, and stopped when I needed to make a decision.

Even though life threw punch after punch, God was there to shield me from the relentless onslaught and kept me walking in some of my darkest hours. The only reason I'm still here to speak to you is because of God, and I know that I will always reach my destination with God.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING:*Psalms 25*

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

Yami Tara Sanders

I have needed a strong faith in many situations in my life.

I needed faith when I got adopted and moved here to Canada. God showed me a life that was better. I needed faith when I got baptized in front of all my family and friends. God gave me the courage with a hand to go out into the world and make a difference in people's lives. I also need faith in my daily life when I need help balancing my time between my sports, doing schoolwork, and still keeping God the priority.

My faith is that God is always there for me. Always there when I need support. As I continue to strengthen my faith through life, I will never forget the secret to life, Jesus loves me. He loves me unconditionally. He died on the cross for me. How could I not care? I know that Jesus loves me, and I remember what Jesus said about his persecutors while dying on the cross, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing." I want to stand up for Jesus and live for Him each and every day.

Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL:

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON:

Pastor Colin Millang

SONG:

"The Summons"

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION:

*Congregational Chair
Shawna McGhan*

Shawna: I present:

**Avram Jacobsen
Mitchell Pekse, and
Yami Sanders**

who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

PRAYER:

Pastor: *Let us pray.*

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister and these brothers, who 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 in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Response: **Amen.**



PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Confirmands and Congregation

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

*Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and
all the forces that defy God?*

Response: I renounce them.

*Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world
that rebel against God?*

Response: I renounce them.

*Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin
that draw you from God?*

Response: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**Response: 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 to judge
the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***Response: 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.***

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY:

Pastor: Confirmands, 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 ongoing Word of God for you and to share in Holy Communion.*
- To proclaim the good news of God in Jesus through word and action.*
- To serve all people, following the example and teachings of Jesus.*
- To strive to make our world better for all peoples.*

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

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Avram, Mitchell, and Yami and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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



LAYING ON OF HANDS:

*(Family and friends are invited
to gather behind their confirmand)*

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

Response: Amen.

*Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in **Avram Jacobsen** the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.*

Response: Amen.

*Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in **Yami Sanders** the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.*

Response: Amen.

*Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in **Mitchell Pekse** the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.*

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Let us rejoice with this sister and these brothers in Christ.

Response: 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. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Colin

WHEN THE PASTOR SAYS:

“Lord in your mercy...”

YOU MAY RESPOND SAYING:

“Hear our prayer.”

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Pastor: Let us pray: God of abundance,

Response: You have set before us a plentiful harvest.

**As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labour in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.**

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



THE LORD'S PRAYER:

All: **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION:

SONGS:

*“Jesus Be Near To Me”
“Trinity Song”*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Colin

SONG:

“Whom Shall I Fear”

DISMISSAL:

Pastor: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Confirmed
in
Faith





*The Holy Spirit
Mark Jennings, artist
watercolor on paper
2008*

MINISTER:

Reverend Colin Millang

PASTOR OF MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

