

Confirmation



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

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During the summer our service time is 10:30 am

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

JUNE 5, 2011

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 84 front of hymnal p. 139
The Hymns: 288, 496, 788:1, 755, 800

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ our Ascended LORD and God, we look to You for protection and guidance, life and salvation. Forgive us our sins; feed us with Your holy Word and keep us forever in Your divine care. Keep us all steadfast in our faith, humble in our life, and grant us finally the crown of eternal life. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Congregation sings the First Hymn 288

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 15 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) **Who made heaven and earth**

PASTOR I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings**

and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.** *(congregation is seated)*

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, most often drawn from the Psalms.

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:

C: **Hallelujah!**

P: When You said, Seek My face, my heart said to You:

C: **Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me. Hallelujah!**

P: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation:

C: **Whom shall I fear?**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 16)

CONGR. (sing) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 17 - sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - sing)

God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

God, we name You sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship,

Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory;

Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.**

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The First Bible Reading:

Acts 1:1-11 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up

from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

PASTOR Here ends the first Bible Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: I came forth from the Father and am come into the world:

C: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

P: God reigns over the heathen:

**C: God sits upon the throne of His holiness:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah**

P: I will not leave you comfortless:

C: I go, and I will come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

PASTOR The second Bible Reading is from Luke chapter 24 beginning there in the 44th verse.

CONGR. (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

The Second Bible Reading:

Luke 24:44-53 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 "And you are witnesses of these things. 49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem

with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

CONGR. (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

The Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen.**

New Members – Josh and Mandi Weber

Memory Passage: **"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18**

Congregation sings Hymn 496

THE SERMON

Psalms 25:4-6 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.

Theme: "A CONFIRMATION PRAYER"

I. Guide Me

II. Guard Me
III. Bless Me

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE EXAMINATION

CONFIRMATION HYMN – 54
"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

THE CONFIRMATION

Public Questions and Professions of Faith

- Do you this day in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- Do you believe in God the Father?
- Do you believe in God the Son?
- Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- Do you desire to be a member of the Holy Christian Church and of this congregation?
- Do you hold all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?
- Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the LORD's Supper faithfully?
- If so, answer; "I do."
- Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

A Blessing and Bible Verse:

REBECCA RAE NAUMANN

Psal|m 84:1-2

"How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."

THE CONFIRMATION PRAYER

(Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 755

The Communion Liturgy continues with

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (Hymnal p. 24-25) Please stand.

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGR: (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

CONGR: (sing) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

CONGR: (sing) **It is meet and right so to do.**

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (Hymnal, page 26)

CONG: (sing) **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;

CONG: (sing) **For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time)

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always

CONGR: (sing) **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (Hymnal, page 28)

CONGR: (sing)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Those who are members here at St. John's Lutheran Church or are members of a sister church in the CLC and have announced their intention to partake of the Lord's Supper may now come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers.

A special note to our visitors: *The Bible tells us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold*

this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)
(Hymnal, page 29)*

CONGR: (sing) **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

CONGR: (sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

PASTOR: (Prayer)

CONGR: (sing) **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR: (sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Congregation sings the Closing Hymn 800

**** Silent Prayer ****

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME! to our guests and visitors. It is the prayer of the congregation that your faith has been strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word, by the review of Luther's Small Catechism which explains in simple words the main teachings of the Bible, and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. Please make a record of your attendance at our guest register, and come again. You are always welcome here!

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST We thank and praise our Lord for the wonderful Christian training He has given to Rebecca Naumann through His Holy Word. This is a priceless commodity that she will use her whole life long. Knowing this is not the end of her studies but the beginning, we fellow Christians want to keep her in our prayers and encourage her to continue her study of the Word for all her life. We thank God for this Means of God's Grace for Becca and us all!

Congratulations Confirmand!

NEW MEMBERS Josh and Mandi Weber have completed the Bible Information course with the Pastor and we today welcome them into our fellowship and communicant membership! Josh and Mandi along with their daughter Graci live in Lewiston.

IN OUR PRAYERS Art Pochardt continues a slow recovery at St. Joe's from a May 19th cancer surgery. He's in room 403c. A visit, card or phone call would be a blessing! **"And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up." James 5:15**
In an early birth emergency at home last Monday morning, Kirk and Taiya Johnson were blessed with the gift of twins! Mother and babies needed hospital attention, but are doing well now – thank the LORD! **"He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young." Isaiah 40:11**

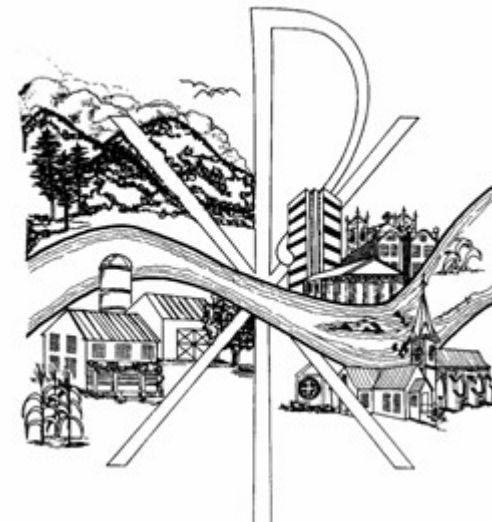
PALOUSE BIBLE STUDY – We continue our midweek Bible Study in Moscow. We meet from 7–8:30 pm at a rented room in Eastside Marketplace Mall on highway 8 (just as you're leaving the east side of town - entrance is through the double glass doors in the back of the strip mall). All are welcome to attend – rides are available. Topical studies are planned. Do you have any suggestions? Join us!

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS: Pot Luck Today!

Altar Flowers: There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

Pre-service Goodies: If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting from 10:45 till 11:00 (after Bible Class and Sunday School) please sign on the sheet in Kitchen.

Youth Conference 2011 –August 2-6, : www.youthconference.info
Arise and Shine Retreat June 9-12 www.ariseandshineretreat.com



WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"And this is eternal life, that they may know
You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom You have sent." John 17:3

1st Lesson

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1st Bible Lesson for this Ascension Day Service

Acts 1:1-11

In this account from the NT Church, we hear of Jesus Ascension into heaven. With great Joy we remember that our exalted King Jesus Christ is coming again as the disciples saw him go. We read...

2nd Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

Here we have a Gospel account of Jesus' bodily ascent into heaven. We read...