

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
August 24, 2025
Confirmation Worship

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GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
-J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.
-Ancient Chinese Proverb

What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too. Even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then.
-Fred Rogers

"Any dead fish can float down the river. GO AGAINST THE FLOW!!"

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Tongues of fire

C: Set our hearts ablaze with love.

L: Tongues of fire

C: Kindle our passion for justice and beauty.

L: Mighty winds

C: Blow the timidity from our words and deeds.

L: Mighty winds

C: Send us along the paths of peace and reconciliation.

L: Wind and fire

C: Make us alive and surprise us with the depths of love and the heights of joy that you stir in us.

OPENING SONG

Hope House

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle world and call it God's world, where
Let's build a world where love and mer - cy grow like gar - dens, where

peo - ple don't bul - ly and our hearts are true and kind.
peo - ple aren't hun - gry and no - bod - y's turned a - way.

Let's make a ti - ny lit - tle house and call it Hope House, where
Let's build a place where we can un - der - stand each o - ther, where

peo - ple aren't greed - y and we leave our fears be - hind.
an - ger and pre - ju - dice can nev - er rule the day.

Chorus
A lit - tle bit of light in a world full of night. A lit - tle bit of warm
in a world full of storm. A pic - ture of the world we real - ly wan - na see. *Fine*

God is plant - ing hope a - round this world with peo - ple like you and me!

1. Oh, 2. Let's build a place where the
door is al - ways o - pen, where friend - ship and for - give - ness is sim - ply what we do.

Let's build a place where we learn the art of lov - ing. We
love our friends and neiah - bors and love the strana - er. too.

THE CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond with narrow delight, hoping the invitation is only for us and not for "them." We respond hesitantly, not trusting or believing that you really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready.

Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Open up our lives and help us to let go of that which hinders our love of you and one another. Dissolve our foolish fears that make us grasp things rather than hold people. Ease us into a deep promise of community. Make us dwell in your healing forgiveness. Enable us to respond to your invitation to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what you give and to risking something new for you. Awaken us to your Spirit and help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.

THE CONFESSION RESONSE "Changed for Good"

1.No more watch - ing from the top of a tree;
2.Light the lamps and let the par - ty be - gin;
3&4.Time to break the chains that bound me so long.

no more watch - ing from a dis - tance to see;
o - pen doors and let the peo - ple come in.
There's no way that I can right all my wrongs.

love is here and love is call - ing to me;
I am miles start a - way from where I have been.
Here I start and if it takes my life long,

I'm be - ing changed for good. *2nd and 3rd time to Bridge
Last time to Coda*

Bridge
Here's my pro - mise, here's my vow, things are chang - ing,
start - ing now; I was lost, now I'm found,
go and tell ev - ery - bo - dy in town. *To Verse 3 and 4*

Coda
I'm be - ing changed for good; mak - ing a change for good.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:14 and 15

¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:35, 37-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [\[k\]](#) neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

MESSAGE

“What you do matters!”

Pastor Cristy Schoob
Nate Shubat

MESSAGE RESPONSE

Let This Be A Place

Let this be a place, Lord where he - roes are fash - ioned;
filled with your fire, Lord, fueled with your pas - sion.
Ev - ery - day peo - ple, walk - ing with cour - age in - to the
1. night, bring - ing the light of a new day.
Lord you have called the young and na - ive, skep - tics and cyn - ics, who
hard - ly be - lieve. Lord, you have called the wea - ry and old,
mak - ing the tim - id, cou - ra - geous and bold.
Dar - ing to face all e - vil and wrong, tell - ing the truth with a
voice clear and strong; Dar - ing to live out the words that we say;
show - ing the world a more ex - cel - lent way Let this be a
2. night, bring - ing the light of a new day;
in - to the night, bring - ing the light of a new day.

THE OFFERING Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through it’s ministries.



SPECIAL MUSIC “What Does the Lord Require of You?” CTP Singers
(Sung in a round-congregation welcome to join in)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Nate Shubat: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

THE CLASS IS INTRODUCED

Claire Constance Brehmer

Kennedy Elise Butzler

Morgan Theresa Doede

Jayden Douglas Hanvey

Manuel Curtise Jones

Carter Jeffrey Sobush

Colin Richard Weber

THE CREED

L: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word, God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

R: I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

R: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

R: 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.

THE PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Confirmands only)

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 his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, to follow the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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

P: Let us pray: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

“More Love, More Power”

More love, more pow - er, more of You in my life.

More love, more pow - er, more of You in my

life. And I will wor - ship You with all of my heart.

And I will wor - ship You with all of my mind. And I will wor - ship

You with all of my strength, For You are my Lord,

1.,2. You are my Lord. 3. You are my Lord.

LAYING ON OF THE HANDS

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENTS AND GOD PARENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

L: We are a resurrection people

C: We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us. We come to lean on the power that brings new beginnings out of painful endings.

L: We are Easter people

C: Just as we share his death, we share his life. We are freed to live without fear. We, too, will be raised from death to life.

L: We are Good News people!

C: We are caught up in the activity of our lives and need to pause and be refreshed. In these elements of love, we find strength to live lives that reflect God's light. We are not left alone with the darkness that terrifies us, or the sin that separates us. The body and blood of Jesus are a very real presence among us. We come to the table to find forgiveness, healing, acceptance and strength.

L: Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, *"Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."* Again, after supper he took the cup, he gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, *"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me!"* Following our Lord's command and responding to our need for forgiveness, we come!

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Send now your Holy Spirit, upon this bread and wine and all who gather at this table. By your Spirit make our hearts burn and open our eyes that we may become what we receive, ***the body of Christ given for the life of the world.***

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Join Hands)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: All are welcome at the banquet of the Savior.

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

*When you receive the bread, you may
dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine
or dip the wafer in the second chalice of grape juice.*

*You may pick up a prepackaged cup containing a wafer and juice from the basket.
Please indicate to the Pastor if you need gluten-free wafers.*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Sanctuary"

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

“Dance Together”

1. We have gath - ered from far and near. Lord, you've
 2. We have trou - bles, from we all and have flaws We're not

drawn us, You've brought us here Friends al - read - y and friends to
 wor - thy to heed your call We cry, "Leave us! Lord, go a

be. Sis - ters, bro - thers, be - com - ing fam - il - y. Let us
 - way." But you say, Take my hand and dance with me to - day!"

dance, dance to - geth - er, with love and laugh - ter and with - out fear. Hold - ing

hands with the Cre - a - tor at the cross - roads of our years. Dance to -

geth - er down the road to God knows where. 1. 3. 2. where.

So here's the mo - ment dis - tilled in time to leave this

fish - ing and these boats be - hind Trade things fa - mil - iar for things un

known. Lord we of - fer up our lives, and fol - low down Your road, Let us

dance, dance to - geth - er, with love and laugh - ter, and with - out

fear. Hold - ing hands with the Cre - a - tor at the

cross - roads of our years. Dance to - geth - er down the

road. For ev - er on Your road_ Dance to -

neth - er down the road to God knows where._

I Believe in that Love

1. I be - lieve in a love that is born in the song of a
 2. I be - lieve in a love that is felt in the touch of a
 3. I be - lieve in a love that is here at the heart of a
 ba - by's cry. I be - lieve in a love that lives
 help - ing hand. I be - lieve in a love that sees
 my - ster - y. I be - lieve in a love that for -
 on and on e - ven when we die.
 diff' - renc - es and seeks to un - der - stand.
 gives, for - gets heals and sets us free.
 I be - lieve in a love that reach - es out em -
 I be - lieve in a love that has no bounds, no
 I be - lieve in a love that los - es self for the
 brac - ing all our pain and doubt. I be -
 class or race to hold it down.
 sake of life for some - one else.
 lieve in that love, I be - lieve I be - lieve in that love.
 I be - lieve in that love. I be
 - lieve I be - lieve in that love.

“Dream God’s Dream”

Dream God's dream. Hol- y Spir - it help us dream of a
world where there is jus - tice and where ev - 'ry - one is
free to build and grow and love and to sim - ply have e -
nough The world will change when we dream God's dream.
6
I'm dream - ing of of a world where the col - or
I'm dream - ing of the call God is of - fer -
of one's skin will mean less than what's with - in that
ing to me, how to use my en - er - gy and
per - son's heart. A world where wa - ter's
my best gifts. To do the work of
clean, and where air is safe use to breathe and ev - 'ry
Christ, to say God please use my life to spread your
child__ born has e - nough to__ eat.
heal - ing love and to live your__ truth.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

P: May the God of the Heavens cause you to soar.

May the Christ of the journey light your path.

May the Spirit of power fill your heart with the courage to follow.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Ubuntu"

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

Chorus

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul
shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where
jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The
peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our
hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to
work for the peace of the land and so we do life!

Verses (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;
2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,
3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,
made to be seen and be heard and to be known!
moved by God's Spir - it, be re - vived and by hol - y flames!
Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for cake and coffee hour in the Heritage room after the worship service.

***This morning we celebrate the following youth
as they mark their Affirmation of Baptism***

*Claire Constance Brehmer
Kennedy Elise Butzler
Morgan Theresa Doede
Jayden Douglas Hanvey
Manuel Curtise Jones
Carter Jeffrey Sobush
Colin Richard Weber*

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

Worship Assistant: Nate Shubat

Ushers: Nick Laatsch, Jim Klatt

Communion set-up: Vern Hasenstein

Vocalists: Linda Amacher, Patrick Budoff,
Rick Gilbertson, Lori Hassig

Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

Percussion: Connor Scaffidi

Video: Cheryl Scaffidi **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson

Coffee Hour: Sandy Poenitsch, Sue Walker,
Cindy Tikusis, Charlotte Butzler

Counters: Cyndee Bruder, Tammy Nelson

Thank you to Peter Nelson for taking photos of our confirmation youth and service.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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