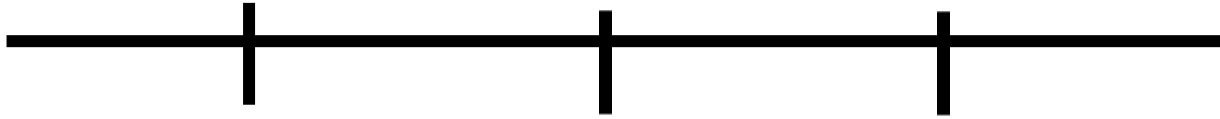


Faith on the Field

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Recognition of 2020 Confirmands
Pastor Eric Hanson - Sunday, October 11, 2020 - 9:45AM



Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Announcements

Opening Song: *Trust In You* by Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wandering
Never changes what You see
I try to win this war

I confess, my hands are weary, I need Your rest
Mighty warrior, king of the fight
No matter what I face You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters

I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You
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You are my strength and comfort
You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go

You've not already stood
When You don't move the mountains

I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers

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Confession and Forgiveness

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we remember and pray.

Heavenly Father, before the world was made, You called us each by name. You put breath in our lungs and chose us to be your own. We are Your beloved children. You watch over us with tender care, and there is nothing that could ever separate us from Your love.

God, standing in Your presence now, we ask for Your grace and mercy. Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive the people who have sinned against us.

Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. And teach us to love You with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Father God, Grant us petace now and continue Your good work in us to completion.

In Jesus name. Amen

Hallelujah! Praise the One who has set us free from sin and death.

Today's Reading - Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Children's Sermon

Sermon by Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day: *Here I Am Lord* #574 ELW

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save,

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be

satisfied. [Refrain]

Recognition of the 2020 Confirmands

Sam Tipton, Julia Carlson, Austin Clemens, Eli Ryan, Jed Ryan, Maison Poston,

Ellie Peterson, Kasen Bigalk, Caleb Dicke and Gavin Schafer.

Prayers

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.* Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill; especially the Family of Dan Dicke, Ava Dicke, Lorraine Hinsch, Brad Roschen, Zach Gravemann, Naomi Berland, Neal Stenlund, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Kyle Poncelet, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Lauren Brown and Karl Thomforde. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The Meal

We remember...

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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Sending Song: *Jesus Loves Me* #595 ELW

[Children are welcome to come forward to play an instrument]

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

**Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus
loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open
wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child
come in. [Refrain]**

**Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the
way; when at last I come to die, he will take me
home on high. [Refrain]**

Commission

God is with you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!