

Confirmation Sunday

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name.

Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 338 *Thine Forever God of Love*

Examination

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. In fact, it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will bring to nothing. Where is the wise man? Where is the expert in the Jewish law? Where is the probing thinker of the present age? Has God not shown that the wisdom of this world is foolish? Indeed, since the world through its wisdom did not know God, God in his wisdom decided to save those who believe, through the foolishness of the preached message. Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. [EHV]

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let

down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered him, “Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.” For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people.” After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him. [EHV]

Hymn 751 *God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

Sermon Proverbs 4:13 Hold on to instruction, Do not let it go. Guard it well, for it is your life.

Hold On...for Dear Life!

Hymn 336 *My God, Accept My Heart This Day*

Trevor Verlin Bass John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Rylee Caden Coners Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Hannah Kimberly Kazemba Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

David Lester Ruthenbeck Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding.

Abby Elizabeth Schmidt Psalm 98:4 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Timothy James Edward Zuehlke Revelation 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Choir 709 *God Loves Me Dearly*

The Benediction

Hymn 800 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

SATURDAY SERVICE Starting this week, Saturday evening services will be held at 5 o'clock instead of at 6. The service is open to all, but facemasks (available at the door) and social distancing are required.

PICTURES Due to social-distancing concerns, the confirmands will not greet everyone at the door, per usual. They will, instead, line up outside of the church. Once a group picture has been taken outside, each family will be given an opportunity for pictures in the church.

QUARTLERY MEETING The July meeting will be held after the service next Sunday (no potluck). In addition to regular Board reports, the agenda includes the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021, CDS staffing for 2020-2021, Dates for Mission Festival and Reformation service, calling VBS and Sunday School Teachers, October meeting date. Additional agenda items should be in the hands of chairman Ron Strike as soon as possible.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN Each year, we set a goal for the amount that we hope to give for the work of our church body (Missions, ILC, etc.). This year's goal was \$43,000. We thank our gracious God for enabling us to reach and actually surpass the targeted amount by \$300.

VBS Plans are to hold an adapted Vacation Bible School on the premises from July 20-22 from 2:30-4:00. The 1 ½ hour sessions will include the lessons, crafts, and song. The snack will be sent home with the children each day. Social distancing will be practiced. At this point, participation will be limited to our own members. Volunteers, please sign up by Tuesday.

CLC NEWS Our sister congregation in Fridley was the target of an arson attack early on Friday morning. We are thankful that the damage was limited to the parsonage garage and that Pastor Hein and his family escaped without harm.

CLEANING (Wk 4) R. Gustaf, D. Voit, N. Voit
The Ruthenbecks