

## Confirmation Sunday

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** The rite of Confirmation that will be performed in today's service is not commanded in Scripture but has served as a worthwhile practice in the Church for centuries. Through this rite our young people become communicant members in the congregation. This means that they are now welcome to receive the Lord's Supper at our altar. Their profession of faith shows that they are now able to "examine themselves" in preparation for receiving the Sacrament.

This year's confirmands will share with you a profession of their faith through a brief examination in the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. This is not a test to determine their eligibility, but rather, a chance for them to share their faith with you. We hope that this will be a reminder to you of your own Confirmation Day.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 436 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

**Examination**

**Class Hymn** *The Lamb*

**Scripture Lessons**

**Congregation** 784 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

**Sermon** Daniel 3:16-18 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

## God's Witness Protection Program...

Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,  
Who Your Father's flock does keep,  
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,  
Guarded still by You.

In Your promise firm we stand;  
None can take us from Your hand.  
Speak! We hear! At Your command,  
We will follow You.

WS 783:1-2

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Choir** *This is My Word*

**Congregation** 783:3-5 *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep*

**The Rite of Confirmation**

**Rachel James Kazemba** Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

**Emily Ann Schmidt** Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! "

**Jacob Neil Zuehlke** Lamentations 3:24 "The Lord *is* my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"

**Congregation** 800 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**INVITATION** The Kazemba family wishes to invite all of you to join them for dinner after today's service. Serving will begin after pictures are taken.

**QUARTERLY** The following matters were discussed or adopted: Christian Kazemba was welcomed as a voting member. A new A/C unit was installed at the teacherage at a lower-than-expected cost. The boiler in the church was replaced at a price of \$8,200. The plan is to redo the sidewalks in front of the church. Bids for installing new siding on the church came in at anywhere from \$110-\$130k. The cost for foam board insulation for the church was \$5,200. The cost for filling the walls with foam was \$9,300. Contractors recommended that the windows be done first. The Treasurer's report showed that offerings for the CLC are approximately \$5,400 ahead of budget. Some of the fencing at the cemetery was affected by the amount of snow this past winter. VBS will be held the week of July 17. The summer schedule will begin on Memorial Day weekend, vs. the Sunday following. Larry Boernsen and Craig Ahrens will represent the congregation at the MN Delegate Conference at Inver Grove Heights on June 10. Next Quarterly Meeting: July 16. Adapted from the minutes by Bruce Eigenberg.

**LADIES DAY** Ladies Day will be held next Sunday following the church service. The sign-up sheet is in the entryway.

**CLC NEWS** Teaching candidate Stephen Krause was assigned to Valentine, NE. Jonah Albrecht was assigned to Lynnwood/Tacoma, WA. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew is considering the call to Eau Claire.

**CLC YOUTH CAMP** registration is open until May 31st! Camp takes place from June 11th-17th, 2023 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN for students 6th-12th grade. <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp> Email Amber Casto and Sam Rademacher at [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com) with any questions!

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**USHERS** 04/23 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
04/30 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
05/07 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 2) J. Kazemba, J. Thaemlitz  
S. Aden, B. Dronen, L. Ferguson