

## Confirmation

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

**Organist** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 338 *Thine Forever God of Love*

**Examination**

**Class Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**Scripture Lesson** Mark 9:30-37 Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the

third day.” But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

**Congregation** 334 *Let Me be Thine Forever*

**Sermon** Luke 6:20-23 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: “Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s sake.<sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven.

## **Your Faith: Keep it Simple and Childlike**

**Hymn** 336:1-3 *My God, Accept My Heart This Day*

### **The Rite of Confirmation**

**Dylan Charles Zuehlke** Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding.

**Hymn** 336:4-5 *My God, Accept My Heart This Day*

**Choir** *You Are My All in All / Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer + The Benediction**

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

**HEALTH UPDATE** At the time these words were written, the intensity of Dr. Sumey's cancer continues to ratchet upward. Hospice workers are doing what they can to keep him comfortable until the Lord calls him home. His faith and his attitude have been remarkable. Please remember him, Deb, and their family in your prayers!

**TEACHERS CONFERENCE** If you are able to provide housing or food for the upcoming Conference, please indicate it on the sheet in the entryway. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our teachers.

**HOSPITALIZED** Tonya Wendland was admitted to the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls on Thursday evening.

**RETIREMENT** Since Pastor Rodebaugh has accepted the call and is ready to come, the pastor has asked to be released from his call on the final Sunday in October. This will enable Pastor Rodebaugh to move and unpack before the holiday season begins. It will also facilitate getting the move done before winter.

Pastor, Jolene, and family would like to thank you for all of the blessings and kindness you have shown them over the past 26 years, by hosting a chili/soup luncheon after the service on October 27. All are invited!

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed in Sleepy Eye next Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Please let the pastor know if you are planning to attend so that those in charge of the meal have an estimate to work with.

**Zion Lutheran Church** of rural Hidewood Township, SD, is celebrating their 125th anniversary on Sunday, October 13.

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**USHERS** 09/22 Kendall B., Larry B.  
09/29 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.  
10/06 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 1) E. Bass, S. DeWall  
J. Appel, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke