

Confirmation Sunday
May 15, 2011

Welcome to Concordia

This weekend, in our 10:30 service, we welcome six young people through the Rite of Confirmation. In our Lutheran tradition, Confirmation is a public affirmation of Baptism. It is the young person's opportunity to "take ownership" of the faith life which was begun as an infant in Holy Baptism. Renewal of our Baptismal covenant is something we all should do on a daily basis. This service will provide opportunity for all of us to think about our Baptism and the vows we made at our Confirmation. May the Lord richly bless our worship services this weekend.

Entrance/Processional Hymn **"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"** Lutheran Worship # 224

Opening Sentences and Responses

P: In the name of the Father and of + the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: There is one body and one Spirit.

C: **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

P: One Lord, one faith, one Baptism,

C: **one God and father of us all.**

P: As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God the Father,

C: **even so we walk in the newness of life.**

Confessional Hymn **"Lord, to You I Make Confession"** Lutheran Worship # 233

Absolution

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God unto you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 23

P: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: **²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P: ³He restores my soul.

C: **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C: **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from the dead the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of

our Shepherd and follow Him that sin and death may never pluck us from Your hand; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Concordia Choir

“First Song of Isaiah”

Refrain:

**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in Him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And He will be my Savior.**

First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you

endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Duet

(10:30 only)

“Jesus, Messiah”

Judy Hodge and Katrina Gritzmacher

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Hymn of the Day
“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”
Lutheran Worship # 290

Sermon

“Continue – Learn – Believe – Know – Be Wise!”

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Prayers of the Congregation

P: In our prayers today, we wish to commend to the Lord’s care and compassion all who are dealing with medical difficulties. **Charles Bailey, Gene Bartelt, Ruby Campisi, Myron Guthrie, Ron Jensen II, Robert Knope, Jenna Martin, Fred Miessler, Irv Muenster, Dorothy O’Brien, Pat Picavet, Naomi Schewe, and Evelyn Serdar.** For these and others we may name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: We ask the Lord’s continue mercy and strength for those who are shut in and unable to worship regularly with us. **Marion Seinwill, Carol Stenzel, and Dean Vargason.** For these and others we may name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who are a part of Concordia Lutheran’s community, **Walt Haight, Sibyl Hale, Yvonne Harper and Scott, Diane, Chelsea & Colton Hawkins,** that their faith may stand as a shining light for many, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our nation and all who serve us in places and times of great danger, that they may be granted safety, wisdom, and courage, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

Tithes and Offerings

10:30 service only

Confirmation Hymn
“Yours Forever, God of Love”
Lutheran Worship # 256

The Rite of Confirmation

Opening Sentences – Pastor Mumm

Faith Questions and Answers – Confirmation Class

Blessing and Confirmation of Faith

Luke Patric Anderson

Born: September 21, 1996 – Rockford, IL

Baptized: November 24, 1996 – Concordia Lutheran Church, Machesney Park, IL

Parents: Jeff & Julia Anderson

Sponsors: Joyce Schoenwald, Brenda & Russell Granley

Memory Verse:

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.”

Isaiah 12:2

Luke’s Personal Statement of Faith:

I will always trust in God as my sure stronghold and defense. I will praise Him through all of the hardships and the good times in life. Jesus died on the cross for me and I am going to try my best to serve Him by following the Lord’s Commandments and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for us. The Lord has always looked out for me and has always supplied for me what I need, and I know that He will continue to do so. I want to continue learning and growing in my faith all of my days.

Kylie Nicole Anderson

Born: September 21, 1996 – Rockford, IL

Baptized: November 24, 1996 – Concordia Lutheran Church, Machesney Park, IL

Parents: Jeff & Julia Anderson

Sponsors: Joyce Schoenwald, Brenda & Russell Granley

Memory Verse:

“If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Matthew 17:20

Kylie’s Personal Statement of Faith:

God has helped me so much throughout my life already. I know that I can always go to Him and pray about everything that’s on my mind, or things that I may need or want. God sent His only Son Jesus to die on the cross for everyone, to take away all of our sins. I know that God has a plan for me like He does for everyone else. I will continue to study His word and try my best to follow His Commandments. I will always love and trust in God as my Savior.

Megan Marie Clarida

Born: May 10, 1997 – Rockford, IL

Baptized: May 8, 2005 – Concordia Lutheran Church, Machesney Park, IL

Parents: Robin Clarida & Craig Clarida

Sponsors: Mike and Tonjia Oberst and Marty and Joann Law

Memory Verse:

“Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress!
Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!”

Psalm 102:2

Megan’s Personal Statement of Faith:

God has helped me since the day I was born. He will always be there for me, and will never turn away from me, when I need help. Like Psalm 102:2 says; “Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!” I feel like God has made such a difference in my life, since I’ve gotten to know Him better. I don’t know what I would really be in this world, without Him. I see God everywhere I go, like the trees, animals, and all my friends and family. He inspires me to lead a wonderful life in helping to serve Him with all I have. I know that God has some amazing plans for me in my future, so I’m going to worship Him and give Him praise because it’s a lot of fun and I know that I want to be with Him in Heaven someday!

Chelsea Marie Hawkins

Born: July 29, 1996 – Rockford, Illinois

Baptized: April 12, 2000 – Concordia Lutheran Church, Machesney Park, IL

Parents: Scott & Diane Hawkins

Sponsors: Allison Hawkins and Tom Hawkins

Memory Verse:

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

Psalm 37:4

Chelsea's Personal Statement of Faith:

*"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."
(Psalm 37:4) This is my favorite Bible verse. I chose this verse because I know that only God can help me to obtain my hearts true desires. These desires include a healthy, life-long, and eternal relationship with God. God has worked in my life by fulfilling my desires of having a loving family and friends. I will continue to grow my faith in God through the church and bible study. I am looking forward to God guiding me as I grow older and I will have faith in him all along the way!*

Rachel Christine Kobernat

Born: December 8, 1997 – Rockford, IL

Baptized: January 11, 1998 – Concordia Lutheran Church, Machesney Park, IL

Parents: Jeff and Barb Kobernat

Sponsors: Suzette Preston and Mike Monson

Memory Verse:

"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!"

Psalm 128:1

Rachel's Personal Statement of Faith:

Once when I was younger, I tried to read some of the Bible every night before I went to bed. I think I felt like if I read the whole thing, God would love me more. Of course, I never actually got out of Genesis. But when I grew older, I learned that I didn't need to prove that I loved Him, because He already knew.

I learned that no matter what we do, if we're truly sorry, He will forgive us. I can't understand why He loves us so much. I mean we do terrible things but He still loves us enough to sacrifice His own Son for us.

But even though I don't understand it, I believe it's true. There are many things in the Bible and in life that we as humans can't understand. But God is so much smarter than all of us, and He has a plan for everyone, so we just have to trust in Him.

Joey Patrick Rigotti

Born: December 14, 1995 – Rockford, IL

Baptized: February 1996 – Messiah Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI

Parents: Pat and Shelly Rigotti

Sponsors: Kathy and Orville Scharlau

Memory Verse:

“We love because he first loved us.”

1 John 4:19

Joey’s Personal Statement of Faith:

I pray that You, O Lord, guide me in all that I do and that everything I do is pleasing to You. I pray that You watch over me and that my faith grows and stays strong in You Lord. 1 John 4:18 says, “We love him because he first loved us.” My faith grows stronger in Christ everyday. Without You I would be nowhere in life. You have helped me grow in my faith by giving me something to believe in and loving me. When I have been in time of troubles You have always been there for me. After I get confirmed I plan to grow in my faith everyday. I plan to spread the Word about You everywhere I go. Another one of my favorite Bible verses is John 3:16, “For God so love the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” I believe that there only is one true God and when I die I will be in Heaven with Him forever. You have helped me in everyway and I thank You greatly for all that You have done. Amen.

Blessing of the Confirmands

Prayer for the Newly Confirmed

Post Confirmation Hymn

“Let Me Be Yours Forever”

Lutheran Worship # 257

All Services

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Distribution of Holy Communion

10:30 only: The Confirmation Class will commune as a group. After they have been communed, the ushers will invite the congregation to receive the Sacrament. If you are a guest or visitor today, please read our Communion statement on the back of the Bulletin or speak with the Pastor or an Elder before Communing. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn

"My Maker, Now Be Nigh"

Lutheran Worship # 255

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing/Recessional Hymn

"Built on the Rock"

Lutheran Worship # 291

As We Worship This Weekend

5:00 PM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Acolyte: Savana Schubert

8:00 AM

Organist: Elaine Grimes
Lector: Linda Klein
Elder: Austin Burns
Communion: Dan Ling/Lyle Bennett
Usher Team: #4 Warren
Acolyte: Luke Anderson

10:30 AM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Lector: Barb Stenzel
Elder: Royce Fringer
Communion: Alan & Doreen Speigler
Usher Team: #9 Stenzel
Acolyte: Logan Starry
Crucifier: Savana Schubert

Next Weekend May 21-22, 2011

See List posted in Narthex

Birthday and Anniversary

Birthdays

5/15 Sabrina Veysey
5/18 Shirley Ling
5/20 Donna Skiba

Statistically Speaking

Attendance: 33 +49 + 43 = 125
Sunday School Attendance: 19
Tithes and Offerings: \$3,720.91
Sunday School Offering: \$9
Debt Fund: \$145

The Calendar May 15-21, 2011

Today: 8:00 & 10:30 Worship
9:20 a.m. Sun. school
& Bible class
Mon: 9:00 a.m. Bible study
6:15 p.m. Recruitment
Wed: 9:00 a.m. Chapel
5-7 p.m. Open House
6:00 p.m. Prayer time
Thur: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
**6:30-8 p.m. Graduation &
Spring Concert**
7:00 p.m. Choir
Sat: 5:00 p.m. Worship

Worship Next Weekend

Next weekend is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The lessons are: Acts 6:1-9, 1 Peter 2:1-10 and John 14:1-14. The message is entitled "Leaders Needed," and is based on Acts 6:1-4. May the Lord bless your preparation and study of His Word this week.

Notes and Information

1. **Spring Rummage**

Sale: F.R.O.G Fully Rely On God Now that's a friendly little FROG for you: Spring time green and a great symbol for our Spring Rummage Sale. The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled, Thursday, June 2nd, Friday, June 3rd, and Saturday, June 4th. We invite you to consider donating items that are gently used or no longer needed to this annual sale. Funds raised from the sale will help sponsor youth events and Sunday School materials at Concordia. If you have items to donate to this worthy cause, please know that we normally receive items at the school gym on the Tuesday and Wednesday – into the evening, the week of the sale. (May 31st & June 1st – this year) However, if the drop-off schedule is not convenient, please contact us and we will arrange for drop-off at the church office or pickup at your home. If you have large items to donate and would like them picked up, please let us know ahead of time and we should be able to take care of that for you (sorry, no elephants



or large empty safes). Your items will be greatly appreciated. We can supply donation receipts for tax purposes. Please call: Alan & Doreen Spiegler @ 815-623-9821 or the Church Office @ 815-633-4983.

- LWML Collection:** The Lutheran Womens Missionary League is gathering donations of items for the needy which will be taken to the convention being held June 23rd through the 26th. Your Gifts from the Heart will be given to agencies in the Peoria area and to Orphan Grain Train. Our LWML ladies have chosen to ask for your help in donating the following items for men. Please place them in the collection box in the narthex. Men's Socks, Stick Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Toothbrush, and Bar Soap. Monetary donations would gladly be accepted. Thank you for your participation.
- Assistance Needed:** It is so easy to step aside and let others lead. Right now there are a number of opportunities which exist to be more actively involved in the life of Concordia. They include: **Lectors** – the Lector's read the first two lessons at the services. Anyone high

school or above, who would like to be a Lector, please call the Church office and let us know. **Communion Assistants** – We try to have two people to assist with Communion at each Sunday service. We also use, when available, one assistant on Saturday evening. If interested, please talk to Pastor or call the church office. **Ushers** – the Ushers assist with worship, handing out bulletins, greeting all who arrive, collecting the offering, and cleaning up after the service. Speak to any of the Ushers or call the Church office to become involved.

4. **Elder Team:** The Constitution states that the Elder Team shall consist of nine men who are active and well respected in the congregation. Currently we are three short of having a full team. If you would be interested in being an Elder, see Pastor Mumm or Walt Haight.
5. **Voter's Assembly Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Voter's Assembly is scheduled for **Sunday, June 5**, between the morning services. The Agenda for the meeting is as follows: (1) Opening Prayer; (2) Financial Report; (3) Election of MLB Members for the

coming year. Two positions are due to be elected this year. We have two candidates willing to serve, if you would like to be considered for a position on the MLB, contact Jeff Kobernat or Pastor Mumm. (4) Motion to revise Bylaw I.A.1 – regarding the date of the Annual meeting. Currently the Bylaw reads that the meeting shall take place in May. This has proved quite problematic, especially since budget is to be presented at this meeting. The proposal is to change the date to October. (5) Comments on emerging from Bankruptcy. (6) Adjournment/Benediction.

6. **LFL Quote:** People may scorn and reject as worthless the life of the old man or woman in a nursing home, the life of the unborn child, the life of the terminally ill, or the life of the physically or mentally handicapped. But the Cross decisively demonstrates God's compelling love for each and all of them ... That love came in the most unexpected way to people who could never have earned or deserved it—people exactly like us." *Rev. Dr. Laurence White, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

Our Mission



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

“Serving Christ from Cradle to Crown”, faithfully communicating the saving Word of God, and providing excellence in ministry for the benefit of all people of all ages, is the mission of Concordia.

Holy Communion

It is the custom of Concordia to offer Holy Communion in most of our worship services. If you are a Baptized and Confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation you are welcome to partake. If you are not an LCMS member, we ask that you refrain from partaking until you have visited with our pastor. We believe what the Bible says about Communion to be correct and true, namely that we receive with the bread and wine the very body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, and the assurance of life eternal. We also believe that this sacrament should only be received by those who share in this Biblical belief.



Distribution of Communion

Distribution of the wine is by common or individual cup. The center cups of the individual tray contain grape juice for those who for medical reasons cannot have the wine. Those desiring a blessing from the pastor, but not communing, are asked please place 2 fingers over their lips to alert the servers of their desire.

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