



“...TO *seek*
OUT AND TO
save
THE LOST.”

Luke 19:10



ALL SAINTS | CONFIRMATION

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OUR MISSION

We are people who worship Jesus Christ, reaching out to teach and share his love for people. We believe through the Holy Spirit, God has empowered us to worship Jesus Christ through music, Word and Sacrament; To Teach the gospel through Sunday School, confirmation, Bible Study and Youth Ministry. To share the gospel and reach out through Fellowship, Evangelism and Ministry to all in need.

JOIN US for Worship, Fellowship & Sunday School each week!

- * Worship begins @ 9 am * Fellowship @ 10 am
- * Sunday School @ 10 am (September - May)

Welcome to Worship

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY **
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

INTRODUCTION

“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

Today, our 2025 Confirmands will be asked to affirm for themselves the promises their parents, sponsors, and our congregation made for them at their baptism: “...to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Congregation, please stand)

****All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.**

Blessed by the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

(Acolytes come forward to light the candles once the congregation has started to sing our gathering hymn.)

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #722 O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 203-204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, **gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

(Congregation, please be seated)

FIRST READING

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

Isaiah 1:10-18

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! ¹³Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble.
(Psalm 32:6)*

Psalm 32:1-7

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Congregation, please stand)

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Congregation, please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(Congregation, please stand)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation and Profession of Faith of our **2025 Confirmands:**

Isabella Junalee **Bistline**, Garrett Michael **Hemsath**,
Finley Constance **Keegan**, Fletcher Gregory **Keegan**,
Jewel Christine **Paine**, Alayna Christine **Rohrbach**,
Olivia Marie **Schildroth**, Madilyn Mae **Schmitz**,
and Linkyn Loryn **Vaughn**

(Congregation please turn to page 234 in the red hymnal)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end “Hear us O God.” Congregation responds, “Your mercy is great.”

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Congregation, please be seated)

OFFERING

(Congregation, please stand)

OFFERTORY **ELW #679** For the Fruit of All Creation *(verse 2)*

In the just reward of labor, God’s will be is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

(Congregation, Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ELW #481 Come to the Table *(3x)*

ELW #483 Here is Bread

ELW #800 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

(Congregation, please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you, ✠ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #427 For All Your Saints, O Lord

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE