

# Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, October 4, 2020



## St. John's Lutheran Church

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**Gloria Gilbertson**

**OPENING SONG**

**10,000 Reasons**

**by Myrin and Redman**

**Vocalists: 11AM Megan Giese; 1PM Anna Brennan**

**OPENING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

## Presentation

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for youth, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. I present these youth, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.



### 11:00 AM Confirmation Service

Megan Giese  
Ethan Hower  
Easton Suess  
Kaia Langemo

Preston Schaefer  
Calleigh Richards  
Tyler Paulson  
Abby Distad

Owen Durland  
Danielle Bollum  
Max Fjerstad  
Spencer Anderson

Bennett Brown  
Taycee Schwanke  
Aaron Sands  
Andria Fitch

### 1:00 PM Confirmation Service

Sam Trow  
Grace Gappa  
Adisen Skov  
Anna Brennan

Braden Davidson  
Leif Peterson  
Carter Bauer

Brenden Gruska  
Patrick Trihey  
Rayna Lambright

Madison Wood  
Madison Lee  
Mya Boelter

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*The pastor addresses the confirmation students.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**S: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**S: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**S: I renounce them.**

*The pastor addresses the confirmation students and the assembly.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Affirmation**

*The presiding minister addresses the students who are affirming their baptism.*

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy 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?

**S: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*Reflection with Bible Verse for Each Student Followed By:*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life. **Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

## OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

## **POST – COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen. Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ✝ and give you His peace. Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace.

Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

## **SENDING SONG**

**Build Your Kingdom Here**

**The Messengers**

## **POSTLUDE MUSIC**

**Gloria Gilbertson**

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