

Confirmation Sunday

May 5, 2024

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting One *pg. 151 in the hymnal*

Our Communion Practice

Lutherans believe that when we eat and drink the bread and wine of Communion we are receiving the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus, just as He has promised (Matthew 26:26, 28; 1 Corinthians 10:16). We also believe our Lord gave His Church the Communion meal as a way to bear witness to our agreement on what the Bible teaches (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 10:17). For this reason we ask non-members to have been instructed in Lutheran teaching so that you share in our unity of belief. If you are visiting our congregation for the first time and have questions about our communion practice, please visit with an elder or pastor before the service.

**Gluten Free Wafers are available on the small stand in the front of the church.*

**Grape juice is found in the middle section of the communion trays.*

Processional Song

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.

P: Holy Spirit, You move the hearts of Your people to praise and thanksgiving. You have gathered us on this day in this place of worship to offer up gratitude and praise for God’s endless gifts to us; to acknowledge our needs and Your faithfulness; to receive from Your hand and to offer our sincere worship; to affirm and confirm our faith in You, O God, and Your Word. We ask that You would be present among us, together with our Lord Jesus Christ, and our heavenly Father who created and still preserves us, one Lord, our God, world without end.

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”

C: made His light shine in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

P: It is written, “I believed; therefore I have spoken.”

C: With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,

P: Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead

C: Will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in His presence.

P: On this day we make our beginning in the name of God the Father

C: Our Creator and the Preserver of our lives.

P: In the name of God the Son

C: Jesus, Our Risen Savior and Lord.

P: And in the name of God the Holy Spirit

C: Our Comforter and Counselor, who leads us in the truth of His Word. Amen.

Hymn “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” #793

Confession and Absolution

P: Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Eternal Trinity. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God, forever and ever. Please hear now our sincere confession in Your great and holy presence.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, with our words, and in our actions. There is no other place to go but to You. Lord, show us Your mercy for Jesus’ sake. Send us Your Holy Spirit

so that we may be empowered to live our lives to Your glory and honor, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for Christ, having atoned for the sins of the whole world, makes us clean and holy before the Father in heaven. Blessed are we whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered, and blessed is Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins, and the sins of the whole world! Grant this, Lord unto us all.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ann Gardels

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 3:1-30 *(Daniel records a great miracle so that God*

is confessed and praised by the king. He shows us that God is highly honored above all gods, in order that they may firmly believe that at the proper time God can and will save us.)

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning

fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.” Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.” Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 4:1-18

(Paul foresees his execution at the hands of the Roman government for preaching the Gospel. He looks forward to receiving a crown of righteousness when God delivers him to heaven.)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with

you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-13

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(Jesus warns his disciples that the temple in Jerusalem will be destroyed, which it was in 70 A.D. Even in turbulent times, we must continue to share God's Word with confidence.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter,

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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HYMN

"O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

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SERMON

OFFERING

**Confirmation Video
“This I Believe” by Hope Dunbar**

HYMN “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near” #599

Pastor Mau will be wearing a special vestment called a Chasuble. This vestment has been used throughout history beginning around the mid-300’s. This vestment is typically used while presiding over the sacraments. It is fitting to use it this day as our confirmands remember the faith given to them through the waters of Holy Baptism and as they will be receiving the sacrament of the Altar for the first time. It is a vestment of celebration. Today is certainly a day to celebrate!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION FOR

**Carter Robert Fritz
Ashtynn Renee Redfield
Paityn Jae Scheele
Gradyn Case Tonniges**

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT pg. 160

PREFACE

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy”

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**#687 “Thine Forever, God of Love”
#637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
#629 “What Is This Bread”**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Let Me Be Thine Forever” #689

The 2024 Confirmation Class

Carter Robert Fritz was baptized on June 13, 2010 at St Paul Lutheran Church, Utica. He is the son of Adam & Theresa Fritz.

His sponsors are Sarah & Byron Kraus and Chelsea & Mike Kunce.

The verse Carter has chosen is

Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Ashtynn Renee Redfield was baptized on October 11, 2009 at St Paul Lutheran Church, Utica.

She is the daughter of Andrew & Abby Redfield.

Her sponsors are Mark & Leone Eikenhorst and Kiley Kapple.

The verse Ashtynn has chosen is

Psalms 106:1 (NIV)

"Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Paityn Jae Scheele was baptized on May 23, 2010 at United Methodist Church.

She is the daughter of Jay & Danielle Scheele.

Her sponsors are Eric Scheele, Kirk Scheele, and Paige Schulte.

The verse Paityn has chosen is

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love."

Gradyn Case Tonniges was baptized on December 12, 2009, at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Gresham.

He is the son of Brandon & Lindsey Tonniges

His sponsors are Joe Tonniges, Staci Bolton and Ashley Henkel.

The verse Gradyn has chosen is

2 Corinthians 5:7(KJV)

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."