

**✦ Confirmation Sunday ✦**  
**May 6, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

*Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.*

**◆Prelude**

**Welcome and Life Together**

**◆Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Confirmands: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us worship God!

**All: A day for praising God together**

Confirmands: A day for new beginnings

**All: A day for remembering promises**

Confirmands: We come to the font to be washed, to the family to be affirmed, to the table to be fed

**All: We come with you and stand beside you as members of one family**

Confirmands: Will you seek to relate to us not simply as children in the faith but as persons on the way?

**All: With God's help we will!**

Confirmands: This, indeed, is the day the Lord has made!

**◆Hymn of Praise (BH #732) *Lift Every Voice and Sing***

**◆Invocation (Psalm 98:1-6)**

**The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)**

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison):**

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.

**Words of Assurance (Responsively)**

Pastor: Through the love of Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. God is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment and in the days to come.

**People: As God is in us, let us live, work, care for others so that love, hope and joy might touch all people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen!**

**Catechism 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmands**

**Scripture Readings**

Proverbs 22:6

John 15: 9-17

1 John 5:1-6

**Satta Raines  
Brooklyn Raines  
Ariel Kurzweil**

**Offering**

Offertory *Do, Lord oh do Lord oh, do remember me*

**Stuart Seale**

◆ *Doxology*

**◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #3) *Earth and All Stars!***

**Message**

**"Love For the Children"**

**Rev. Mark Westlind**

**◆Hymn of Response (Green Hymnal #48) *There Is a Balm in Gilead***

**Rite of Confirmation (see insert)**

**Confession of Personal Faith**

**Maddie Ford**

**Blessing**

**Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)

◆ Words of Institution

◆ Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #525) *Wonderful Words of Life***

**◆Benediction**

**Postlude**

**◆Indicates those who are able should stand.**

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Marjorie Cassady, Char Dunk-Sladek, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.



Today we celebrate the confirmation of  
*Maddie Patricia Ford*

First year students are:  
Ariel Kurzweil, Brooklyn Raines and  
Satta Raines

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Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor  
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship  
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists  
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool  
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary  
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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# Confirmation

**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:**       **Confirmation Sunday**

10 A.M.       Worship

10–11 A.M.   Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade

**NOTE:** NO Adult Sunday School or High School Youth Group

**This Week:**

Mon.-Fri.    9 A.M.        Noah's Ark Preschool

Tues.        9:30 A.M.    Women's Bible Study

Tues         6:30 P.M.    Deacons meeting

Tues.        7 P.M.        Trustees & C.E. Board meetings

Thurs.       11 A.M.       Pryme Tymers

**Next Sunday:** *Mother's Day*

10 A.M.       Worship

10–11 A.M.   Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade

11:15 A.M.   High School Youth Group

11:30 A.M.   Adult Sunday School

**May 13 – Nursery Helpers:** Matt Panush, Shannon Lee

**Greeters:** The McShane Family

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Announcements:**

**Adult Sunday School**

Elizabeth Pierre, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at North Park Seminary, will be leading our Adult class on May 13 and 20. Elizabeth was featured in The Covenant Companion's March-April 2018 issue writing on "When trauma gets personal" and will share what we can do to help survivors, a very timely topic for this age. The topic for Professor Pierre's second class will be "God is near the Broken Hearted".

This will be the first time Elizabeth will be teaching here so give her a warm welcome and attend her classes.

**Note:** No Adult Sunday School on May 27 Memorial Day weekend. May 20 will be the last Adult Sunday School before summer break.

### **Thank you from**

### **Affordable Recovery Housing**

On Sunday, May 20, John DunLeavy, Director of the shelter that Trinity has been donating clothing and toiletries, will bring a group of 40 residents to attend our church service at 10 A.M. The director is planning to present us with a picture of the residents and testimonies of appreciation for all we are doing.

There will be an opportunity to meet these residents in Peterson Hall following the service. Please plan to join us.

Lorraine and John Weszely are collecting toiletries starting today through May 20. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations.

**Note:** Our regular Adult Sunday School class will meet as usual in the Fireside Room after worship.

### **Save the Dates**

CHIC 2018 is July 15 – 20 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.  
Vacation Bible School is July 30 – August 3.

## **Today's Scripture:**

### **Proverbs 22:6**

<sup>6</sup> Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

### **John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.<sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

### **1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

# RITE OF CONFIRMATION

## Address to the Congregation

**Minister:** Do you believe in God?

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**Minister:** What does this mean?

**Confirmand:** It means that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me, and still preserves, my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true!

**Minister:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All:** I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**Minister:** What does this mean?

**Confirmand:** It means that Jesus Christ – truly God, Son of the Father from eternity, and truly man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, saved me at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his Kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true!

**Minister:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

**Minister:** What does this mean?

**Confirmand:** It means that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith and with the whole Church body on earth and in heaven. In this Christian Church, day after day, he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true!

## Confession of Personal Faith

### Prayer for the Confirmand

The Lord's Prayer:

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 sins  
As we forgive those who sin 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. Amen



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