



Confirmation
May 20, 2018

Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex.

Order Of Worship

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" **LSB 507**

(Stand)

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your

Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PSALM 1

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, We give thanks that you have forgiven our sins through the blood of Jesus. In Your love, remember Zion's youth, especially our Confirmands who publicly confess their faith today. Make them strong through Your Word, through their baptism, and through your body and blood that they may always confess their faith boldly and remain faithful unto death, in Jesus name.

C **Amen.**

(Sit)

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

(The Choice of Life and Death)

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,

¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.

Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 4:7–11

(Test the Spirits)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

(I Am the True Vine)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

1 [Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Sit)

SERMON HYMN "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me "

LSB 722

SERMON

OFFERING **Adult Choir** – *"I Will Keep My Eyes On You"*

+ SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION +

(Confirmands please stand)

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R **Yes, I do.**

P Do you renounce the devil?

R **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you renounce all his works?

R ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R ***Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.***

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R ***Yes, 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R ***Yes, 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.***

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R ***I do.***

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R ***I do.***

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

(The parents and sponsors escort the catechumens to the altar as their name is called.)

P [Caden and Adrienne] the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

R *Amen.*

(Stand)

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown

of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace T be with you.

C Amen.

The Service continues with the Service of the Sacrament on page 208.

Communion Hymns – Confirmands favorites

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

LSB 388

“There Is a Redeemer”

Music below

**Second Verse Sung by Women Only
Sing the chorus after the last verse**



The Redeemer will come...My Spirit who is on you, and my words...will not depart...from this time on and forever. (Isaiah 59:20-21)

211 There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green

VERSE



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
 3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His



Son, _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 names, _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 face, _____ and there I'll serve my King for - ev - er.

CHORUS



Ho - ly One. Thank You, O my
 hope_ for_ sin - ners slain.
 in_ that_ ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son; _____ And



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work_ on_ earth is done.

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"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411

Closing Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers"

LSB 662

Serving the Lord in today's Service:

Rev. Michael Schempf

DeeDee , Organist

Neal K – Elder Sunday Service

Ralph K – Acting Elder Midweek Service

Ushers – Team 4 - Craig M. Jason J. Cody N. Scott N.

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Announcements

From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:

Acts 2:1 – *“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”* Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament it takes on the meaning of a new harvest: the ripe fields of the nations, bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord’s praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

The Pewpoint

THEME OF THE DAY

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends *“the Helper”* to His Church, that is, *“the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.”* The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He

forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says “Amen” to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by *“this sound,”* that is, by the preaching of *“the mighty works of God”* in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son *“on all flesh”* (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

Attendance:

Sunday Service: 87 Communed: 70
 Mid-Week Service: 9 Communed: 7

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday after Service	Adult Bible Class
Monday 7pm	Mid-Week Service
7pm	Pray, Praise and Give Thanks
Wednesday	Grapevine articles are due

YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures

Needed per week to make budget: \$3,462

Sunday Service Offering: \$2,539
 Plate: \$86
 Ascension \$35
 Automatic Deposit: \$50



The May Lutheran Witness magazine came in this week. Take one home, they're in the narthex.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Congregational Meeting – June 3rd

Bread & Roses – July 12th – sign up sheets will be in the narthex in July.

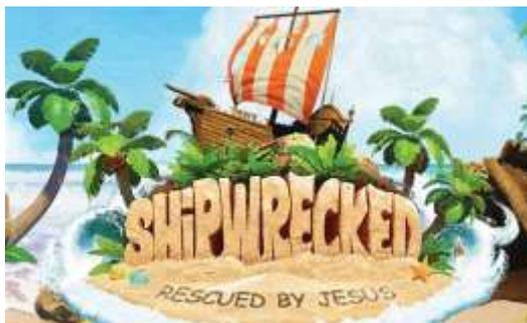
St. Louis Trip – July 28th to August 4. Sign up sheet is in the back.

Mission Trip to St. Louis-July 28-August 4, 2018.

Confirmation, high school, college students and adults are all encouraged to serve as mentors at the Intersect Arts-Summer Camp. It is an exciting time at Intersect as this organization has moved into a beautiful, newly renovated space. Our past



mission teams helped to prepare the buildings for this next exciting chapter of service. Volunteers will work with inner city children ages 8-14 assisting with a broad arts program including visual arts, drama, and music. We will also work with Holy Cross Lutheran Church and our son-in-law, Pastor Bob Bernhardt on a week long VBS. looking at conflict resolution from a biblical perspective. No experience or expertise needed...just a heart for encouraging kids to build a relationship with Jesus, the people of God and the local church. We have room for 20 people on this team. Please contact Pastor or Karen Schempf for more complete details and information.



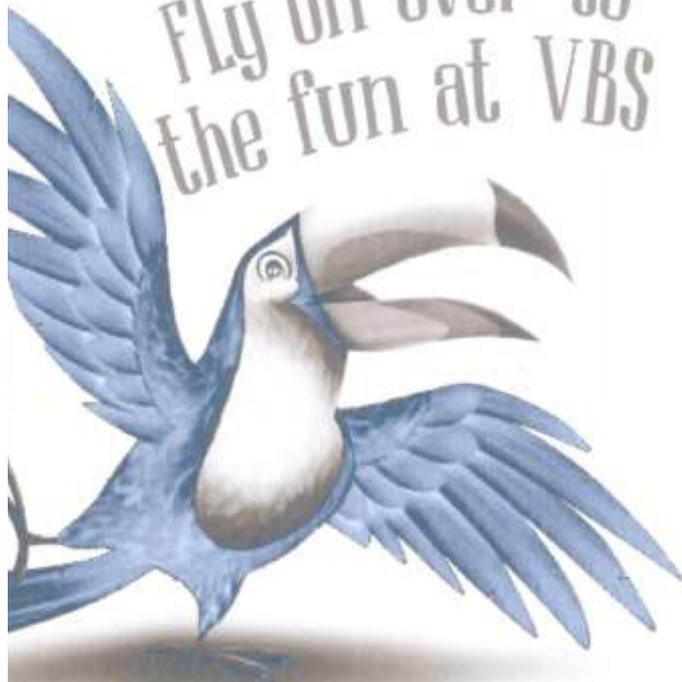
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS 2018 AT GOOD SHEPHERD, WATERTOWN

SHIPWRECKED – RESCUED BY JESUS!

Will be held the week of June 11-15, 2018 9am to noon

Forms are available in the narthex

Fly on over to
the fun at VBS



May the faith you confirm today
Be your key
To open the doors to....
HOPE, when all seems lost,
JOY, when despair consumes you,
LOVE, when hatred afflicts you, and
PEACE, when turmoil surrounds you.

Guard it well
And keep it close,
This precious key,
For when it is lost
All is lost.
But when it is found,
It will set you free
And always guide you
HOME.

[Annabel Cruz](#)