



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Grace Lutheran Church  
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 2, 2024**  
**9:15 a.m.**

*Today we have the joy of confirming the faith of Lennon Kaler, Elijah Krout, and Jayson Tula.  
We welcome these fine young people into full participation in the life of Grace Lutheran Church!*

## **Prelude**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us  
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may  
confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have  
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by  
what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may  
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of  
Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all  
your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**ELW 807**

# GREETING

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

# HYMN OF PRAISE



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the  
We are dancing ...  
We are singing ...



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



we are march - ing in the light of God.

## Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen**

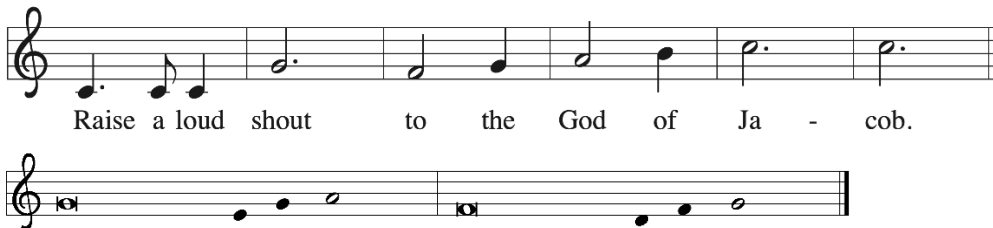
## First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.



Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 81:1-10



<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to <sup>1</sup> God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and <sup>1</sup> sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, <sup>1</sup> and the lyre. R**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at <sup>1</sup> the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day <sup>1</sup> of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a stat- <sup>1</sup> ute for Israel,  
a law of the <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the <sup>1</sup> land of Egypt,  
where I <sup>1</sup> did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder <sup>1</sup> from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the grave- <sup>1</sup> digger's basket. R**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I de-<sup>l</sup>ivered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa-<sup>l</sup>ters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will ad-<sup>l</sup>monish you:**

**O Israel, if you would but lis-<sup>l</sup>ten to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange<sup>l</sup> god among you;  
you shall not worship a<sup>l</sup> foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the<sup>l</sup> land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and<sup>l</sup> I will fill it. R**

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6**

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

### **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon: Leveling the (Kingdom’s) Playing Field**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

*The confirmands will come forward after the Hymn of the Day.*

**HYMN of the DAY: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**ELW 631**

### **Faith Statements**

Lennon Kaler: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

Elijah Krout: “For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)

Jayson Tula: “Strive for peace with all people, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14)

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*The pastor addresses the confirmands.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You know what God has given you by the free gift of his grace, and what he expects of you as his dear child. You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith.

The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

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

*Response:*

I renounce them.

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

*Response:*

I renounce them.

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

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The pastor addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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.**

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.**

*The presiding minister addresses the confirmands.*

Today you are making a public affirmation 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?

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

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.**

*The confirmands kneel. The families and sponsors are invited forward to lay hands on their child.*



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.

*The pastor lays both hands on the head of each person and says:*

Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*The confirmands stand and face the assembly. The pastor addresses the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**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 congregation may offer applause.*

## CONFIRMATION HYMN: Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

*The service continues with the prayers.*

## PRAYERS

To the petition “Merciful God,” please respond: “Receive our prayer.”



## GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

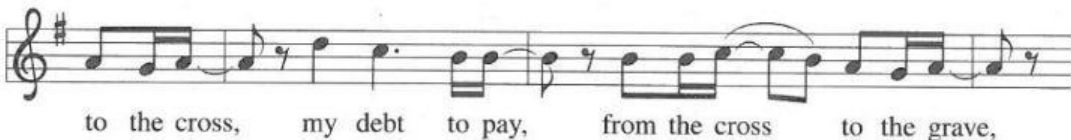
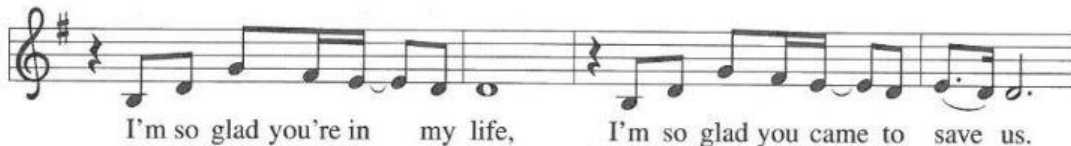
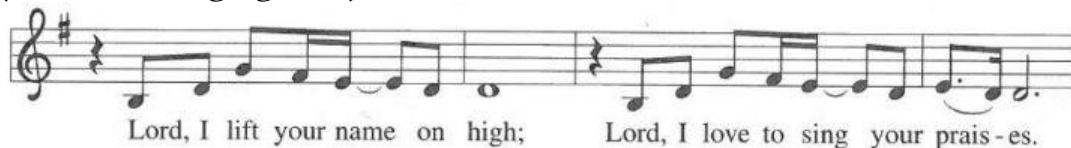
*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

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**Music at the Offering: Lord I Lift Your Name on High** by Rick Founds  
(choir and congregation)



*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now  
2. Bless the Lord all you pure of heart, All you hum - ble his



bless the Lord; come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,  
praise im - part; God the Fath - er and Son a - dore,

*Refrain*



praise the Lord and his maj - es - ty:  
bless the spir - it for - ev - er more. Raise your voic - es high,



praise and mag - ni - fy, all you works of God, bless the Lord!

## OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world. **C. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C. Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

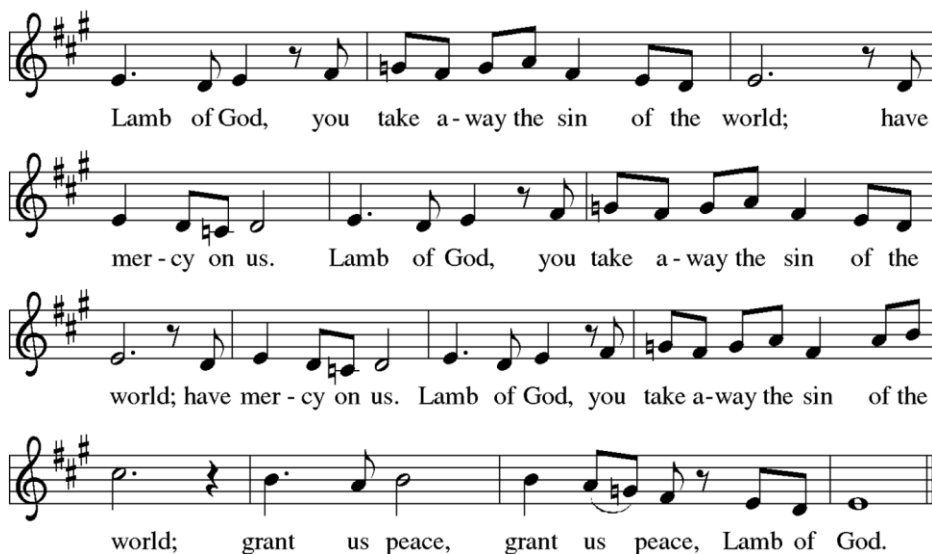
## Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## Communion Song: You are the Lord of Me (Choir)

Randy Sims

*You are the Lord of the Earth and the heavens; you are the Lord of the sky and the sea period you are the Lord of the valleys and mountains, you are the Lord of me  
You are the Lord of the rocks and the flowers; you are the Lord of the hills and the trees period you are the Lord of the days and the hours, you are the Lord of me  
And I will praise you for all of the wonders you've done period and I will thank you for Jesus, your only Son.*

## TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**C. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand.*

## **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: My Life Flows on in Endless Song**

**ELW 763**

## **DISMISSAL**

P. Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude: Trumpet Processional**

**Alfred Fedak**

## **Serving today – Thank You!!**

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Crucifer: Lennon Kaler

Communion Assistant: Lennon Kaler

Lectors: Olivia Herculini, Beth Krout

Ushers: Jeff Krout and Kay Deussing

Prayers of the People: Jayson Tula

Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Lincoln Kaler

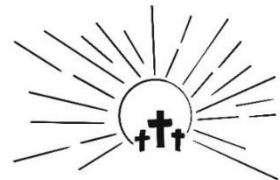
Altar Guild: Emily Woltmann

Acolyte: Usher

Coffee Hour: Bruce Schmidt

Council Offering & Lockup: Tom Salter

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm



## **Families of our Confirmands**

Lennon Kaler – parents, Jaime and Paul Kaler; sponsor, Jennifer Kaler-Thomas

Elijah Krout – parents, Beth and Jeff Krout; sponsors, Matt and Laura Slugg

Jayson Tula – parents, Jesus Tula-Morales and Crystal Tula; sponsor, Lisa Boyer

**The congregation is invited to a reception in our fellowship hall following  
worship to celebrate Lennon, Elijah and Jayson!**

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