

Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



Confirmation Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023

Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

WELCOME!

Introduction

Confirmation is also called the Affirmation of Baptism. Those who are baptized are saying YES to this gift, affirming the promises of God. In weekly classes over two years, Owen and Aiden have learned the promises God gave them, explored what they mean for them and developed skills in asking the right questions. They have mined parts of the Bible, the catechism and church traditions to find some appropriate answers. Most importantly they have learned that it is God who affirms their baptism. Today we pray that the Holy Spirit may confirm them in faith, guide their life, empower them in service to others, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Gathering Song - Speak, O Lord

Speak O Lord, as we come to You,
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us:
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

C: **In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water may be poured into the font as the pastor continues.

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting / Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.

Worship Choir "This Is My Word "

Words and music by Pepper Choplin

*As the snow falls from heaven
as it comes in swirling showers from the sky,
so is my Word.*

*As the rains bring the water
to the earth that is thirsty and dry,
so is my Word.*

*And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;
it will bless the earth wherever it is heard.
This is my Word.*

*As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive,
so is my Word.
Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive,
so is my Word.*

*O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain,
my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.
Proclaim the Word, and you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace,
and the hills will break before you into song.
So be faithful, brave and true, for I will go before you.
And when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done!*

Children's Time

Kids Church Note

There is generally no Kids Church on long weekends during the year. The Baby Room and the Toddler Nook are available to use if you wish. There are also children's activity folders for different age groups in the Narthex and children's bulletins at the entrance to the sanctuary.

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47:1-9

- L: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- C: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**
- L: He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- C: He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- L: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- C: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- L: For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
- C: God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**
- L: The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
- C: For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the last two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



Hymn of the Day - Waterlife

Leader or All



1 Be - fore I can re - mem - ber the cov - e - nant was sealed
 2 A sim - ple sweet be - gin - ning, a lov - ing place to start:
 3 My hope and ex - pec - ta - tion for true com - mun - i - ty



with Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, in wa - ter was re - vealed.
 Christ be - gan the sing - ing that swells with - in my heart.
 be - gins with res - ur - rec - tion, his death and life in me.



The cleans - ing was for cer - tain, with wa - ter and the Word;
 His love be - came my call - ing, his life my min - is - try.
 His Spir - it fills the Bod - y: his church through wa - ter sees



gen - tle words were spo - ken, in heav - en they were heard.
 His name is my a - dop - tion in - to his fam - i - ly.
 prom - ise for to - mor - row, his wa - ter - life in me.

Refrain

All



They were sing - ing wa - ter - life, be - gin - ning life, wa - ter - life



all my life, wa - ter - life, Spir - it life, wa - ter - life.

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Music: SPIRIT LIFE, Handt Hanson

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The Confirmation Rite:

*(The Congregational Chairperson
presents those making affirmation of baptism.)*

P: Aiden and Owen have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism. They have discussed the faith and life in Christ that Christians have transmitted to us over the ages. They are here as a public witness of their faith and trust in God. By being here, they express their intention of identifying with God's people, the Church, and of sharing the life and work of the Church.

In your baptism, you and all other Christians have celebrated the fact that you belong to God. At that time you became members of the family of God, the Church. You have lived as the people of God. You have shared in study of Christian faith and life. And today, by your presence here, you, your parents, your relatives and friends, and all who are here, are saying:

C: We are the church, a royal priesthood, the body of Christ, God's own people, in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

P: To signify the unity which we have as God's people, I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. I therefore ask you: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Confirmands: (together) I do.

(All rise.)



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P: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

P: Do you believe in 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.*

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

Confirmands: (in turn) *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: Do you intend to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper?

Confirmands: (in turn) *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: Do you intend 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: (in turn) *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

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C: Lord God, we thank you, that in our baptism you gave us a new quality of life and a new way of living. You have called us to be among your people and to be your people. Continue to strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, and daily increase in us your gifts of grace: 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. Arouse in us the desire and the ability to thank and praise, to love and serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Take Oh, Take Me As I Am

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics for the first system are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: John L. Bell

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*(The confirmands kneel.
The pastor lays both hands on the head of each confirmand.)*

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

Confirmands: Amen.

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(Repeat) Take Oh, Take Me As I Am

The confirmands receive their certificates and are welcomed by the Congregation's Chairperson who says:

Through affirmation of Baptism, these brothers, by the grace of God, have chosen to commit themselves to sharing all the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian life.

C: We greet your affirmation of faith with joy. We treasure your membership in the Lord's family and we rejoice in your response to Christ's invitation to live as children of the heavenly Father, and to be workers with us in the kingdom of God.



Prayers

Prayer Response:

P: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.

Offertory Prayer

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. **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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right...

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

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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 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**

(The communion follows. The confirmands and their families will commune together followed by the congregation.)

Holy Communion

Christ invites us all and wants you to be included.

*Please approach the altar from the centre aisle. Form a line at the bottom step of the altar between the two hand rails in groups of 10-12 people, and stay together until the pastor has given each group a blessing. Extend your hands, the bread will be dropped into your open hands. Then, proceed to the left or right to accept the wine/grape juice from the tray.**



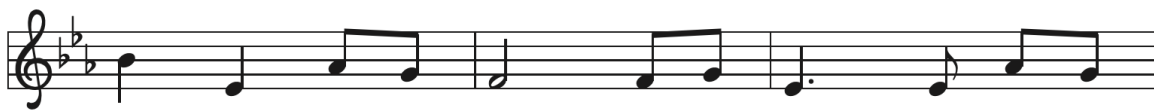
Those wishing to be included without having the bread and wine may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by folding your arms.

**All wafers and bread are gluten free.*

Communion Songs - Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

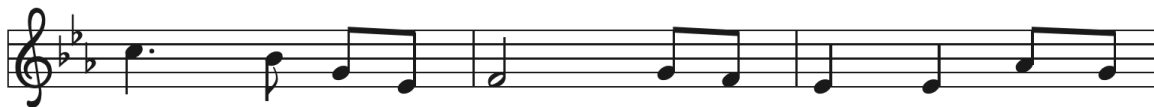


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Be the Center

Jesus, be the center,
be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Jesus, be the center,
be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails,
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails,
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.
Jesus, Jesus.

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Your Love

Look what You've done in my life;
See what You've done in this heart;
You've brought hope, healing and freedom;
Look what You've done in my life.
(repeat)

And though I'm not deserving of Your love,
You give it all to me;
With open arms You welcome me.

Your love is higher than the mountains;
Your love is deeper than the sea;
Jesus, You came to pay my ransom;
It's Your love, Jesus, sets me free.

(ending)
It's Your love that sets me free.
It's Your love that sets me free.

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You are My Wholeness

In you, I find forgiveness.
Yes, in You, I find release.
It's a wonder You take all the blunders I make,
And so graciously offer me peace.

In you, I find true friendship.
Yes, Your love is so free of demands.
Though it must hurt You so
You keep letting me go
to discover the person I am.

(Chorus)

**You, You are my wholeness,
You are my completeness,
my soul, my thirsty soul can
rest in the depths of Your love.**

Like a Father, You long to protect me,
yet You know I must learn on my own.
Well, I'm making my choice,
I will follow your voice
that's guiding me back to my home.

(Chorus)

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Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BLESSING

Announcements

Sending Song - My Lighthouse

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
in my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.
In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

(Chorus)

**My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You! Oh,--
my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise:**

**You will carry me safe to shore,--- safe to shore,---
safe to shore,--- safe to shore.**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

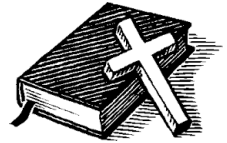
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Faith Statement

By Aiden Jones



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.



My time in confirmation, learning about the catechism, including the Ten Commandments, have taught me about being a good person, someone my family can be proud of. My mom's confirmation class had to pick a verse from the Bible. Her's was Psalm 23, one of her favorites, and she has shared it with me. "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want..." These words are comforting and make me feel I am not alone as I grow into a man. I think Psalm 23 relates to Jesus like how it says, "He leads me in right paths." I believe Jesus will always lead you the right way. He is called the Good Shepherd in the New Testament because he is one with the LORD in the Old Testament.

I thank Pastor for his time these past years and thank him for pretending to "lose" in ping pong 😊 and my mom and family for their support.



*Altar flowers were supplied by the families of the
Confirmands, arranged by Trina Jones.*



Faith Statement

By Owen Jones



My favourite passage from the Bible is Genesis 1, the story of the creation of the world, which is important to me because I have an appreciation for nature and the mysteries of the world, the ocean, and land, including the things that live in it, like animals and plants, and how it relates to the story of creation in the Bible. We can relate to the forests with animals and plants in them. I believe that God created the world and all of its wonders. I think this says that God is a beautiful being. I believe that humans are created in God's image and only something as beautiful as nature can be made in the image as beautiful as God. What this says about people is, if he made something that beautiful, it must mean that humans are beautiful too.

The Gospel according to John chapter 1 also talks about creation and how Jesus of Nazareth, a human like me and you, relates us to God.

“In the beginning there was the word, the word was with God, the word was God, he was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. But all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born not of blood or of the will of flesh or of the will of man, but of God. The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness, we have all received grace upon grace. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only son, who is close to the fathers heart who has made him known.”

Jesus shows us that we are close to God's heart, like Jesus Christ. We are God's children, like Jesus. Jesus shows us that God is full of grace and truth. So when we do ugly things to God's beautiful world, God shows us the truth and helps us to change. He gives us grace, so we can start over again. Just like when in ping-pong we said “Grace” and the person got to serve over again.

*Special Thanks to Doug Sime for taking the official
confirmands' pictures and Mike Lee for preparing the
Confirmation Certificates.*



A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

We are looking for a group of volunteers willing to be on a **"set up/take down"** list. We can then consult this list for help with set up/take down of furniture (mostly tables and chairs) for various events at Glory (i.e. funerals and memorial services, church picnics, soup suppers, concerts, etc.). This can take place in days leading up to and after an event – whenever it is convenient for you (e.g. Sunday after church, during evenings before and after the event, or during a weekday). 4 people can usually accomplish what needs to be done in about 20 minutes.

We are also looking for volunteers whom we could call on to **help out in the kitchen** on an occasional basis - preparing beverages and serving food, and cleaning up afterwards (not necessarily both on the same occasion 😊). This would also be for various events at Glory (i.e. funerals and memorial services, church picnics, soup suppers, etc.) which could take place on a weekday, an evening, or a weekend.

There is a sign up list in the Narthex or you can contact Pat in person; by email glc.life@glorylutheran.ca; or by phone or text 780 239 5345.

Thank you for considering this request!

Smile



Jessica will be here before and after Sunday Worship **today and on May 28**, to take photos for the directory. If you haven't yet submitted a photo for the directory, please consider getting your photo taken before or after one of these Sunday services.

Alternately, photos may be submitted to
directory@glorylutheran.ca

Thank You

to all those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and members who shared their gifts in today's service:

Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Glory Lutheran Church Worship Choir, Musicians, AV Techs, Greeters, Communion Assistants,

Greeters: Val Voros
Ushers: Rose Schlegl, Maggie Hensel
Reader: Confirmands & Elizabeth Wood
Acolyte: Maria Takenaka
Kids Church: ~No Kids Church Today~
Communion Assistants: Maria Takenaka, Aiden Jones, Owen Jones
Coffee Setup/Cleanup: Joyce Spitzke
Church Lock-Up: Pastor Markus

To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet on the easel in the Narthex.

Events This Week

Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm
Women's Group Bagged Lunch - Wednesday 12:00pm
Worship @ Hardisty Care Centre - Thursday 10:00am Choir - Thursday 7:30pm

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
May 14, 2023	28	98	***will be reported next week***

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on our website, glorylutheran.ca.

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