

# Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Confirmation Sunday  
Sunday, July 26, 2020

Pastor: Carl Noble

## Our Mission Statement

Lamb of God shares God's love in Jesus with each other,  
for our community, and throughout the world.

*Jesus:*

*Know Him! Follow Him! Share Him!*

## Helping with the Service

Organist: Anna White

Soloist: Amy Trosclair

Ushers: 8:00 AM

John Remond

Brian Remond

Justin Remond

10:30 AM

Mike Underwood

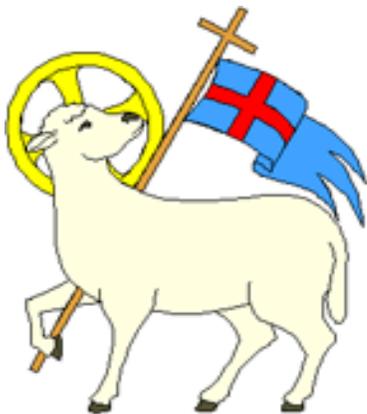
Ronda Underwood

Greeters: 8:00 AM

Tricia Remond

10:30 AM

Pam Flucke



The Rite of Confirmation  
Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Slidell, LA  
Sunday, July 26, 2020

**WELCOME:**

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Thine Forever, God of Love**

*LSB 687 Stanzas 1 & 5*



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;  
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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**THE INVOCATION:**

**P:** We begin our worship today in the name of God the Father, who created us; God the Son, who by his death redeemed us; and God the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith and sanctifies us.

**P: Amen**

**THE OPENING PRAYER:**

God our Father, your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. Bless, guide, and govern our Confirmation class and all people of your Church by your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word. Grant that we all might serve you well and usefully, developing our talents not for our own sakes, but for the glory of God and the welfare of our neighbor. Protect and defend all of your children from all danger and harm, giving your holy angels charge over us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our LORD and Savior. Amen

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**The First Lesson:**

*2 Timothy 3:12-17*

“Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

## **The Second Lesson:**

*Philippians 2:1-5; 4:4-7*

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...Rejoice in the LORD always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

## **THE SOLO:**

**“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”**

*Amy Trosclair*

## **THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

*John 3:1-18*

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." <sup>4</sup> "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**THE SERMON HYMN:**

**Let Me Be Thine Forever**

LSB 689



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead-fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con-fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con-stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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**THE CONFIRMATION MESSAGE:**

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**The Pastor addresses the confirmands.**

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said: "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." (Matthew 28:18-20)

You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith according to our Lord's bidding. The fulfillment of his bidding we now celebrate with thankful hearts, rejoicing to confess the faith into which you were baptized and which you yourselves now confess before the Church.

Jesus said: "Whoever confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father in heaven. But he that denies me before men, I will deny him before my Father in heaven." (Matthew 10:32)

Lift up your hearts therefore to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of the Church, I now shall ask you.

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

**R: I do.**

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R: I do 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?

**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. Amen.**

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 so intend with the help of God.**

P: Do you hold the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you desire to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of Lamb of God Lutheran Church here in this congregation?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and Sacraments, which are his means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R: I do so intend by the grace of God.**

*The Pastor addresses the congregation.*

P: Good people of Lamb of God Lutheran Church, you have heard their confession of faith; you have heard their explanation of the faith God gave to them through his baptismal waters and the power of his Word at work in their hearts and lives; I present to you the confirmation class of 2020. Do you accept these young men and women into confirmed and therefore communicant membership in this, God's holy Church at Lamb of God Lutheran Church?

**C: We do so accept them with the great joy of God's salvation.**

### **THE BLESSING AND THE WORD OF GOD:**

As each individual confirmand comes forward, parents, sponsors, friends and relatives may join them at the altar.

*The Pastor addresses the confirmands*

P: Give then your hand as pledge and promise and kneel to receive the blessing of the Lord our God.

\_\_\_\_\_, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you his Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism which he has poured out upon you, body and soul, and through the power of His own holy Word. Our Lord God continues to give you His Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification, and the fear, respect, and honor of God all the days of your life. Amen.

Confirmation verse is read.

*After all confirmands have received the blessing.*

P: Upon this your profession and promise, on behalf of the people of God in the congregation of Lamb of God Lutheran Church, I invite and welcome you, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for his Church and to live them out continually in his worship and service.

*The congregation please stand for prayer.*

P: Let us pray for the newly confirmed.

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.

## **The Service of the Eucharist**

### **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake he forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:**

# The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 Stanzas 1-4



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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## THE BENEDICTION:

### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Our confirmation Class - 2020

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