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**MAIN STREET LIVING** Next weeks This is the Life 10:00am – “A Dream of His Own” – (1974) A father and son are at odds when the construction company will evict an Indian family.

Worship Service 10:30am – Rev. Randy Cormeny of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, IA, delivers the message “The Vine” based on John 15:1-8. Additional information is available on the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

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Main Street Living  
3204 S. Lakeport Street,  
Sioux City, IA 51106

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** We are collecting a special offering for the Orphan Grain train today after the service. Offerings can be given at the back of the church on your way out.

**✦Those Serving Next Week May 2nd, 2021✦**

**Elders:** Tony Heisterkamp

**Ushers:** Mark Heimgartner

**Reader:** Allyn Anderson

**Trustee:** Darrell Kleihauer

**Music:** Jennifer Heisterkamp

## Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

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**Sunday Worship 9:00am**



**April 25, 2021**

**4rd Sunday of Easter**

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Pastor Carl and Chen His Li Hanson, Asia Region

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster, Prague, Czech Republic

Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver, Taiwan and Asia Region

Rev. Paul Flo-South Sioux City Hispanic Ministry

Nathan Nelson-Seminary Student

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Confirmation Sunday

June 28, 2020

**Opening Hymn** #644 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

**Verse 1**

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died

**Verse 2**

Elect from every nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued

**Verse 3**

'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest

**Verse 4**

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly

**HOLY COMMUNION** If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure that your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine, if you would prefer that option. Thank You, Pastor Geitz.

**VISITORS** If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give during the offerings. But you are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We just desire that you give to God out of what He has blessed you with. Pastor

**PRAYERS** Herm Bremer, Melvin Fritz, Emma Anderson, Jaydn Berkenpas, Nolan Boehmer, Evan Brennan, Elizabeth Dempster, Lawson Ostermyer, Allison Palmer, Addisyn Petersen, Zach Shade

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**THE CHOSEN** Have you heard of the Christian TV series "The Chosen"? If you are interested in watching it, we will be showing it in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays starting April 20th at 1:30pm. If you have any questions please contact Lois or Lola.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** did you know you can choose to have your Thrivent Choice dollars directed to support Grace Lutheran's Ministry? Feel free to contact our representative, Joni Kellen at 712-541-5074. Your support is appreciated.

**GRADUATION** If you are a graduating high school senior or graduating from college and would like to be recognized please

is the most important person, and we all need him to be out most important person.

### **Zach Shade**

Son of Kate Shade and Rob Donlin

Sponsors: Tyler Uden and Nicole Feller

Hi this is Zachary Curtis Shade the son of Kate and Richard Shade. I'm the grandson of Curt and Denise Uden I have 3 sisters Megan Sidney Zoey. My sponsor is Stan Culley The bible verse that taught me is that Jesus Christ died on the cross for sin I will be going to church every Sunday. I will bring my bible to Sunday school in the future I will help with church activities like VBS porkchop dinner orphan faith has taught me to believe in Jesus Christ you gave his life for you and me Jesus has kept me from danger and I my bible verse is John 3:16 For God so love the world that he gave his one only son for whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life to stay living

### **✦News & Notes for April 25th, 2021✦**

#### **✦This Week at Grace Lutheran✦**

**Sun, April 25:** Worship at 9:00am w/HC

**Confirmation Sunday 9:00am**

Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

**Mon, April 26:** Bible Study at 9:30 am

Board of Ed Meeting 7:00pm

**Tues, April 27:** The Chosen 1:30pm

**Thur April 29:** Bible Study 7:00am

**Sun, May 2:** Worship at 9:00am w/HC

Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am

Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

#### **✦Those Serving Us This Week✦**

**Elders:** Tony Heisterkamp

**Ushers:** Mark Heimgartner and Jacob Heimgartner

**Reader:** Lynn Buss

**Trustee:** Darrell Kleihauer

**Music:** Ruth Alexander

**Acolyte:** Jacob and Isaac Beller

On high may dwell with Thee

### **Verse 5**

Though with a scornful wonder

Men see her sore oppressed

By schisms rent asunder

By heresies distressed

Yet saints their watch are keeping

Their cry goes up how long

And soon the night of weeping

Shall be the morn of song

### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

We confess our sins to God our Father:

**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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son Jesus to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You that You welcome all people into Your family through the waters of Holy Baptism and through Your Word. Bless and keep us in the one, true, faith all the days of our lives here on earth that we might one day join with all the saints in heaven singing the

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

**Amen!**

**The Readings from God's Word** Acts 4:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Children's Sermon**

**The Readings from God's Word** 1 John 3:16-24

This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

**The Readings from God's Word** John 10:11-18

This is the Gospel of our Lord,  
**Praise be to You, O God**

**Faith Statements**

**Song of the Day** #707 *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

siblings happy by blessing us with all the wants and needs we have received from my family.

Without my grandparents I don't think I would have as good of a relationship with God as I do. My grandparents and Parents have always wanted their children to have a relationship with God, and I believe that is why I have always grown up with God and have gone to church. My grandma Rose has always gotten my siblings devotions for Christmas and has brought us to many worship concerts. I believe that she is a big reason why I have a relationship with God. Even though a 7 year old would much rather get toys for Christmas than a devotion I am now looking back and am grateful I was given devotions so I could learn about God and what he has done for everyone. Before my parents had separated we attended Grace like any other family, my siblings and I went to Sunday school and my older siblings have both confirmed here. While coming to grace and growing my relationship with God I was able to meet some of my now closest friends that I will forever be grateful for meeting.

Going to church and attending other activities Grace provides is something I would love to continue to do to grow my faith in Jesus. Every Wednesday I would come to church and spend time with friends. Jesus to me is the most selfless person, he gave his life so that we could go to heaven and have eternal life and I believe that the least we could do is praise him and be thankful that we get to be greedy and still be able to go to heaven.

Exodus 15:2. "The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation, he is my God and I will praise him, my fathers God, and I will exalt him." I chose this verse because to me it tells that he is everyone's God and not just mine, and he will be there for everyone. It says that I will praise and exalt him and I think it is important that we all need to grow and learn with him because he should be the most important person for everyone. So many people may recognize this verse from a song, "the Lord is my strength and my song". "They rejoiced for they know God would not fail." To me that means that everyone had faith in God and believed that he would save them. In today's world lots of people need to see it to believe it and I liked this passage because it shows how powerful God's faith can be. God

I will continue growing my faith by being an active member of grace Lutheran by attending Sunday School, High School Bible Study, as well as our church services. I promise to read my Bible more often and I'm reassured that if I don't understand something that Pastor Geitz, my parents, and grandparents are more than willing to explain and help me grow even more in my faith, as well as many of the members of this amazing Church Family! Without my family, Pastor, and this amazing church family, my life and faith might have been a little different.

With God, nothing will be impossible.”-Luke 1:37 I chose this verse from Luke because it a simple reminder that no matter what is going on in my life that as long as I have faith in Jesus Christ that all things are possible.

### **Addisyn Petersen**

Daughter of Paul and Amy Braun, Josh Petersen  
Sponsors: Kyle Petersen & Cassie McDougan

My name is Addisyn Petersen, My parents are Josh Petersen and Amy Braun. My grandparents are Rodger and Rose Petersen, Deb and the Late Steven Firechs. I have been going to Grace Lutheran ever since I was born and my family has been attending Grace for longer that I have been alive. I believe that God the father is the creator of all and has all the power. In all, I believe that Jesus is the one that saved everyone from hell and everyone has the option to go to heaven just because he put everyone before himself. I believe that God and Jesus are the most selfless people of all, they put everything and everyone above themselves just so we could have eternal life with them in heaven.

42 percent of marriages end in divorce. To some it may be the end of the world while to others it may be a relief. Some may say that they would never be okay if their parents had got a divorce but I think God was preparing my siblings and I to get many more blessings in life. One huge thing I think God did for my siblings and I was bring my step parents into our lives. At first I didn't like the idea of having step parents and I didn't want them until I realized that they would make my parents happy. They didn't do anything except try to make my siblings and I happy and comfortable around them. Now that it has been more than 7 years since my parents separation I believe that God has made me and my

4. Make me to walk in Thy commands  
’Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

**Sermon** “Laying Down by Lying Down!” John 10:11-18

## **SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **Pledge of the Confirmands**

**Pastor:** In the Rite of Confirmation, we individually affirm our Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us joyfully share in the Catechism’s section of Holy Baptism. First, what is Baptism?

**Confirmands: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s Word.**

**Pastor:** Which is that Word of God?

**Confirmands: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “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.**

**Pastor:** Second, what benefits does Baptism give?

**Confirmands: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

**Pastor:** Which are these words and promises of God?

**Confirmands: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”**

**Pastor:** Dear members of the Confirmation Class:

At one time you were received into God’s covenant of grace through the waters of Holy Baptism. By means of this Sacrament you were freed from the power of darkness and called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, your Lord. Since that time you have been instructed in the Word of God and in the true meaning of the

Holy Sacraments according to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC—MS). At this time I invite you to confirm the Christian faith which was confessed at your Baptism by your parents, sponsors, and congregation in order that you may be reminded again of the covenant of grace which God made with you at that time. Do you this day in the presence of God and this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism?

**Confirmands: I do.**

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

**Confirmands: I do.**

**Pastor:** You do believe in God the Father Almighty?

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

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

**Confirmands: 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.**

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

**Confirmand: 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.**

**Pastor:** And now I ask you, the members of the Confirmation class, in the presence of God and this congregation, do you intend to remain strong in your faith and committed to Christ's Church and to suffer anything, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**Confirmands: I do so intend with God's help.**

**Pastor:** Do you hold all the books of the Bible, written by the prophets and apostles, to be the inspired Word of God and agree that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible and as you have learned to know them through Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true?

**Confirmands: I do.**

and uncle, John and Heidi Heisterkamp and Allison what are my sponsors. I have been coming to Grace Lutheran since 2008. My mom and I were welcomed as new members of Grace Lutheran in the Spring of 2009. Since day one of attending church at Grace, pastor has called me “Smiley”. Every time I would see Pastor or he would see me I can never keep a straight face. He always knows how to make me smile or laugh! I have been attending Sunday School, Grace kids, and Confirmation Class.

My mom has had a big influence in my faith development by making sure I attend church and Sunday School, teaching me prayers, and just being a role model to me. She has been a big supporter of me in my childhood and my teenage years. Which probably hasn't been easy! Another big supporter of me is my Papa Tony and Grandma Jenn. They were always willing to step in to help if my mom wasn't able to bring me to church and Sunday School. My Papa Tony has also had a major influence as he helped with Confirmation class and with my memory work. I also have enjoyed the time before and after Confirmation Class, as he was usually the one to drive me over from Akron. We've had a lot of one on one talks in his truck these past few years and I will cherish that special time forever. My Dad and Tiffany have also helped me in my faith by making sure when I go visit them that we are going to church too.

I've also experienced a lot of grief in my life that has played a part in my understanding what it means to be faithful or to have faith. Most recently the death of my Great Grandma White. We had a special connection, as I spent a lot of time with her over the years. She taught me that I should always be joyful and happy for what God has done in my life, no matter the struggles, most of which I could not control. I really remember and really miss her big hugs and her always telling me she loved me and Jesus does too. I'm thankful that I have my faith, because that means I believe in HEAVEN! Which means I get to see her again and all my family that has already died. I've also learned how powerful prayer is and what a child-like faith can do. It made it possible for my brother Jack to be here today alive and thriving. The doctors said that they never expected Jack to survive birth, but God had other plans and he is now 3 years old and running all over the place as a happy little boy.

When my grandpa died it was extremely hard and not only for me it was for my whole family. My grandpa taught me a lot about God and I am confident where he is because of how strong his faith was. My grandpa was always at church, and helping all the time. My goal is to follow in grandpa's footsteps with how strong his faith was and how strong mine will grow.

Life experiences that have helped me trust and believe in God? For me this question is hard because I can't just come up with one. God is everywhere always, and for me, every day and every breath is a gift from God. Life as we know it could change in an instant. Knowing that, I feel just waking up in the morning is a big thing. I know in any time of trouble I can always turn to God and he will always be there. I know I have the greatness of God everyday to see the people I love and having friends I am able to see regularly.

My scripture verse is Joshua 1:9 have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous do not be frightened and dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go., This verse means a lot to me and how I live my life. I know there are a lot of times in my life that feel this anxious and worried, But I can look back on this verse and be happy because I know God has a plan for everyone and he has a reason for everything.

The reason I picked Joshua 1:9 is because I know I can and call upon God in all my troubles and God will do what is best for me as a person, the best for my road through life along with giving me the opportunity to learn, and grow stronger in my faith.

### **Allison Palmer**

Daughter of Emily & Chris Colt, Chuck & Tiffany Palmer  
Sponsors: Jon & Heidi Heisterkamp & Allison White

My name is Allison Ann, and I was born on Friday, October 13, 2006. My parents are Emily and Chris Colt and Chuck and Tiffany Palmer. My Grandparents are Tony and Jennifer Heisterkamp, Lucy and Mike Colt, Bonnie Palmer, and Karen and Bryan Ihnhen. I also have 5 amazing siblings, Ruth, Evelyn and Glen Colt and Max and Jack Palmer. I am also excited to welcome another sibling into my family in about a month! I was baptized in Raymore, Missouri on November 5, 2006. My aunt

**Pastor:** Do you desire to be a communing member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC—MS) and of Grace Lutheran Church?

**Confirmands: I do.**

**Pastor:** Do you intend faithfully to live your life according to God's Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and Sacrament, which are His means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the end of your life?

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

### **Pledge of the Parents**

**Pastor:** In Christian love, you presented your children for Holy Baptism. At that time you promised to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. You also promised to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith. Your children have now completed their Confirmation instruction and have made a vow before God to remain faithful to Him and to continue to grow in true faith and knowledge of Him. And so I ask you parents, will you continue to support your children in their sacred vow by continuing to bring them to worship, Sunday School, and other opportunities for growth and fellowship?

**Parents: Yes, with the help of God.**

**Pastor:** Will you continue to support and encourage these children in their Christian life by seeking family opportunities to study God's Word together, that they may see in you the delight of God's Word providing them with a lamp for their feet and a light to their path; to discuss your faith and its application to life and to pray together for God's guidance and strength to handle life's challenges?

**Parents: Yes, with the help of God.**

**Pastor:** The promise from God's Word is that it will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish that purpose for which God has intended. May He continue to give you His wisdom and strength as you journey with your child through the teen years.

Know that you are in partnership with your church, your pastor, and our spiritual leadership as we work together to continue to nurture these young people. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Pledge of the Congregation**

**Pastor:** These promises are difficult to fulfill, both by the Confirmand and their parents. On their own, they will fail. But God has given community to His Church that together, we might help build up and strengthen the whole body. For that reason, I now ask everyone else gathered here: Will you continue to pray for these young Confirmands? Will you support them, instruct them, and admonish them when necessary? Will you help build them up in their Christian faith that they might continue to grow and mature in their faith?

**Congregation: We will, the Lord giving us strength!**

### **The Individual Blessing**

**Pastor:** (Name), God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ give you His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

(After All Are Confirmed)

**Pastor:** Upon this your profession and promise, I invite and welcome you as communing members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC—MS) 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.

### **Prayer for the Confirmands**

**Pastor:** Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly come to You for these Your servants. Let Your fatherly hand ever be over them, and may Your Holy Spirit ever be with them. Lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, lives and rules eternally!

**All: Amen!**

can be a challenge at most times. If I look hard enough He is there in every type of situation keeping me safe. It also shows me that I need to keep my heart devoted to Him Because if I don't I will lose sight of Him and it won't be easy to find him again. God is important in life and he needs to be recognized and remembered throughout your life.

### **Lawson Ostermyer**

Son of Adam Ostermyer and Shelly Ostermyer

Sponsors: Jason Hamer, Toni and Eddie Hodges

My Name is Lawson Ostermyer. I am the son of Adam on Shelly Ostermyer and grandson of Linda and Larry Hamer along with Pat Buys and Lonnie Ostermyer. My sponsors are Jason Hamer and Toni and Eddie Hodges. My Baptismal birthday is September 3, 2006. I started attending Grace when I was a week old.

With my belief in God and his 3 persons, I know that God works in different ways especially in my life. God has done a lot now that I look back on my life. He is the reason I am here and why I am the person I am today.

I think God works in my life and the most recent is when my grandpa passed away. I think through him is the reason I got through it as well as I did. I think this is because he is in a better place. I am confident in this because of everybody I know he had the strongest faith in God. God works in our lives in good times. He allows us to have the memories we have with the people that matter to us and the people that mean the most to us. God in my opinion is the source of all happiness. With the belief in God, it helps to know someone is on your side and for me it puts a smile on my face just knowing that.

To me, being confirmed is more than a title; it's a step further in my faith. For church I will keep coming for Sunday services and Sunday school. For me. Church makes me feel better when I am there and will be going as long as I am able. I think I could get involved more in church and be there more often.

The key person that has helped me grow in my faith is my grandpa. My grandpa had the strongest faith of anybody I knew.



with Something I remind myself that God is there and He will help me with everything.

I am excited to be confirmed, but I am also going to miss it. I have so many fun memories associated with confirmation. I feel that it has helped me grow as a person and learn the best things to do in certain situations. Confirmation has helped me remember the bible stories we have studied to the point I could probably tell you the rest of the story if you tell me the names of the people in it. Memory work has helped me to remember all the books of the bible and know the Ten Commandments and what they mean. It also helps me remember important bible verses. Being confirmed shows that I am devoted to God and will be faithful as my life continues.

Throughout my life I plan on using God as a reference and keeping him in mind never forgetting that he is there to help me. God can do great things and help others to do great things in life like giving to others or being there to help someone in times of need. I know That I will always try my best to come to church and pay attention to the sermons so that I grow my faith in God and become closer to him. I will continue to show up to Sunday School through out the rest of Middle School and High school and Bible Study after I graduate.

Janette Coover has been my confirmation guide since I started and she helps me to understand things. We can have fun and laugh at her jokes when we are learning, but she is still good at helping us on track. She is also a great mentor and can help you figure out how to handle things the way God would want you to.

There have been times that I've been taking a test in school and I haven't Studied, or I had a hard time understanding that God has been there and helped me get a good grade. He has helped me through so many things that I trust in him greatly. God has shown me grace by sticking by my side every day. Without Him I wouldn't be here getting confirmed. He has Helped me through everyday of my life no matter how hard it is.

The confirmation verse I chose is Deuteronomy 4:29 "From there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul." I chose this verse because it shows me that I need to keep my faith in God which

### **Hymn:** *"We Are an Offering"*

#### **Chorus 1**

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering

#### **Bridge**

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You

#### **Chorus 2**

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

#### **Repeat All**

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### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **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 Words of Institution**

### **Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Amen.**

### **Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

### **Post- Communion Blessing**

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

The grace of our Lord and Savior...

**Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn** #696 *"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"*

1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill  
And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.

2. So may we join Thy name to bless,  
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.

3. Spirit of life, of love and peace,  
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.

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### **Evan Brennan**

Son of Leo & Tiffany Brennan

Sponsors: Josh Pick and Katherine Stream

My Name is Evan Brennan, I believe that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all one. God created everything and save us from sin. I see God in my life in many ways, like a beautiful rainbow after a thunderstorm on a spring day. When my Little Brother was born, which was a joyful time or now my little brother which can also be a struggle. When I had several eye surgeries when I was younger, I think God was there. He is with me when I am with my friends at school or just hanging out.

Confirmation class took along time. I have learned a lot about God with the help of Pastor and my teachers through the years. My parents and god parents spoke for me when I was baptized now, I can speak for myself about how I believe in God. I will be a confirmed member of Grace and I will get to take communion. Now I can help with bible school and participate in youth group like the older kids that helped me. I should keep going to church on Sunday even though I would Like to sleep in or play video games.

I chose John 8:12 for my bible verse. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

### **Elizabeth Dempster**

Daughter of Troy and Stacy Dempster

Sponsors: Darla Berkenpas and Nicole Liebau

My name is Elizabeth Dempster, my parents' names are Troy and Stacy. I have an older brother named Zach and a younger brother named Masen. My Godparents are Nicole Liebau and Darla Berkenpas. I have been attending Grace Lutheran church since I was a baby, and I was baptized on January 28. 2007.

When I think of God I think He is our Protector and He watches over us. God makes everything happen for a reason, either good or bad we always learn a lesson and grow from it. God has done many great things and continues to do even more every day. Whenever I don't feel like I am doing okay or I am Struggling

songs. I hoped that one day I would get a part in the Christmas play like the big kids.

The next Step in my faith was when I joined Grace Kids. I was asked to come in and just give it a try. I thought it was so cool because I could start going to church on Wednesday like my two older brothers Nathan and Collin. I met some of my closest friends at Grace Kids. As I grew some more, I realized that Wednesdays were a chance for me to come into God's house to worship and study with my fiends. I started to read more short Bible stories and really think about what I was reading. I learned that worshipping with others is a major part of Christian faith.

As I grew, the time came that I was ready to begin confirmation . I was nervous to embark on this adventure but I knew it was good for me. What I did not realize was that I would become a whole new person because of it. This change in perspective didn't come to me until about sixth grade. I began really thinking about what it meant to be a Christian. I began thinking about questions and uncertainties I had about the story of God and why I am the way I am. So around the beginning of the seventh grade I decided that I wasn't going to just around and wonder anymore, I was going to figure somethings out. Though, I did have one problem. Where was I going to find my answers? After learning that the Bible could answer questions we as Christians might have, I decided that was my best bet. So from then on whenever I had a question about my faith I turned to my Bible.

Now as an eighth grader, I am beginning to realize that I have come as far in my faith journey. I now know that God will always be by my side and as long as I have faith, the bible, and God, I can do great things." I can do anything through him who gives me strength" -(Philippians 4:13) Soon it will be time for me to take my place as an active member of the church and take on the understanding and commitment of holy communion. For my bible verse I have decided on Psalm 23:4 "Yea though I walk through the valley of shadow of death I will fear no evil; for you are with me." I chose this verse because it helps me to realize that even though, at times, I fee; as if the whole world is trying to drown me, I know that God will keep me afloat.

## **Emma Anderson**

Daughter of Travis and Jennifer Anderson

Sponsors: Brain Anderson

Hello, my name is Emma Rose Anderson. My parents are Travis and Jennifer Anderson and my siblings are Ava, Lucy, and Logan. and my grandparent's names are Tim and Sharon Anthony. My baptismal birthday is December 6th, 2006. My sponsor is Beverly Bremer and my god parent is Brian Anderson!

Jesus died on the cross for all our sins. God has helped me through so much in my life, through the good and the bad. Even though I may not always want to go to church, when I don't go, God forgives me every single time. Yes, God may not always put the good things in my life, but everything seems to happen in life for a reason. It's kind of like saying when you fall you have to get back up again. God may have taken people away from me, but it was for a reason. It's either they were struggling with something, or maybe they weren't well for me, or maybe he had a different reason. God has also put good people into my life! My friends and family who have come and stayed. That was for a reason. All my life I will know God is always with me.

I'm excited to be getting confirmed. I have gone to class, done the memory work, and I have taken sermon notes for four years. This is my reward through all of it! It's not only my reward though, it's my gift. It's my gift to drink and eat the Lord's body. That means so much to me in my heart. God has helped me through so much. When I was baptized it was special. That means I am welcomed into the house of the Lord. Even though I was only about two months old, it was still very meaningful to my parents and I. Now me being 14, it's still important to me. I remember Sunday School when I was about four or five years old. When I was still going to Sunday school, in third grade, I started Grace kids. I loved Grace kids! Then in fifth grade I started confirmation. Now I'm standing here four years later in front of everyone getting confirmed. Its crazy how fast time goes by. Now that I'm being confirmed I will still go to church. I don't think I would ever just be able to shut God out. Just because I don't have to go to church doesn't mean I'm going to stop.

God takes away our sins, and we all sin every single day, more than once too. No one is perfect, and that is one thing I need to learn in life. We all make mistakes and we are all unique and perfect in our own way! When I feel like I need to be perfect for everyone else I just need to remember that I'm perfect in God's eyes, and so are you.

One special shout out I want to give to is my confirmation teacher, Janette Kooger. She has been my confirmation guide since fifth grade. We have gotten to know each other since I started. She knows how to have fun but also she keeps us on track, and I'm sad to be leaving her. We had such a good time in class. She is such an amazing teacher and I hope the best for her. We have so many memories and we also joke around. One of the things I'm going to miss about confirmation is her.

The scripture verse I chose was Psalms 11:2-7. it says "She confidently trusts the lord to take care of her." I chose this verse because we all need to trust the Lord. Don't think twice about it. You just need to put your trust in him and put your life into His hands. The Lord does everything for us. That is why we need to trust in Him. This was my faith statement, thanks for listening.

### **Jaydn Berkenpas**

Daughter of Ryan & Andrea Hawkins, Paul Hansen  
Sponsors: Ashley Rinehart

My Name is Jaydn Ashlee Berkenpas, I am the Daughter of Ryan and Andrea Hawkins and Paul Hansen. I was Baptized on December 10, 2006. My sponsor is Ashley Rinehart. In church I have participated in church Christmas programs, Sunday School, and VBS. I've sung in church, and I have gone on many confirmation hayrides. I have helped with numerous church suppers such as the pork chop dinner, fish fry, and confirmation suppers. I began attending Grace Lutheran Church in the fall of 2012. The people who have influenced me to participate in church are my mom, dad, and step-dad. They have influenced me by taking me to church, Sunday School, and by encouraging me to help out in the church and be a part of the church. I have seen God work in my life by keeping me safe in terrifying moments of my life.

To me it means to get confirmed is that it is a new statement in

my faith. I was baptized which showed that Jesus will always forgive me for all the sins that I do in my lifetime. Then when I get confirmed it shows that I understand what it means to take the body and blood of Christ and why Jesus died for me. When I get confirmed I will continue going to church and being a part of the church. I will also start helping with VBS and Confirmation supper. On communion Sunday I will Participate in a communion.

I believe that God the Father Created everything in this world. I believe that God created everything so that we could live. I also believe that Jesus Died on the cross to take away my sins so I can go to heaven. I believe that Jesus died to take away my sins because I am a sinful person, and Jesus Knows that we try our best to not sin but we just do. I believe that Jesus and God are forgiving people. Since I believe, I can go to heaven.

The verse I have chosen is "Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) I have chosen this verse because God is Always with me whether it is good or bad. He is always there by watching over me during the day and during the night. I know he is always by my side because he keeps me safe. I know this because when I am working with my cows and they charge after me, God keeps me safe by steering the cow the other way. I also know this because when something bad happens in my Life, like when myself or someone else gets in an accident, he keeps me safe and makes it so that I come out of the accident with minor injuries. God will always be by my side and by your side whenever you need him. God is a best friend that will never leave you.

### **Nolan Boehmer**

Son of Ryan Boehmer and Becky Boehmer  
Sponsors: John Berding and Tamana Miller

Hi my name is Nolan Boehmer, I am the son of Ryan and Becky Boehmer. My faith journey Began when I was baptized at only a couple of days old. I was still in the NICU and becoming part of this world. Ever since I can remember I have always been going to church on Sundays. When I was little my favorite part of Sunday School was winning prizes and coloring after being read a Bible story. I loved to sing in the children's choir and learn new