



2023 Confirmation Class

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Sunday, October 29th, 2023; 9:30 am Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

Call to Worship

P: Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

C: They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

P: Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free,

C: you will be free indeed! (John 8:31-36)

Processional Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ELW# 504 (vss. 1,2 & 4)

Opening Prayer (All)

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Tricia Steen

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Special Music

"O My Soul, Bless God the Father"

Adult Choir

Shelly Berg, Director & Gingi Hanson, piano

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Pastor Greg Johnson

(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

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(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

Special Music

"The B-I-B-L-E Song"

Beaver Valley Sunday School Choir

Children's Sermon

Mary Lee

Sermon

"In this World for Good"

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn

Servants Prayer

Affirmation of Baptism Service

- Presentation of Confirmands
- Blessing
- Congregational Response:

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: 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.

Welcome/Announcements

Offering

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW #708

Prayers of the Church:

(Each petition will end: "Lord, in your mercy...;" the congregation's response is: **Hear our prayer.**)

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836 (vss. 1 & 3)

Sending:

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**