

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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"We are called to build a community that lives by and for the Gospel of Christ"

Affirmation of Baptism / Rite of Confirmation Service

Reformation Sunday, September 13, 2020 • 12:30 PM

Gathering

Pre-Service Music

Welcome to Worship & Announcements

*Opening Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Verse 1: Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;

Holy Spirit, come, invade us now. We are Your church;

We need Your pow'r in us.

Verse 2: We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released;

The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.

Chorus:

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Verse 3: Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this;

Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church; we are the hope on earth.

Chorus, Repeat Chorus

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Confession & Forgiveness

P: *"Let us confess our sins together."*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Time of silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: **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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

*Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

P: Let us pray:

C: Amen.

Introduction of Confirmands – Pastor Mike

Confirmand Bible Verses

Word

*Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Sermon by Pastor Mike “Parable of the Sower”

*Sermon Song

Walk By Faith

Jeremy Camp

1 Will I believe You when You say Your hand will guide my ev-ry way?
Will I receive the words You say ev-ry mo-ment of ev-ry day?
Well, I will walk by faith, well, e-ven when I can-not see,
be-cause this bro-ken road pre-pares Your will for me.
2 Help me to rid my end-less fears. You've been so faith-ful for all my years.
With one breath You make me new. Your grace cov-ers all I do.
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Well,
Well, I'm bro-ken, spo-ken, but I pour-ing still see Your face.
Well, You've grace. Well,

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*Prayer for the Needs of All *The prayer response is “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer”*

Affirmation of Baptism / Rite of Confirmation

P: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been [nourished at his holy table and] called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

R: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. 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 God the Holy Spirit?

**R: 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.

Declaration of Intent

P: You have made public profession 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 his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn:

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

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of each person. Parents and godparents are invited come forward and lay hands on their child as well.

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

Each person answers: "Amen."

Lord's Table

Communion Song

"Build My Life"

**Verse 1: Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You**

**Verse 2: Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You**

**Chorus: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You**

**Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart**

And lead me in Your love to those around me

**Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation**

**I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (Repeat Bridge)**

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***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray together the prayer the Lord taught us.

C: **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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: You may be seated. The table is set. I invite those assisting with communion to come forward.

Sharing the Meal

Our Lord Jesus is the host of this communion meal. We welcome all baptized Christians to join us.

***Communion Blessing and Benediction**

***Sending Song**

"The Blessing"

By Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

(Verse) **The Lord bless you, and keep you**

Make his face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The Lord turn his face toward you

And give you peace

(Chorus) **Amen, Amen, Amen** *(Repeat)* *(Back to top verse)*

(Back to Chorus)

(Instrumental after chorus)

May his favor, be upon you

And a thousand generations

And your family, and your children

And their children

And their children *(Repeat)*

May his presence, go before you

And behind you, And beside you

All around you, And within you

He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, In the evening

In your coming and your going

In your weeping and rejoicing

He is for you *(Repeat 8 times)*

Amen, Amen, Amen *(Repeat)*

May his presence go before you

And behind you, And beside you

All around you, And within you

He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, In the evening

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In your weeping and rejoicing

He is for you.....

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***Sending**

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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