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Confirmation/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 02, 2021

9:00am

Prelude-Lorri Pederson

Bell Rings

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Risen Lord, **we admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.**

Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn – WOV #770

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Words and Music; First Line: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old  
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1. “I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoice the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

2. “When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk to rising sun.”

3. “In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young;

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

4. “I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**R: We do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**R: We do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**R: We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support this child and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

Parents and sponsors, and all the people of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning... To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lexi Lynn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Lexi Lynn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lexi Lynn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Hymn – LBW #358, vs. 1,2,4

“Glories of Your Name are Spoken”

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1. Glories of your name are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

4. Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.  
Fading are the worldlings' pleasures All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Lord of all, in Jesus you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's

community. Blind us to our differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. **Amen.**

Acts 15:1-18

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”<sup>2</sup> And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.<sup>3</sup> So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.<sup>4</sup> When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.<sup>5</sup> But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

<sup>7</sup>After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers.<sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us;<sup>9</sup> and in cleansing their hearts by faith he

has made no distinction between them and us.<sup>10</sup> Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?<sup>11</sup> On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”<sup>12</sup> The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.

<sup>13</sup>After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me.

<sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name.<sup>15</sup> This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,<sup>16</sup> “After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up,<sup>17</sup> so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things<sup>18</sup> known from long ago.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 2:25-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.<sup>26</sup> It had been revealed

to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

<sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn – LBW #448

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”  
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1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – LBW #532  
“How Great Thou Art”

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1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain:

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain:

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain:

Rite of Confirmation

The following persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of his Baptism.

*Blake Brendan Kodjo Brehmer.  
Elise Barbara Duncan, Logan Charles Hadfield, Jack Ernest Helgenset, Mason John Moe, Logan Carter Schauer*

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.

Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and sister, whom you

have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

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 the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, 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?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you

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give us new birth, cleanse us from sin and raise us to eternal life. **Amen.**

*Parents and others lay their hands on the students' heads.*

Father in heaven, for Jesus sake, stir up in Sam the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these brothers and sister in Christ.

**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.**

#### Prayer of the Church

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

Other petitions will be added, which end: "Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**"

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

#### Offering

*[I ask that you take out your checkbook, write a check and put in the mail; You may also give electronically by downloading the tithe.ly app on your phone, by clicking the "Give" button on our church website [www.trinitybenson.org](http://www.trinitybenson.org)), or by clicking on the link on our church Facebook page. Search for us at "Trinity Lutheran Church Tlc."]*

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#### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray: When we give of ourselves, you prosper our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts and use them and us for the ongoing work of your merciful kingdom, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### 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.**

#### Communion Distribution

*[Each communicant will open their own prepackaged container, removing the wafer from its wrapper.]  
The pastor proclaims: "The body of Christ, given for you."*

*[After consuming the wafer, each communicant will open their own prepackaged container, revealing the grape juice.]*

*The pastor proclaims: "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

*[All consume the juice.]*

#### Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

#### Closing Hymn – WOV #752

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

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I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Prayer Concerns:** Mick Boone, Amy Fahl, Diane (Fahl) Bahr, Harold Heinzig, Ruth Plackner

**Received into the kingdom** through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today is Lexi Lynn Kolander. The daughter of Adam & Holly Kolander. Her sponsors are Caleb Kolander & Paige Simon. We welcome Lexi into our family.

**Hey singers!** If you are really enjoying singing at worship services once again, please consider sitting in the balcony to enhance the recordings of our services. Maximum capacity is eight singers and masks are required. **THANK YOU!**

**Bridal Shower** honoring Emily Hoffman bride to be of Ryan Jaeger on Saturday, May 15th at 10am Trinity Lutheran Church Couple is registered at Target and would also appreciate gift cards from Home Depot. Masks required.

**Thank you** all for supporting the Prairie 5 food shelf during March. Swift County topped the cash donations at \$40,159.19 and 2,489 pounds of food. Total contributions from the five-county area were \$100,613.71 and 7618 pounds of food. We are fortunate to have so many people willing to give and help others.

**If you would** like to have communion kits from last week's service to use as part of our communion next Sunday, you may pick them up at the church Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of 8:00 and noon. I hope this will help those of you who join us for our live Zoom worship to feel more included in the service.

**We need your help.** In-person services have resumed. We need volunteers to help with:

- 1). Reading the lesson;
- 2). Camera operators; and,
- 3). Computer operators.

All of these are easy to do, and many willing hands are a big help. Please contact the church office to sign up. We'd love to include you in our services.

### **This Weeks Schedule**

Sun. 8:30am – KBMO AM 1290  
5/02 Radio Worship  
9:00- In Person & Zoom Worship  
10:00-10:30 drive by communion  
Wed 4:30-5:30-Communion class  
5/5 7:00-Council meeting  
Thurs. 9am-Quilting  
Sun Happy Mother's Day  
5/9 8:30am – KBMO AM 1290  
Radio Worship  
9:00- In Person & Zoom Worship  
10:00-10:30 drive by communion

**“The Remember Project Tour** was recently promoted by the Benson Area Memory Loss Network offering two different plays about memory loss. The Remember Project is offering encore performances of each virtual play by ZOOM. These two performance will be shared by the five other communities that also took part in the grant. You can sign up for free tickets from Eventbrite. “Steering into the Skid” May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

<https://encore-skid2021.eventbrite.com>  
and “In the Garden” May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
<https://encore-garden2021.eventbrite.com>

For questions call Michele Sonnabend at 320-843-1377”

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH BENSON, MN PROUDLY PRESENTS THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021**



**Blake Brendan Kodjo Brehmer**  
BAPTIZED: 4/10/2005 St. Mark's Lutheran,  
Benson, MN

PARENTS: Melissa Brehmer, Koll Valentin  
SPONSORS: Jen Ngetich, Sara Selvaraju,  
Matthew Brehmer, and Mark Brehmer  
CONFIRMATION MENTOR: My family, my  
Pastor's and some of my friends  
CONFIRMATION HYMN:

“How Great Thou Art”

BIBLE VERSE: Galatians 6:9

“Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time,  
we will reap a harvest if we do not give up”

**Elise Barbara Duncan**  
BAPTIZED: 5/28/2006 Trinity Lutheran,  
Benson, MN

PARENTS: Brock & Anne Duncan  
SPONSORS: Dave & Paula Torstenson, Sean  
Duncan  
CONFIRMATION MENTOR: Marlene Giese  
CONFIRMATION HYMN: “Here I Am Lord”  
BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace you have been saved  
through faith,  
and this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God—  
not the result of works,  
so that no one may boast.”

***Logan Charles Hadfield***

BAPTIZED: 11/05/2006 Trinity Lutheran,  
Benson MN

PARENTS: Michael & Nicole Hadfield

SPONSORS: Liz & Shay Hahn

CONFIRMATION MENTOR: Craig Lindblad

CONFIRMATION HYMN:

“Glories of Your Name are Spoken.”

BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9.

“I hereby command you:

Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the LORD your God is with you  
wherever you go.”

***Jack Ernest Helgenset***

BAPTIZED: 2/19/2006 Trinity Lutheran,  
Benson, MN

PARENTS: Hans & Renee Helgenset

SPONSORS: Katie & Andrew Christensen,  
Curt & Leah Zins

CONFIRMATION MENTOR:

Laura Hultstrom

CONFIRMATION HYMN: “Amazing Grace”

BIBLE VERSE: Lamentations 3-25

“The lord is good for those who wait.”

***Mason John Moe***

BAPTIZED: 4/23/2006 South Lake Johanna  
Church, Brooten, MN

PARENTS: Matthew & Jamie Moe

SPONSORS: Alexis Marquart, Ben Pauly

CONFIRMATION MENTOR: Mark Grussing

CONFIRMATION HYMN:

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

BIBLE VERSE: Romans 5:8

“But God proves his love for us  
in that while we still were sinners Christ  
died for us.”

***Logan Carter Schauer***

BAPTIZED: 5/07/2006 Trinity Lutheran,  
Benson, MN

PARENTS: Jeremy & Jessica Schauer

SPONSORS: Bob & Krista Hoberg, Jared &  
Amy Mohelski

CONFIRMATION MENTOR: Bob Hoberg

CONFIRMATION HYMN: “Amazing Grace”

BIBLE VERSE: Hebrews 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible  
to please God,  
for whoever would approach him  
must believe that he exists  
and that he rewards those who seek him.”