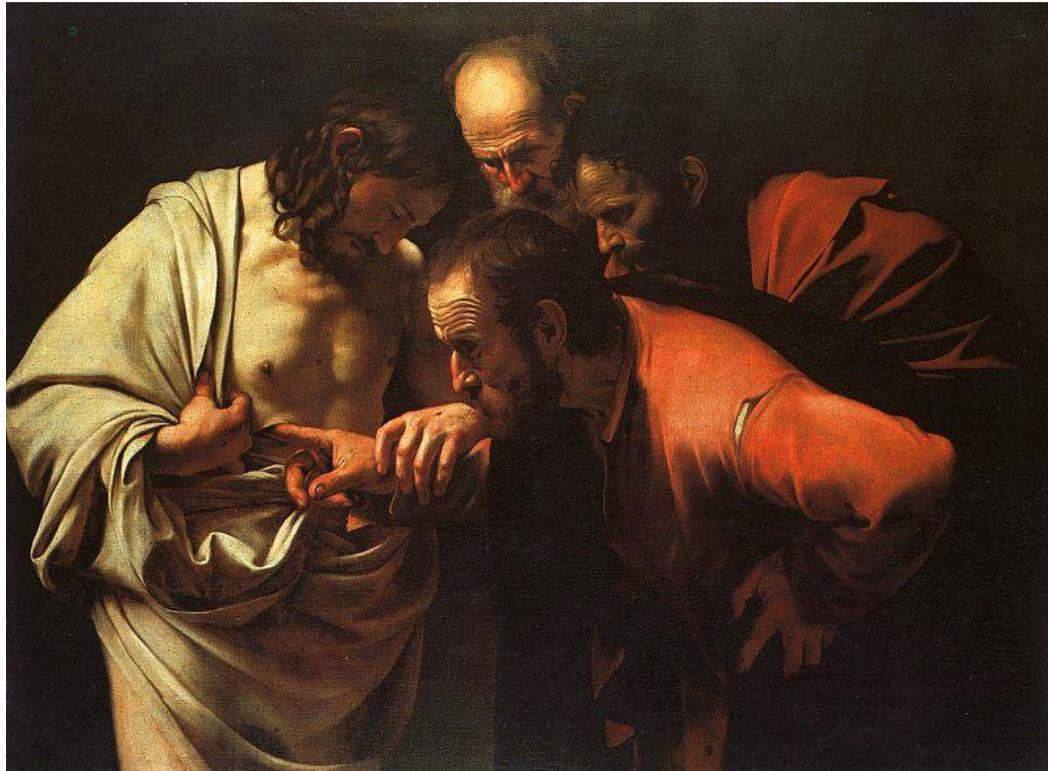


Easter 2/Confirmation



Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

10302 South 27th Street + Oakwood, WI
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+ DIVINE SERVICE +

EASTER 2/CONFIRMATION
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Opening/Processional Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain #142

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (*Spoken*)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless-ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath-ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and



hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,



Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

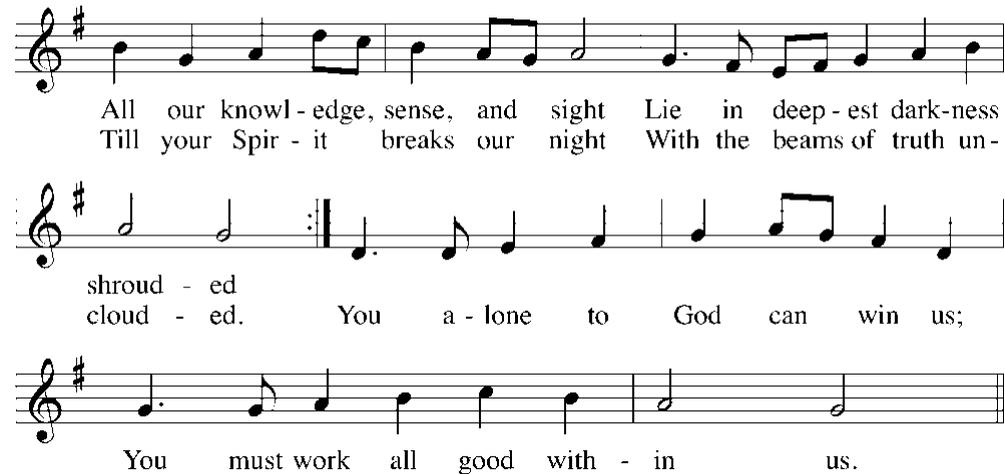
C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -
shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3



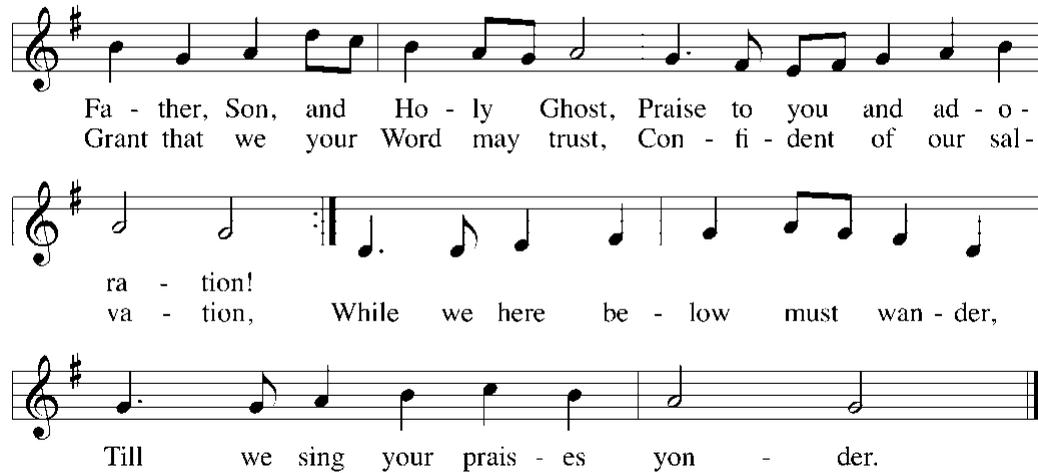
Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

M: Let us pray.

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen. (Spoken)**

Confirmation Examination

In place of the Scripture Lessons and Creed

Thursday & Sunday Early: Pastor and Congregation

Sunday Late Service: Examination of confirmands.

The examination of confirmands will include, more or less, the following:

M: THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

C: **You shall have no other gods.**

M: What does this mean?

C: **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

M: The Second Article

C: **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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

M: Ephesians 2:8-10

C: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

M: The Third Article

C: 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.

M: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

M: Psalm 51:5

C: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

M: THE MEANING OF BAPTISM FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

Fourth: What does baptizing with water mean?

C: Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: Where is this written?

C: Saint Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

M: THE PUBLIC USE OF THE KEYS

Second: How does a Christian congregation use the Keys?

C: A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

M: Where is this written?

C: Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

M: Romans 5:12

C: Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

M: THE BLESSINGS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

M: THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

Hymn of the Day I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again #158

Sermon Text John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH IS A PUBLIC FAITH

Offerings

Prayer of the Church

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

(Sunday, Late Service Only)

2019 CONFIRMANDS

CARTER CLINTON CHURCHILL

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

WILLIAM JACKSON CRAIG

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you
will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

+ THE SACRAMENT +

M: We gather to celebrate Christ's sacrifice for us:

C: **He offers us new life.**

M: We gather to celebrate Christ's victory over temptation:

C: **He offers us new strength.**

M: We gather to celebrate his blood poured out for our sins:

C: **He offers us true forgiveness.**

M: We gather to celebrate his body broken for us:

C: **He offers us true healing.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

M: Blessed are you, O God Almighty, Creator of the heavens, the earth and all that
is in them; who created man in your own image and likeness. You made all
things through your eternal Wisdom, your true Light, your Son our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessed are you, O merciful Father, for when man sinned and fell from your image, you did not despise or forsake him, but showed your love by sending your only begotten Son to take on human flesh, becoming one of us through the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. He became one of us so that he could truly be our substitute, fulfilling all of your laws in our place and dying the death we deserve because of our sin.

Blessed are you, O God our Savior, for allowing us to gather here to remember the sacrifice Jesus made to you on our behalf, to receive in this meal his true body and blood that has paid our debt to you, and to be strengthened in faith through the assurance that we are forgiven.

For all your love and grace towards us, we give thanks and praise to your living and life-giving name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**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.**

+ Words of Institution +

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God")

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -
men. A - men.

Confirmation Service Distribution Note: *The Churchill and Craig families (Confirmands and parents) will commune together at the first table. Our regular distribution practice will follow.*

NOTE to WELS/ELS communion guests: *If you would like to receive the body of Christ in your hand, please hold your hand out in front of you and raised up to mid-body level. If you wish to receive the blood of Christ in the **individual cup**, please take a cup from the tray as it passes by but **please wait** until the minister passes with the common cup, speaking the words of distribution, before you drink from the individual cup. If you would like to receive the blood of Christ from the **common cup**, please assist the minister in bringing the cup to your mouth. Thank you.*

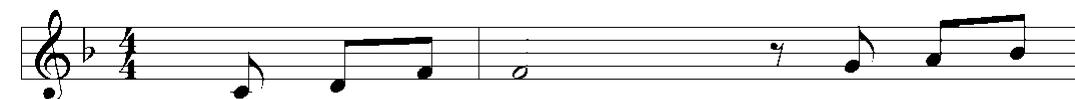
Distribution Hymns “What Is This Bread?” #742 *(printed on next page)*

“O Lord, We Praise You” #317

Participation in Holy Communion In respect for the Scriptures and the true presence of Christ’s body and blood in the Sacrament, Saint John’s follows the ancient and biblical practice of close communion. We ask that only members of Saint John’s or of WELS/ELS congregations come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you have questions about close communion, Pastor Reckzin is happy to explain the practice according to Holy Scripture. We appreciate your respect for our practice. Thank you.

742

What Is This Bread?



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	die	Un - der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	clear.	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em - brace		Of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole -	Christ,	tru - ly	pre - sent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	his		



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	good.

This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.



The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.' The piece ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor + and give you peace.

C: Amen.