

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

3901 1st Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55409

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, the
Maker of heaven and earth.*



May 16, 2021
Sunday – Easter 7 (Confirmation)

♪C: **SUNG RESPONSE** #509 **How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts**

1. How shall the young secure their hearts And guard their lives from sin?
Your Word, O Lord, the truth imparts To keep the conscience clean.
2. Your Word is like a heav'nly light That guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night A lamp to lead our way.
5. Your Word is everlasting truth; How pure is ev'ry page!
That holy Book will guide our youth And well support our age.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Though your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SECOND LESSON: **John 17:11b-19** **Lord, Watch over them!**

¹¹ Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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

♩C: HYMN

#506

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

1. Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his— How sad and poor and dark it is!
2. Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve him still And do in all his holy will.
5. Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION

Jallah, Kormasa

Confirmation Verse *Psalm 17:8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.*

Born: February 8, 2006 Baptized: June 18, 2006 Parents: Tarnue & Williametta Jallah

McAghon, Oliver

Confirmation Verse *Psalm 62:2 He alone is my rock, my salvation he is my fortress. I will not be shaken.*

Born: November 5, 2006 Baptized: November 13, 2006 Parents: Silas & Heather McAghon

† Confirmation Examination by Pastor Schmeling

Kormasa How do I keep God's name holy?
Which Petition of the Lord's Prayer do you keep closest to your heart?

Oliver Why is the balance of Law and Gospel so important?
How can a Christian explain & defend the Trinity?

Answers should include:

- † A discussion of various views and a thorough answer to the question
- † Biblical passage(s) with reasons why they support the point
- † A confession of your faith and how your faith will show as a result

Devotion

Ps 124

Lord is on our Side

² if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us, ³ they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us; ⁴ the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, ⁵ the raging waters would have swept us away. ⁶ Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord is on Our Side

What are some things that make us panic? Tests, illness, loss

1. We face struggles

David mentioned animals, floods, and traps

Attacked with I hope statements - answered with, "It is _____."

Drowning with "How long?" answered with "I believe, Lord help me _____"

Trapped with morality of the world, answered with "God's word is _____."

2. We are given help

Two sources for help

Why do we worry, is god too small? Us, nation, answer is "Our help is in the name _____"

Can God help? "If God is for us, who _____?"

THE OFFERING

The members of Pilgrim have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world.



♫C: OFFERING HYMN: #609 st 1

We Praise You

As the offering is brought forward please stand to sing the following hymn stanza.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CONFIRMATION VOWS

Please refrain from picture taking during the worship service.

Confirmation class, Your Lord said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

Today we celebrate the fact that you are able now to express and confess the faith to which you were baptized and have been taught. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses me before men, I will also confess before my Father in heaven. But he who denies me before men, I will deny before my Father in heaven."

Please express your faith in the name of the Risen Lord.

- Do you acknowledge the teachings of this church to be Biblical truth? Yes, I do
- Do you accept the canonical books of the Bible as the inspired Word of God? Yes, I do
- Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

- Do you believe in God the Son?

ALL: 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.

- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

- Are you convinced that the Word and Sacraments of God are handled in this congregation as Christ intended them to be? I am

- Do you intend to continue in that faith even to the point of death?
I do so intend with the help of God

May God give you strength to carry out these intentions! As Paul says, *“Encourage one another and build each other up.”* We welcome you and invite you to join in the fellowship of Pilgrim.

Confirmands Blessing - With Parents (Sponsors & Godparents welcome)

(Please approach the altar for blessings individually)

Jallah, Kormasa The Lord gives to us a kingdom that cannot be shaken, **Kormasa**, may the Spirit fill you with thankfulness, and so worship God with reverence and awe,
Sponsors/Witnesses: Lyndon Peabody & Enid Dennis

McAghon, Oliver May the God of all strength give you, **Oliver**, strength in your troubles, and teach you to cast your cares on the LORD for he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.
Sponsors/Witnesses: Brian McAghon & Janice Schutter

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.**

♪C: Closing Hymn #449 Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish; In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; In his mighty arms he bears them.
4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Meditations starting May 30 are available!

5 take a ways from council

1. Clean up Day is this Saturday, May 15 starting at 9 am. Please plan to bring shovels, rakes and gloves. Lunch will be served - THANKS to all who helped!
2. Revised construction plans for Especially for Children's facility in our former school building were submitted to the contractor and final negotiations will begin after the cost of construction is determined. Stay tuned for more information.
3. Council is preparing budgets for approval at the Tuesday, June 15th congregational meeting at 7 pm.
4. Envelope giving continues to decrease, while our bills remain the same. Consider your gifts this month and if you have the opportunity to contribute more.
5. Did you hear? A Baby Grand Piano was delivered Wednesday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Needed: Ushers/Worship Assistants
- What's Happening at Pilgrim (Thursday Newsletter) - Please contact Bonnie if you are not receiving this weekly newsletter, know someone who would like to receive it or if you or someone would prefer to receive it printed and mailed.
- Communion & Devotion every Tuesday at 10:30 AM - Please contact Pastor or Bonnie to sign up.
- Virtual Bible Class (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Food Pantry - Will continue with fresh and canned items. Feel free to make use of it! Call if you have any questions. Volunteers needed for delivery
- L.I.F.T. - Every other Saturday through - June 5 @ 10:00 AM till 11:30 AM ...Next... May 22

Thank you to everyone who has contributed!



***At Pilgrim... It is our mission,
according to God's Word and command***

*... to GATHER around His Word,
... to GROW in His Word,
... and to GO with His Word!*



WELCOME! We welcome all of you into our midst today. We hope that you benefit from your worship with us. May you always rejoice in God's Gospel News and look forward to life with Jesus in heaven. We ask all visitors to please fill out the communication card inserted in your bulletin. If you desire further information concerning membership in our church...

**Pastor Steve Schmeling can be reached at home: (call or text) 612.222.2050
Off: 612-825-5375, or (Church web = www.pilgrimonline.net)**

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OTHERS While we encourage our worshipers to visit with each other, please keep in mind those who are already in the pews preparing for the service. We also ask that you turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices during the service. Thank you for caring about the others who are sharing in worship with you today.

WE BELIEVE:

- *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Rom 3:23*
- *The wages of sin is death Rom 6:23*
- *God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life John 3:16*
- *The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7*
- *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. Eph 2:8, 9*
- *You may declare the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light 1 Pt 2:9*

COMMUNION CUSTOM

At Pilgrim we practice "Close Communion." Members, along with members of other WELS or ELS churches, are invited to publicly confess our unity together as we receive this sacrament. This practice does not reflect upon a person's faith, or deny forgiveness. Forgiveness is a gift available to all through Jesus Christ in his Holy Scripture. We look forward to discussing Biblical truths together and one day soon to share in this celebration of unity together with you. We ask guests partaking in Communion to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service. Members of Pilgrim are asked to sign our communication card in the bulletin (ON HOLD).

***This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins. Mt 26:28***