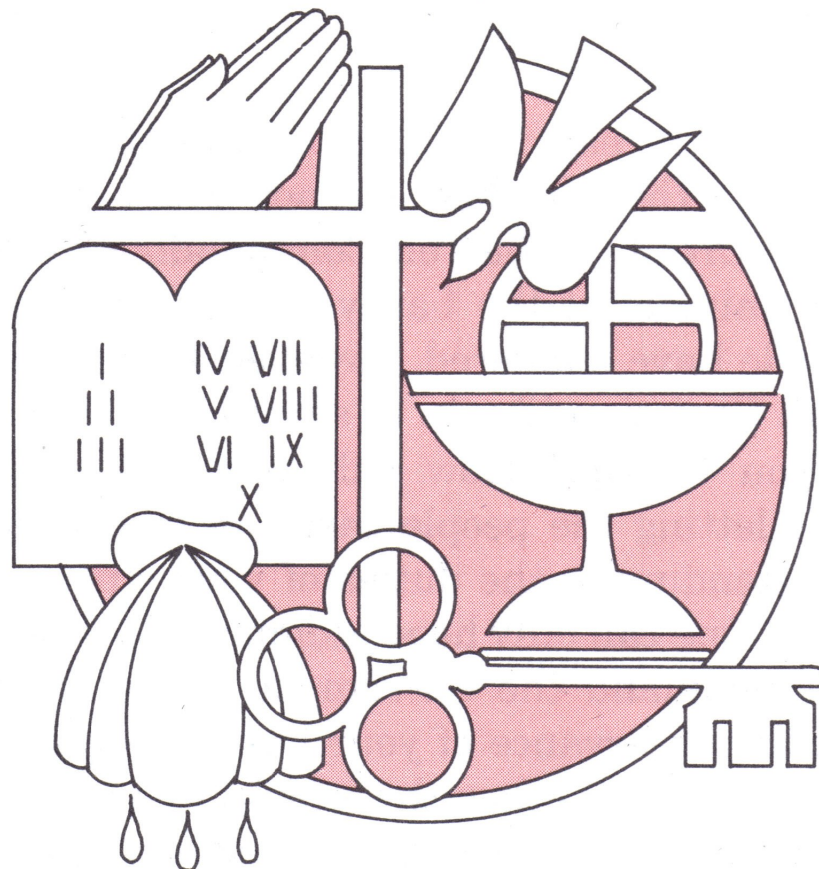


# Introducing Our Confirmand



**Sunday, June 18, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lombard, Illinois**

**My Confirmation Verse:**

**Psalm 119:105 KJV**

*“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”.*

**What my Confirmation Verse means to me:**

I need to rely on the Word of God to live the Christian life. God’s Word gives us light so we can see the path to living a devout and faithful life.

**Hymn:** LSB 507, “Beautiful Savior”

**Bio:** My name is Robert Potempa. I sometimes play the trumpet in our services. I also play in Jazz band and wind symphony. I am interested in agriculture and many things that have an engine. I just graduated from Franklin Middle School, and I look forward to attending Wheaton North High School. God bless!



**Robert Potempa**

## **Prayer from Parents**

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Please let your Holy Spirit watch over  
and guide Robert as he is confirmed.  
Help us to always stand by him and be  
there for him, giving our support and  
prayers. May the faith that has brought  
Robert to this day keep him in your will  
for the rest of his life. And please be with  
Robert and bless him as he continues to  
grow in You. In Jesus' Holy Name,  
Amen



## Confirmation Guidelines

As established by the Board of Elders for  
Trinity Lutheran Church

For Lutherans, youth confirmation ministry has always been, and continues to be, a high priority. Many congregations continue to perform this ministry very much the way that their parents and grandparents did in previous generations. Other congregations are trying new ways to reach and teach young **catechumens**.

Both groups, however, have this in common: They strive to articulate the Gospel to their youth in the most effective and God-pleasing way possible. Therefore, all Lutherans are united in their commitment to the Lord's Great Commission, as they see their children as God's gift to the church.

With this understanding in mind, the Board of Elders of Trinity Lutheran Church, in devotion to both the Lord and to the mission of this congregation and its members, establish the following guidelines and requirements for the **catechumens** of this parish:

The primary texts for use in our adult and junior confirmation classes will be Luther's Small Catechism and Biblical text studies as presented in "Old and New Testament Catechesis" by Rev. Peter Bender of the Lutheran Catechetical Academy.

**Catechumens** will participate in a two (2) year program of instruction under the control of the Board of Elders, taught by the Pastor, assisted, if needed, by the day school teachers of Trinity Lutheran School.



**Catechumens** will be required to participate in the worship service, serving as acolytes. There will be a designated number of times an individual must serve in this capacity, depending on how many confirmands are in the program and the date of confirmation.

Students will be required to submit a series of sermon reports during their course of confirmation studies, both in the 7th and 8th grade years, along with an extensive memory work requirement consisting of the contents of the Small Catechism.

A series of written exams will be given to each student during their two year course work over the material taught in class, and confirmands will also be required to make a public statement of faith as well as passing a private verbal examination with the pastor and representative(s) from the Board of Elders.

Church attendance is vitally important for all members of the parish, especially for **catechumens** as they begin to develop their adult habits and commitments. Therefore, **catechumens** are required to attend church services at least twice each month during their course of study for confirmation.

### **The Rite of Confirmation**

Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian Community. Prior to admission to the Lord's Supper, it is necessary to be instructed in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 11:28).

The rite of confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.

**Matthew 10: 32-33** Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My father in heaven.

**Revelation 2:10** Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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### Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*"The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lombard, IL is to proclaim the truth about God's saving Grace, given freely through the life, death and resurrection of His son Jesus Christ; to actively encourage our members to grow in faith, fellowship and love for one another; and to reach out to others so that they may hear the Gospel of Salvation, find forgiveness, reconciliation and a new life in Christ."*

### Trinity Lutheran Church and School Ministries

Rev. Steve Wagner, Senior Pastor

Director of Music, Handbells and Choir - Kurt Linstead

Children's Christian Education Ministry - Principal, Julie Messina

Mary Martha Ministry - President, Arlene Solyom

Sunday School Ministry - Superintendent, Lori Solyom

High School Youth Ministry - Hannah Solyom

Urban Linkage - Harlan Schmidt

Prayer Partners Ministry - Leader, Nadine Anderson

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Congregation Vice President - Dale Kosman

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Board of Evangelism - Chair, Hannah Solyom

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