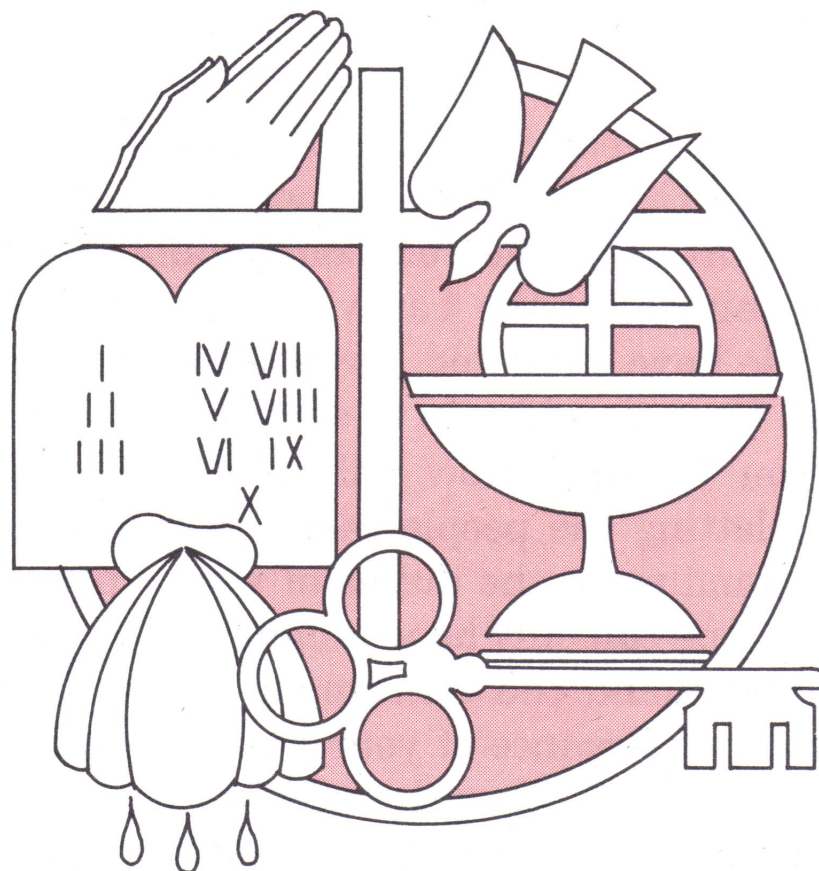


Introducing Our Confirmands



Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Lombard, Illinois**

My Confirmation Verse:

Philippians 4:6

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me:

Whenever I read this verse, it's like a safety net. With most things that I do I will stress myself out or get really overwhelmed. This verse reminds me that I'm not alone and God is always there.

Hymn: LSB 883, “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

Bio: My name is Riley. I was born on December 17, 2008. Many things have happened since then. I now have a dog whose name is Peanut, and she is about four years old. Music wise I mostly listen to K-Pop and Rihanna.



Riley Baker

My Confirmation Verse:

Matthew 6:34

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me:

This verse helps me to remember that even though things can be stressful, God will provide, in one way or another. Tomorrow will not be my worry when I remember this.

Hymn: LSB 411, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Bio: My name is Alexandra Harris, but I am called Alex for short. I was born on July 16, 2009. I am going to Walther Christian Academy for high school, and I am in my last year at Trinity. I am 13 years old, and I live with my mom, dad, and brother. I really enjoyed my time at Trinity, and I hope that the next class of 8th graders enjoy it as much as me!



Alexandra Harris

My Confirmation Verse:

1 John 1:5

“This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all”.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me:

“My verse means to me that God is my light and He will not lead me into darkness”.

Hymn: LSB 357, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Bio: I am 14 years old, I am 6 foot 1 inch tall, and I’m a person who likes to play games and to be alone sometimes. I am going to Wheaton-Warrenville South High School. My birthdate is September 18, 2008, and my favorite part of going to school at Trinity is being able to help out around the school.



Ian Lesch

Prayer from Parents

Riley—

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for blessing me with Riley.

There are times when my daughter's emotions will seem like the tossed waves of the sea. In the midst of her emotions, help her to understand Your love for her, and that she can always put her hope in You. Help her to have firm faith in Your Word, and may she approach You with freedom and confidence. Lead her to continually hear Your Word so she can walk through this life with a solid foundation of faith. In Jesus' Holy Name,
Amen

Alexandra—

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you so much for all the blessings You have given to my family. I pray that You would continue to guide Alexandra's heart in the right direction. Give her the strength to continue to draw close to You.

Open her mind so that the knowledge she receives is easily discerned. Help her to do what is necessary to strengthen her faith, walk in Your ways, and resist the worldly temptations we face everyday. I pray that You keep her in Your loving care. Protect her from the evils of this world and help her make the right decisions so that she may never lose faith but walk in Your light until Your return. In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen

Ian—

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that the love and light that God gave Ian would radiate through Ian's entire being, always and forever. Thank You, Father, for allowing myself, my family, and our Trinity family to guide, bless, and love Ian. I pray that the love and strength You have granted Ian will always be part of him, and that Ian continues to grow in his faith throughout his life's journey. 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

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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

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