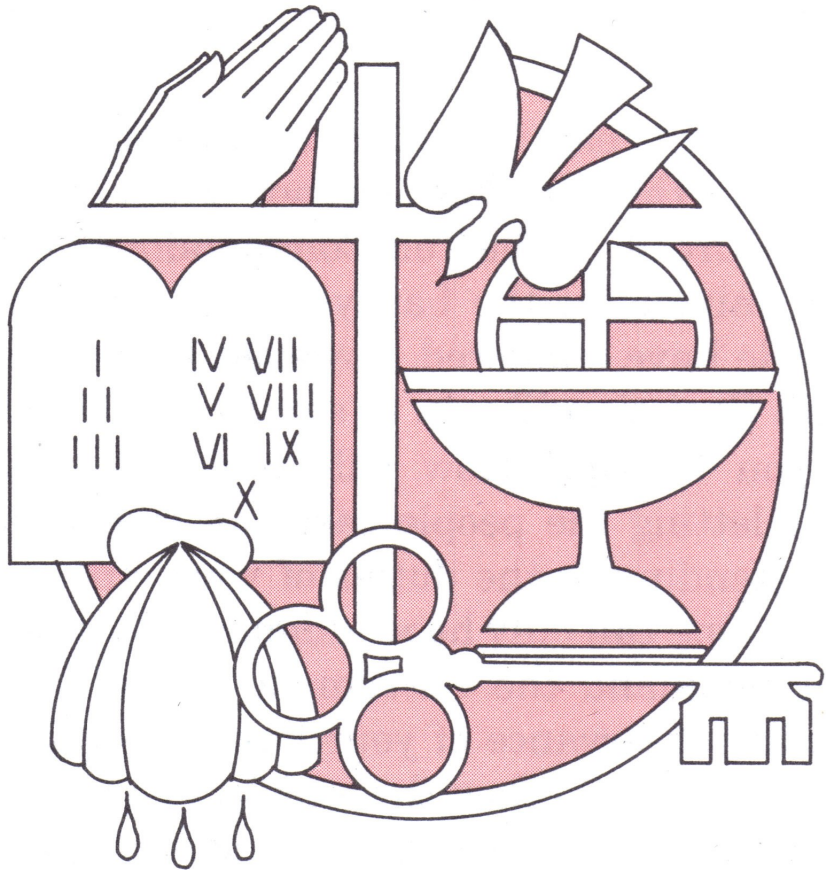


Introducing Our Confirmand



**Sunday, July 19, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Lombard, Illinois**

Prayer from Parents

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of baptism you gave Maria on July 2, 2006 when you made her a child of God here at Trinity. On that day her sponsors Andrea, Kenyon, and Michelle spoke for and answered on her behalf. Today we thank you that Maria is now able to answer for herself and confirm her baptismal vows. Be with Maria on her earthly journey by feeding her continually with your Word and Sacrament. Help her to be your hands on earth in feeding the hungry, in giving comfort to those who are in need of comfort, and especially in giving Living Water to those who are thirsting for your Gospel.

In Jesus' Holy Name,
Amen

Hymn 782: Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH



My Confirmation Verse:
Revelation 2:10

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw you into prison, that you may be tested, and for 10 days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me:

It means that whatever I may go through in life, God will stay with me and help me to remain faithful, even when the devil is testing me.

Bio: I was born on June 18, 2006 and was baptized 2 weeks later on July 2. I have attended Trinity since 3 year old preschool, and have met many friends and made many memories since. I will always fondly remember my days at Trinity, and the things I have learned will be the foundation of the rest of my life.



Maria Gronwold

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 - Scott Gronwold

Urban Linkage - Harlan Schmidt

Prayer Partners Ministry - Leader, Nadine Anderson

Congregation President - Kris Johansen

Congregation Vice President - Rich Eggert

Board of Elders - Chair, Kris Johansen

Board of Education - Chair, Scott Gronwold

Board of Evangelism - Chair, Lisa Ottley

Board of Stewardship - Chair, Lori Solyom

Board of Trustees - Chair, Rick Steben

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