

Salem United Methodist Church of Fond du Lac

120 Sheboygan Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Reverend David Byers-Dent

May 4th 2008

7th Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Day

Prelude

***Processional** *“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”* No. 662, Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
Red Hymnal

***Welcome**

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** Written by Mitchell Huebschman

Leader: Thank you God for this beloved day where I can be here and worship with everyone in the church including my fellow confirmands.

People: Thank you God also for our lives and how many times you have forgiven us for our sins.

Leader: So God be with us for the rest of this day;

People: in peace, in love, and in guidance.

All: Amen.

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Written by Sam Schreiber

Dear God, thank you for this world and thank you for blessing me with your presence every day. Help me to live my life the way you want me to. In your name. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* No. 70 Red Hymnal

Scripture Readings	<i>Jeremiah 29:11</i>	Sam Schreiber
	<i>Psalms 119:105-106</i>	Erin Cunningham
	<i>John 13:34-35</i>	Lucas Rankin
	<i>Philippians 2:13</i>	Nick Capoyianes

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Confirmation Class

Hymn Medley “Awesome God” No. 2040 Black Hymnal
 “More Like You” No. 2167 Black Hymnal
 “Amazing Grace” No. 378, Vs. 1 Red Hymnal
 “This Little Light of Mine” No. 585, Vs.1 Red Hymnal

Special Music “Amazing Grace” Sam Schreiber

Meditation *Confirmation Banner* Confirmation Class

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Be Strong In the Lord” Senior Choir

***Doxology** “Praise God, From Whom...” No. 94 Red Hymnal

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)** Written by Lucas Rankin

Dear Lord, be with the victims and families of the natural disasters.

Use our gifts that we present here to provide healing and comfort.

Restore and strengthen their faith in you. Amen.

Special Music “Beautiful” Erin Cunningham

The Ritual of Confirmation

Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through confirmation we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ’s holy Church.

Presentation of the Candidates

*Members and friends of Salem United Methodist Church:
I present to you for confirmation...*

Profession of Faith

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior?

I do.

Do you promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

(The congregation will stand if able.)

People of God: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

(The congregation is seated.)

The Laying on of Hands

Parents and mentors will come forward as their confirmand is called. Those in the congregation who wish to honor a particular student may stand in the pew. (Name) the Holy Spirit works within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Reception into the United Methodist Church

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception into the Local Congregation

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its life and ministry by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The Blessing

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish

you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Lucas Rankin

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right and a joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and in heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of the Institution

On the day in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said; “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, saying: “Drink from this, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sinned against us. 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.**

Breaking of the Bread & Giving of the Cup

A Celebration of Life

Video Presentation

This video symbolizes the spiritual journey our Confirmands have been on from baptism to a public confession of faith. Along the way many folks from parents, Sunday School teachers, staff, mentors, and Christian friends have helped them reach this time of decision. They have changed in many ways.

***Recessional Hymn**

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 191, Red Hymnal

***Benediction**

Written by Nick Capoyianes

Dear Lord, please watch out for everyone in my life and watch out for me as I move toward the future. Amen.

***Benediction Response**

"Shalom to You"

No. 666 Red Hymnal

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies
bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

***Postlude**

*** Indicates for those who are able, please stand.**

Large print & children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Nursery Care is available during worship and Sunday School.

Ushers can assist you with your nursery needs and its location.

USHERS:	Dave & Kate Hoddell, Dean Gerritson, Sharon Cowles
GREETERS:	Ruth Radtke, Isabella Mellon

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUN., May 4 Confirmation

9:00 am Worship-F
10:30 am Sunday School-F
10:45 am Worship-L
11:45 am YET-F

MON., May 5

8:30 am Staff Meeting-F
10:00 am Conference Workshop
through 8:30pm-F
5:00 pm Mission Outreach-F
6:30 pm Trustees-L

TUES., May 6

9:00 am Conference Workshop
through 8:30pm-F
5:30 pm Worship Team-L

WED., May 7

9:00 am Conference Workshop
through 3:00pm-F
12:05 pm Prayer Service-F
1:00 pm Circle of Peace-F
5:30 pm Special Events Team-F

5:30 pm Prayer Team-F
7:30 pm 1st Wednesday Prayer
Service-L
8:15 pm Lay Leaders-L

THURS., May 8

9:15 am Morning Glory Circle-F
6:00 pm Bible Study-F

FRI., May 9

7:00 pm Circle of Hope-L

SAT., May 10

8:15 am Salem Men's Fellowship-L
9:45 am Cheesecake Pick-up through
noon-F
5:30 pm Worship-F

SUN., May 11 Mother's Day

9:00 am Worship-F
9:30 am Sunday School-L
10:30 am Sunday School-F
10:45 am Worship-L

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