



## Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

*"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving"*

Reformation Sunday

Affirmation of Baptism of 9<sup>th</sup> graders

October 25, 2020

**NOTE: Bold text indicates worshipers' response**

### GATHERING

WELCOME and MINISTRY MOMENT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 1*)

ONE: Happy are they who have chosen not to walk in the ways of the wicked.

**ALL: We delight in knowing God made laws that help us to love God and love people.**

ONE: Living by God's laws, we grow in faith, and experience the freedom of life with God.

**ALL: We will not give into the pressure of the wicked, but will strive to live right with God.**

ONE: For God loves us and wants us to live right with God and with all people.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY O Lord God, **you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PASTOR: I present the following young men (and woman) who have been instructed in the Christian faith, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

*Group 1:* Riley Krall, Jacob Osborne, and Kaden Russo

*Group 2:* Elijah Sorenson, Devin Plockelman, and Neil Topper

*Group 3:* Colin Wallin, Bodie Folczyk, Sam Wenzel and Jilliam Schlewitz

Let us pray, Loving God, we rejoice that these brothers (and this sister) in Christ now desire to make public profession of their faith. You made them your own by the water and the Word in Holy Baptism, and called them as members of your worldwide Church. Throughout their life, this and possibly other communities of God's people, have helped them to hear and understand the Scripture, and understand God's loving purpose for each of their lives. They have been fed at Christ's holy table and are called to be a witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Now, I ask them to profess their faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. (*To students*)

Do you reject all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? If so, say together, "I do"  
**Students: I do.**

Do you reject the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so, say together, "I do"  
**Students: I do.**

Do you reject the ways of sin that pull you way from God? If so, say together, "I do"  
**Students: I do.**

P: (*to congregation both present and online*) as a body of Christ, let us join with these young men (and young woman) in professing our faith by answering these questions:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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. Amen**

*(Students find a place at the altar rail and kneel. Parents/family members come forward and place their hands on their son/daughter)*

LAYING ON OF HANDS *(Pastor Mary will say the blessing over each of the students)*

P: Stir up in *(student's name)* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Student: Amen**

*(After all are blessed they will stand and face the congregation)*

P: Let us rejoice with these brothers (and sister) in Christ.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: *(Addressed to students)* You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the promise God made with you in Holy Baptism, promises previously made by your parents and godparent: to live among God's faithful people - to hear his Word and share in his supper - to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through your words, actions, and attitudes, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus - and to work for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, I ask ALL the STUDENTS REPLY TOGETHER *"I do, and ask God to help and guide me.* **STUDENTS: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: *(to those assembled in person or online)* People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? **ALL: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*(students and family members return to their pews/seats)*

*Pastor shares comments from Keith Lee and herself.*

PRAYER: Thank you God for the faith you have given these young people, and for the courage they showed in sharing their faith statements. We ask you to place in their path, opportunities to grow in their faith, to share your love, and to serve the people of your world. **All: Amen.**

At this time we ask these families to move from the sanctuary, and the next group of families to quietly enter into the sanctuary at the pews assigned for your family.

*(We will repeat this order of service 2 more times. During times of families transitioning in and out the sanctuary we will have Bible readings and music)*

**FINAL CLOSING:**

A blessing from God: May we begin each day with a word of thanks to God for the life we have been given. May we see God in the people, places and events of the day; being ever mindful of how Jesus taught us to love God and love people. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Go with love and serve the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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**SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday	10am	Worship
Monday	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	4-6pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	2pm	LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)
	6pm	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation ZOOM Class time
Friday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Saturday	Set your clocks BACK an HOUR before going to bed	
Sunday	10am	All Saints Day and Intent Sunday worship
	10:45-11:45	Ice Cream sandwiches for those who come to turn in their INTENT CARD or have completed it online.

*Sunday worship live on Facebook and posted later at [www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org)*

ALL SAINTS DAY November 1<sup>st</sup> If you would like to have a candle lit for a loved one and/or a person's name shared during our worship next week... please send an email to Pastor Mary at [meide@luthersem.edu](mailto:meide@luthersem.edu).

INTENT CARD and ICE CREAM You are each receiving a letter and Intent Card for 2021 financial giving. We would love for you to prayerfully consider your intentions for your financial offerings to God's work at Shepherd of the Hill in 2021. You can use this paper form OR a link to a Google form you can complete online. **Where does the Ice Cream come into the picture?** Complete the Google form before 10:45am Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - OR- bring your paper copy to the church parking lot November 1<sup>st</sup> (10:45-11:45am)...and we will give free ice cream sandwiches to everyone in the car as a thank you!

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