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April 26, 2026 Confirmation

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**+ Order of Worship +
Confirmation Sunday
April 26, 2026
9:00 am**

Opening Hymn: #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

Verse 2

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

Verse 3

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

Verse 4

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won

This Week at Grace Lutheran +

**Sun, April 26: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm**

**Mon, April 27: Bible Study at 9:30 am
BOE at 7:00 pm**

**Sun, May 3: Worship Service w H/C at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 11:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm**

**Those Serving Us this Week
April 26, 2026**

Elders: Allyn Anderson / Tony Heisterkamp
Ushers: Mark H / Ryan Z / Gene P
Reader: Ryan Zittritsch
Trustee: Ricky Harris
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Ushers

**Those Serving us Next Week
May 3, 2026**

Elders: Darrell k / Mark H / Ryan Z
Ushers: Chris Colt /
Reader: Tony Heisterkamp
Trustee: Roy Thoms
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Ushers

Reflection: April 26, 2026—4th Sunday of Easter.

Scripture: “The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.”—Psalm 23:1

Stewardship Sentence: The Good Shepherd provide abundantly; in thanksgiving, we manage his blessings to care for others in his name.

Thrivent: New Choice Dollars of the 1st quarter of 2026 should be available for you to direct about April 6, 2026. To direct your choice dollars call the home office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com

Confirmation Reception: Please join us after church for a light refreshments in honor of the 8th grade confirmation kids. Everyone is invited.

Calling all Seniors: If you are graduating from Hight School or college we want to recognize you. Please call the office or talk with Melinda Schwartz. We will be honoring you Sunday May 17 during worship. Come with your caps and gowns and sit together . There will be a short reception after Worship.

Building Healthy Families: Building Healthy Families: “I have learned now that while those who speak about one’s miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more.” (C.S. Lewis) If you’re alive and old enough to read this, you’ve probably experienced the deep pain of losing someone you love. The Gospel, God’s ministering through His Spirit, the support of a pastor, and the love of family and friends help us heal. But sometimes – for a variety of important reasons – the pain of grief doesn’t resolve and we feel stuck. If this is true for you or someone you know, call us. Lutheran Family Service offers specialized care for complicated or unresolved grief that will help. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee

Verse 5

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping
Their cry goes up how long
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song

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Invocation:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

We confess our sins to God our Father:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son Jesus to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that

when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

The Readings from God's Word:

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

+ **News and Notes** +
April 26, 2026

Don't Have Cash Today? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift.

Visitors: You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with. to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

Holy Communion: If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine.

On Main Street: May 3 airing

This is the Life – “Hope Enough to Live By” – A medical research scientist falls into despair after an accident and subsequent events.

Worship Service – Rev. Scott Porath of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle, NE, delivers a message for the 5th Sunday of Easter. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil : We had a wonderful response to the fish boil. Would like to thank everyone that helped out in any way. Thanks to everyone that made a dessert and helped in the kitchen and clean up duty afterwards. It was a great day and we raised \$12, 043.00. Great Job Grace family.

can fully become a member of our church and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Now, I will also be able to fully participate in the church service by receiving communion. I also look forward to continuing to help out as an usher and serving with the youth group. I see myself going to church regularly and helping with youth group projects.

To continue helping my faith grow, I can go to church and Bible studies to learn more and to improve my knowledge about the bible. I would also like to help out with Sunday school classes. Other experiences that have helped me believe more in God are going to church on Sundays and Wednesdays. I have also enjoyed going to the Iowa District West youth gatherings. The youth gatherings have helped to build my faith stronger because you get to sing and talk about the things Jesus wants us to talk about. I have also made new friends through these gatherings. Sometimes, when I feel God's goodness in my life are when I'm at church or when I'm stressed about school, like with tests, projects, and quizzes, I can take a deep breath and know God is with me.

The Bible verse I have picked for my confirmation verse is **Romans 8:31** - "***If God is for us, who can be against us?***" The reason I have chosen this verse is that it reminds me and all believers that no matter what challenges we face here on earth, we are confined in God's unfailing love and purpose for us. Even if earthly challenges succeed, nothing has the power to destroy me eternally. This verse does not mean that no one will ever oppose me or that I will never lose or have troubles, but it reminds me that God's power is greater than any challenge that I could ever face on earth if I believe in him. This means that you might feel bad, but you can always turn to God because he is not against you. This also means that no man or woman can be against the purpose of God that He placed inside of you. Since God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit (Our Triune God) have my back, no one else's opposition can actually ruin my life. People might be 'against' me, but they can't *defeat* me because God's already decided I'm on the winning team.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-10

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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o Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

This is the Gospel of our Lord,
Praise be to You, O God!

Faith Statements: Ralayna Bainbridge, Bettiemae Janssen, Tylene Ostermyer, Brayson Zitritsch

Hymn of the Day: #594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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Sermon: "Those Who Were Being Saved!" Acts 2:42-47

the lives of others through organ donation. I know he is in heaven with God and I will see him again someday. I also feel him close to me when I'm trying to talk to my grandpa Larry and when my nephew Hudson was baptized here at Grace. I will be there for him and help teach him about God.

Being confirmed means to me that I'm growing up closer to God and growing in my faith. I feel lucky that I get to go to church and have a place to learn about God. Not everyone has the opportunity to go to Church. I see myself serving Christ throughout my life by following the 10 commandments as much as I possibly can and telling others about God, praying with them and inviting them to church.

Brayson Zittritsch

Hello, and good morning. My name is Brayson Melott Zittritsch. My parents are Ryan & Bridget Zittritsch. My grandparents are Mike & Marica Zittritsch and Dan & Holly Hagg. My siblings are Asher, Graham, and Blayke Zittritsch. My Baptismal sponsors are Jason & Lindsay Letsche and Alex Hagg. I was Baptized on July 24, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cherokee, Iowa, and I began attending Grace Lutheran Church in November of 2011.

I believe that God is with us and the Holy Spirit has been with me since I was baptized. Also, Jesus is with us all the time. God works in my life because he has helped me when I had my knee surgery back in December of 2024. He helped my doctors complete the surgery and gave me strength and courage as I went through my 6 months of physical therapy to get back to full health and normal activities again. God has also given me a caring and loving family. My parents make sure we attend church and Sunday school almost every week, even if we are out of town visiting grandparents. And my grandparents' greatest wish for me, my siblings, and my cousins has always been to know that we have developed a strong relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My parents and grandparents have been some of the greatest influences in my faith journey.

God has been present in my life when I was struggling with tests and quizzes at school. God has been present with me in joyful times as well, like walking with my friends and protecting us in this rapidly changing world. To me, being confirmed means that I

precious every moment with loved ones truly is, and it deepened my trust that God's plan is at work even in the darkest times.

Being confirmed means I am recognized as a woman in the eyes of God. It is a promise to follow Him with my heart, mind, and soul. I will keep this commitment by, Reading my Bible each night Attending youth gatherings regularly, and Encouraging my family to join in church life.

My faith journey has been supported by my Grandma Debbie, my Grandma Lola, Grandma Mary, my mom, and surprisingly my cats.

The verse that guides me is *Psalm 51:10: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."* I chose it because it was also the confirmation verse of my late Grandpa Harold Heeren, a man I never met but whose legacy lives on in our family. He taught me that even when a day isn't good, we can make it great.

I thank God for the love that surrounds me and for the strength to walk forward in faith.

Tylen Ostermyer

My name is Tylen Ostermyer. I am the son of Adam Ostermyer and Carl and Shelly Swanson. My grandparents are Linda Hamer, Pat buys, Lonnie Ostermyer and Keith and Janice Swanson. My siblings are. Kaden, Logan, Lawson, and Myles. My sponsors are Chris and Kristin Mason and Mike and Tara Shannon. I was baptized here at Grace on June 12, 2011.

I have been attending Grace since I was born. I started going to Sunday school when I was 3 and started going to Grace kids in 3rd grade with Melinda. She is an amazing teacher. She always had fun activities that helped me learn about God. I then moved up to confirmation with Pastor, Lynn, Tony and Allen and they helped me grow in my faith and helped me to learn the 10 commandments.

I believe in God and that Jesus died for my sins. I've seen God at work in my life even when it's hard like when my little brother Kashe passed away this past Christmas. Kashe was able to save

Service of Confirmation

Pledge of the Confirmand

Pastor: In the Rite of Confirmation, we individually affirm our Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us joyfully share in the Catechism's section of Holy Baptism. First, what is Baptism?

Class: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.**

Pastor: Which is that Word of God?

Class: **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

Pastor: Second, what benefits does Baptism give?

Class: **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

Pastor: Which are these words and promises of God?

Class: **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."**

Pastor: Confirmands, at one time you were received into God's covenant of grace through the waters of Holy Baptism. By means of this Sacrament you were freed from the power of darkness and called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, your Lord. Since that time, you have been instructed in the Word of God and in the true meaning of the Holy Sacraments according to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC—MS). At this time, I invite you to confirm the Christian faith which was confessed at your Baptism by your parents, sponsors, and congregation in order that you may be reminded again of the covenant of grace which God made with you at that time.

Do you this day in the presence of God and this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism?

Class: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Class: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

Class: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Class: Yes, 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Class: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: And now I ask you, Confirmands, in the presence of God and this congregation, do you intend to remain strong in your faith and committed to Christ's Church and to suffer anything, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Class: I do so intend with God's help.

Pastor: Do you hold all the books of the Bible, written by the prophets and apostles, to be the inspired Word of God and agree that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC—MS), drawn from the Bible and as you have learned to know them through Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true?

ing that you believe in Jesus and want to follow Him. I will pray to God before I play a volleyball game, I will pray to him at least once a day, and if I don't do it one day I will do it 2 times the next day, and I will pray for other families to help them through things. I can continue to pray and have faith he will answer my prayers, I will show up to Sunday school, and Bible classes. My Mom is the person that helps me the most, she takes me to and from Church, she tries to get me to almost every Church event unless I am busy, she has always had so much faith in me and she is just a very good person and has helped me believe in God more and more. Whenever I pray to God and he answers my prayers, it makes me believe in him more and more. I believe in God when I pray for him to keep me safe and he keeps me safe. I always feel God's goodness but sometimes I feel like he doesn't answer my prayers which is okay. I feel God's goodness on the volleyball court, in school, and everywhere I go.

“Let the Lord be your guide into the future Trust in Him, and He will guide you” Psalm 37:5 reminds me to place my future in God's hands instead of trying to control everything myself. This verse encourages surrender- believing that God sees what we cannot and is actively working on our behalf. By committing my plans to the Lord I find peace, direction, and confidence that he will faithfully guide my steps. Melinda is also the reason I keep going to Church, she gives me lots of faith in God and she has helped me through tough times and she always gives me hope. I hope to keep seeing her every Sunday and keeping my faith in the Church

Bettiemae Janssen

Hello I am Bettiemae Elaine Janssen. I was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 8 2012, during the Son Rise Service. My godparents are my Grandma Lola Fitch, my aunt Abby Janssen, and my cousin Cody Heeren.

My faith grew out of a day that began ordinary and ended with a miracle I will never forget. One spring afternoon I and my mom enjoyed corndogs from a food truck, but that night a terrifying dream turned into reality. When I woke, my mom was unresponsive. I held her close, called 911, and watched the EMTs rush her to the hospital. In the ICU she fought the needles, but I prayed, “Please save my mom, God.” Seeing her struggle taught me how

Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all Thy children and obey
The law of Christian love.

2 So may we join Thy name to bless,
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,
From sin and strife to flee.
One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same,
A crown of life with Thee.

3 Spirit of life, of love and peace,
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live,
In joyful hope to die.

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You Are Invited:

The congregation is invited to stay for a short reception for the Confirmands immediately after the service. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith Statements

Ralayna Bainbridge

My name is Ralayna Bainbridge, my mom is Rhonda Bainbridge and my dad is Scott Bainbridge. My grandparents are Clarice Bainbridge, Cherly Tague and Ron Tague. My siblings are Holten Bainbridge, Zack Bainbridge, Brianna Bainbridge and Kayden Schroeder. I believe that they have done many things for me and everyone around me. I have seen God help me through many things, he has helped me get better with volleyball, be more social, and help me get through a hard point of time in my life. I am planning on still showing up every Sunday, but if I can't make it every Sunday I will try to at least show up as much as I can.

To be confirmed is to go through a church ceremony called confirmation where a person publicly affirms their faith in Jesus. You are also making a personal commitment to God and publicly say-

Class: I do.

Pastor: Do you desire to be a communing member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC—MS) and of Grace Lutheran Church?

Class: I do.

Pastor: Do you intend faithfully to live your life according to God's Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and Sacrament, which are His means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the end of your life?

Class: I do so intend by the grace of God.

Pledge of the Parents

Pastor: **In Christian love, you presented your child for Holy Baptism. At that time, you promised to faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. You also promised to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith. Your child has now completed Confirmation instruction and has made a vow before God to remain faithful to Him and to continue to grow in true faith and knowledge of Him. And so I ask you, will you continue to support your child by continuing to bring him/her to worship, Sunday School, and other opportunities for growth and fellowship?**

Parents: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: **Will you continue to support and encourage your child in their Christian life by seeking family opportunities to study God's Word together, that he might see in you the delight of God's Word providing them with a lamp for their feet and a light to their path; to discuss your faith and its application to life and to pray together for God's guidance and strength to handle life's challenges?**

Parents: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: The promise from God's Word is that it will not return to Him empty but will accomplish that purpose for which God has intended. May He continue to give you His wisdom and strength as you journey with your child through the teen years. Know that you are in partnership with your church, your pastor, and our spiritual leadership as we work together to continue to nurture them in their faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pledge of the Congregation

Pastor: These promises are difficult to fulfill, both by the Confirmand and their parents. On their own, they will fail. But God has given community to His Church that together, we might help build up and strengthen the whole body. For that reason, I now ask everyone else gathered here: Will you continue to pray for these Confirmands? Will you support them, instruct them, and admonish them when necessary? Will you help build them up in their Christian faith that they might continue to grow and mature in their faith?

Congregation: We will, the Lord giving us strength!

The Individual Blessing

Pastor: *Name of Confirmand*, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ give you His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification + and the fear of God.

Pastor: Upon this your profession and promise, I invite and welcome you as a communing member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (LC—MS) and of this congregation, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for His Church and to live them out continually in His worship and service.

Prayer for the Confirmands

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly come to You on behalf of Your these young Confirmands. Let Your fatherly hand ever be over them, and may Your

Holy Spirit ever be with them. Lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word, that in the end they might obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, lives and rules eternally!

All: Amen!

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: And 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.

The Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you.
Amen

Distribution of the Lord's Supper (The first table will be the Confirmation Class)

Post-Communion Blessing

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Amen

Benediction

The grace of our Lord and Savior...
Amen

Recessional Hymn: #696 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill
And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above;