

# Confirmation Worship Service | 08/09/2020

## Time After Pentecost – Lectionary 19

### Prelude

### Gathering Song

*Sung by the Greenwaldt Family*

### Welcome and Announcements

L: Welcome to worship at Gethsemane Lutheran! We extend a hearty welcome to our guests and visitors this morning. Today we recognize Braedan Renee and Justin Anderson as they affirm their baptismal faith. They have chosen their individual confirmation scripture verses for this day. In these verses and the scripture lessons for today we are reminded that God is always near. God is caring and compassionate and remains with us always, giving us peace and sending us forth to be a sign of God's presence in the world.

*(Please stand as you are able. You may join in signing our opening song.)*

### Opening Song

*Borning Cry, ELW # 732*

*I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well.  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'til rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.*

### Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen. (You may be seated.)**

### **Scripture verse and statement of faith/reflection by Justin Anderson**

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, "rejoice!" Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Scripture verse and statement of faith/reflection by Braedan Rene**

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your care upon him (God) for he cares for you."

### **Affirmation of baptism Page 234 ELW**

**A representative of the congregation comes forward for the presentation.**

R: "I present Justin Anderson and Braedan Renee, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism."

L: Let us pray:

Merciful God, we thank you for Justin and Braedan, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold Justin and Braedan in the gifts and promises of their baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

L: **Justin and Braedan**, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: I RENOUNCE THEM!

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: I RENOUNCE THEM!

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I RENOUNCE THEM!

L: **Congregation please stand as you are able.**

L: **I ask all here gathered to profess the faith of the church along with Justin and Braedan.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: 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.**

L: **(Congregation may be seated.)** Justin and Braedan, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

J: I DO, AND I ASK GOD TO HELP AND GUIDE ME.

B: I DO, AND I ASK GOD TO HELP AND GUIDE ME.

L: People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

L: **Justin, please kneel. Those wishing to come forward to bless Justin may do so at this time. Place your hands upon him. Congregation, please stretch forward your hands toward Justin in blessing as we pray.**

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, stir up in **Justin** the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

### **Repeat with Braedan**

L: **Justin and Braedan, please stand and face the assembly.  
(The designated persons place a stole on each confirmand to conclude the rite.)**

L: Let us rejoice together with these brothers 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!**

*The confirmands and their families return to their seats.*

### **Scripture Reading**

L: Our Old Testament reading for today is 1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here,

Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also, you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

L: The Holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

L: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Song of the Day

*I Will Come to You in The Silence (You Are Mine) ELW # 581, Laurie Anderson*

### Prayers of the Church (Please stand as you are able.)

L: Turning toward God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (brief silence)

L: Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of baptism, for claiming us as your own. Empower the baptized, especially Justin and Braedan, to live in the secure knowledge that your love and abiding presence go with us always. Lord in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Creating God, the mighty wind, the earthquake, the fire are all part of your creation. Let these remind us of our calling to protect and care for the earth and all that is in it. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Reigning God, we pray for the nations of our world and for their leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. In your steadfast love, faithfulness and justice are the pathway to peace. Grant that it may be so. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Abiding God, everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Pour out your healing power among us. For those who are in doubt, renew faith. For those who worry, give release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Care for all who are in need. We remember especially Mel, Dan, Bev, Marilyn, Lorna, those on our prayer list, and those we name before you or in the silence of our hearts. (Wait) Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Eternal God, we give you thanks for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our communities whom you have gathered to yourself. Embolden our witness until the time we join with all the saints in light. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Receive these prayers, and those too deep for words, in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Offering:**

L: Your offering gifts will be collected after communion. An usher will gather the offerings and provide a waste receptacle for your communion cups

### **Offering Prayer**

L: Let us pray. Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all. Unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**C: Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Sing or solo to be announced.)*

*Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; 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.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

L: Listen in the silence as Jesus whispers your name...  
Receive now the body of Christ, given for you.

*You may eat the wafer.*

**C: Amen.**

L: Receive now the blood of Christ, shed for you.

*You may drink the juice.*

**C: Amen.**

### **Post Communion Blessing/Prayer**

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in faith.

**C: Amen.**

L: God how marvelous! How wonderful is your great love poured out for us. May our lives ever sing the song of your love.

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Song

### My Lighthouse

*In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures you won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Oh, you are the peace in my troubled sea.*

*In the silence you won't let go, in the questions, your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Oh, you are the peace in my troubled sea.*

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness I will follow you.  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise you will carry me  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Oh, you are the peace in my troubled sea.*

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness I will follow you.  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise you will carry me  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

*Fire before us, you're the brightest, you will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest, you will lead us through the storms. (hey)  
Fire before us, you're the brightest, you will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest, you will lead us through the storms.*

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness I will follow you.  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise you will carry me  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

## Dismissal

**L:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**