

*Confirmation Sunday / All Saints Sunday*  
*The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish*  
*November 3, 2024*

*We welcome visitors into our community! May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**All: we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

**Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives**

**for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

Pastor: These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.

**All: Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*All: Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **WORD**

### **\*GOSPEL**

**John 11:32-44**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

### **CANDLE LIGHTING FOR ALL SAINTS—**

Today we remember those who have died among us, beloved friends and family:

*(Peace)* Carl Bohman, Rosalie Borchardt, Paul Buckley, Reyn Carey, Floistad Family, James Guyant, Terry Lea, Emil Pavelski, Andrew Peterson, Andy Sjoberg, Brandon "Butch" Somers, Christine Watt

*(Nelsonville)* Lois Brueggeman, Lynn Gordon, Rita Huglen, Frankie Kanuscak, William Krueger, Diane Marquardt, Ana Obando, Andrew Peterson, Tim Steffen, Waller, Peter Whatley, Herbert Wolding, Shane Wolding

*Those who are remembering and giving thanks to God for their loved ones by lighting a candle are asked to come forward at this time; candles*

are in alphabetical order (last name) starting with "A" to the left. Pastor will assist you. Remain until all candles are lit.

**HYMN** (during the lighting) **Just A Closer Walk with Thee** #697

## **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND GRATITUDE**

(Confirmands come forward.)

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this *sister/brother*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *her/him* to yourself, enlightened *her/him* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *her/him* in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Congregation: Amen**

Pastor: (to confirmand) 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?

**Confirmand:** *I renounce them.*

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

**Confirmand:** *I renounce them.*

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

**Confirmand:** *I renounce them.*

P: (to all) 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, 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 into hell. 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.**

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.**

P (to confirmand): 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?

**Confirmand:** *I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support this *sister/brother* and pray for *her/him* in *her/his* life in Christ?

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

P: Gracious Lord, through water and the spirit you have made this *woman/man* your own. You forgave *her/him* all *her/his* sins and brought *her/him* to newness of life. Continue to strengthen *her/him* with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in *her/him* your gifts of grace: 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **Noah Fleming affirms his Baptism (8:30 am only)**

(parents, sponsors and other loved ones  
are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.)

### **Noah's Faith Statement is read:**

I believe in Jesus Christ.

I believe that he is God's only son, who was put on Earth to help and guide us.

I believe that God loves me.

I believe that God is the creator of heaven and earth.

I believe that God sees good in me.

I believe that God will always help me to improve.

I believe that God will always be there to help and guide me.

I believe that Jesus died for my sins.

I believe that God will never leave my side.

I believe that God listens to me.

I believe that God understands me.

I believe that God will always keep me on the path of good.

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead.

I believe that Jesus will one day return.

I believe that God will always forgive my sins.

I believe that there is only one God, our lord and savior.

I believe that God put me in the world because he had a purpose for me.

I believe that Jesus is a role model and someone I can look to for help in my life.

## **PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Noah 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.

**C: Amen**

## **JC Bohman affirms his Baptism (8:30 am only)**

(parents, sponsors and other loved ones are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.)

### **JC's Faith Statement is read:**

I believe in one God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who created all things and sustains life. I am saved by God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died and rose to forgive my sins and offer eternal life.

I confess that I am a sinner, and through baptism, I am made a child of God. I trust the Holy Spirit to guide me in faith and empower me to love and serve others. The Bible is God's Word, revealing His will and truth, and I strive to follow it.

In the Lord's Supper, I receive Christ's body and blood, a reminder of His love and presence. I believe in the unity of the Church and the promise of eternal life with God. My faith calls me to love God and my neighbor, living out His grace every day.

## **PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in JC 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.

**C: Amen**

## **Jillian Trzebiatowski affirms her Baptism (10:15 am only)**

(parents, sponsors and other loved ones are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.)

### **Jillian's Faith Statement is read:**

It's crazy for me as a fifteen-year-old to stand up here and tell you all how I'm going to live the rest of my life. I mean, I'm barely halfway into my high school career, I'm still learning about myself and the people around me, and I don't even know what the "real world" is supposed to be like. But, regardless of my age, it's because of the undying support and kindness the church has shown me in the past fifteen years that I can stand up here and tell you the beliefs I will live the rest of my life on.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I've found God's presence in the benevolence, patience, and kindness of His children in our community, as well as the opportunities and gifts I've been given as one of His children.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Because of Jesus Christ, I can be redeemed from my mistakes and come to live as one of His children.

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. My faith rests on these tenets, and I believe them in my heart to be true.

Confirmation has been a journey for me, guiding me in my beliefs, and prompting me to ask the questions I needed to learn more about my faith. The last three years have been not just an examination of the world around me, but an introspection on how I live my life and what I will bring to God's world.

It is with the utmost gratitude that I stand up here and am allowed to profess my faith for my community to hear. Amen.

### **PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Jillian the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

C: Amen

## **WORD**

### **\*GOSPEL**

**Mark 12:28-34**

<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

## SERMON

Pastor Dwight Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* #769

### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy ...

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

## MEAL

### \* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

### DISTRIBUTION

*(The distribution will be processional and the ushers will guide you. All who believe there is forgiveness of sin available in this meal that is offered by Christ Himself are welcome to come forward. Communion will be served by intinction. The pastor and assistant give the bread and wine, with these words: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Touch the wafer to the wine or juice.)*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Come, Thou Almighty King* #408

*Day by Day* #790

### OFFERING

*(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. A collection box is available at the back of the sanctuary for indoor services, or next to the side door at Nelsonville for the outdoor service. To support the ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at [www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving](http://www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving).)*

### \* BLESSING

## ***CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE***

### **SUNDAYS**

Worship Service at Peace 8:30 am  
Sunday School at Peace 9:00 am  
Sunday School at Nelsonville 9:30 am  
Worship Service at Nelsonville 10:15 am

Services are livestreamed every Sunday at 10:15 am at [trchurch.org](http://trchurch.org)

### **THURSDAYS**

Evening Candlelight Prayer Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm

Thursday Services are online at [trchurch.org](http://trchurch.org)

### ***WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS!***

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