

Four Mile Lutheran Church

October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday



Confirmation

Julianne Ruth Vinson

New Member Celebration

Kimberly Kay Holloway

Steven Lynn Garland

Presiding: Vicar Ed Fiducia, SAWL

Assisting: Lisa Knox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFIRMATION/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Confirmation in the Lutheran Church is a public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction. It is called "affirmation of baptism" and is a mature and public reaffirmation of the faith which marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry. We gather this morning to celebrate the confirmation of Julianne Ruth Vinson as she takes the next step in her walk with God and becomes an adult member of Four Mile Lutheran Church.

Julie Vinson comes forward and reads her testimony.

P: We are also blessed this morning to welcome two additional people to membership in Four Mile... Kimberly Kay Holloway and Steven Lynn Garland. Kimberly and Steven come to Four Mile from other denominations and have expressed the desire to join Four Mile Lutheran Church as members.

KK and Steve come forward and join Julie at the altar.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P: We present these persons, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and this brother, 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 your servants 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.

C: Amen

The Pastor addresses those making Affirmation

P: 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?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

The Pastor addresses those making Affirmation and the congregation. Please rise.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

The pastor addresses those making Affirmation

P: You have made a 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?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The pastor then addresses the congregation

P: Do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

*The congregation may be seated. Parents and Sponsors may come forward
Those making Affirmation kneel, and the pastor prays:*

P: 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.

The pastor lays hands on the head of each person and prays

P: Stir up in Julianne Ruth, Kimberly Kay, and Stephen Lynn the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of

the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen

When each has been confirmed, those making Affirmation stand and face the assembly.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and this brother in Christ. 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.

(Applause is appropriate)

The new members return to their seats and the service continues. Please remain standing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Most Merciful God,

C. We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

P. Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and commissioned minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN A Mighty Fortress is Our God
LBW 229**

P. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

THE KYRIE

A. In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord have mercy.

A. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For this Holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

A. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

C. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!

P. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you

Prayer of the Day

You may be seated

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

The word of God, for the people of God.

C. Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

C. Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

P. This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY **Lord, Keep us Steadfast in your Word LBW 230**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER SONG

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (WOV 775)
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

A. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Prayers of Intercession

A. Hear us O God.....

C. **Your Mercy is great**

P. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always

C. **And also with you**

Share Gods Peace

You may be seated

OFFERING

CHOIR'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Please stand as you are able

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray; Merciful Father

C. We offer with Joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and all places, give thanks and praise to you,And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

C. Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

P. 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 to 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C. 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.

P. Let us pray: Father God, Almighty and everlasting Lord, we ask your blessing on these elements whether they are here with us or in each home. Your blessing reaches beyond boundaries of brick and mortar, and the miles in between your children. We thank you Father for your continued blessings as we partake of this Holy bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The congregation will remain seated until you are instructed by the usher to come forward:

P. For those who are communing at home, I ask: At this time, please take your bread or cracker, and as I say the words of institution, place it in your mouth. "The body of Christ, given for you."

Take and eat.

Again, for those who are communing at home, I ask: At this time, please take your wine, or juice, and as I say the words of institution, drink it. “The blood of Christ, Shed for you.”

Take and drink.

Will the ushers please direct the congregation to come forward.

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

A: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen

**COMMUNION HYMN: O Living Bread from Heaven
LBW 197 (Sung during Communion)**

P. Now, may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. † Amen.

C. Amen

Please stand as you are able

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

A. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith

toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, † and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation LBW 369

DISMISSAL – ASSISTING MINISTER

Go in Hope, go in peace, go in Joy, and in Love for our Lord, Jesus Christ who is risen and is with us.

Thanks be to God

**VISION STATEMENT: A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CARING,
SHARING AND HELPING OTHERS.**

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR given to the glory of God by Four Mile Youth

Prayer List: Micah Thane, Debra Huffman, Shirley Parker, Merit & Verree Dannen, Bill York, Jack Ruebman, Ken Andrews, Larry Castleberry, Barbara Metch Holan, Andy Ruebman, Steve Knox, Mark Knox, Lee Brau, Joyce Hideman, Stuart Hulsey, Betty Trednick's nephew, Christian, Pastor Jamie, Gary Holan, Steve Smith – Mistie Delk's father, Todd

**Walker, the Robertson family, Ted's Mother – Phyllis , Nancy
Hiser – Jack & Maudine's friend, pray for our nation and our
Military.**