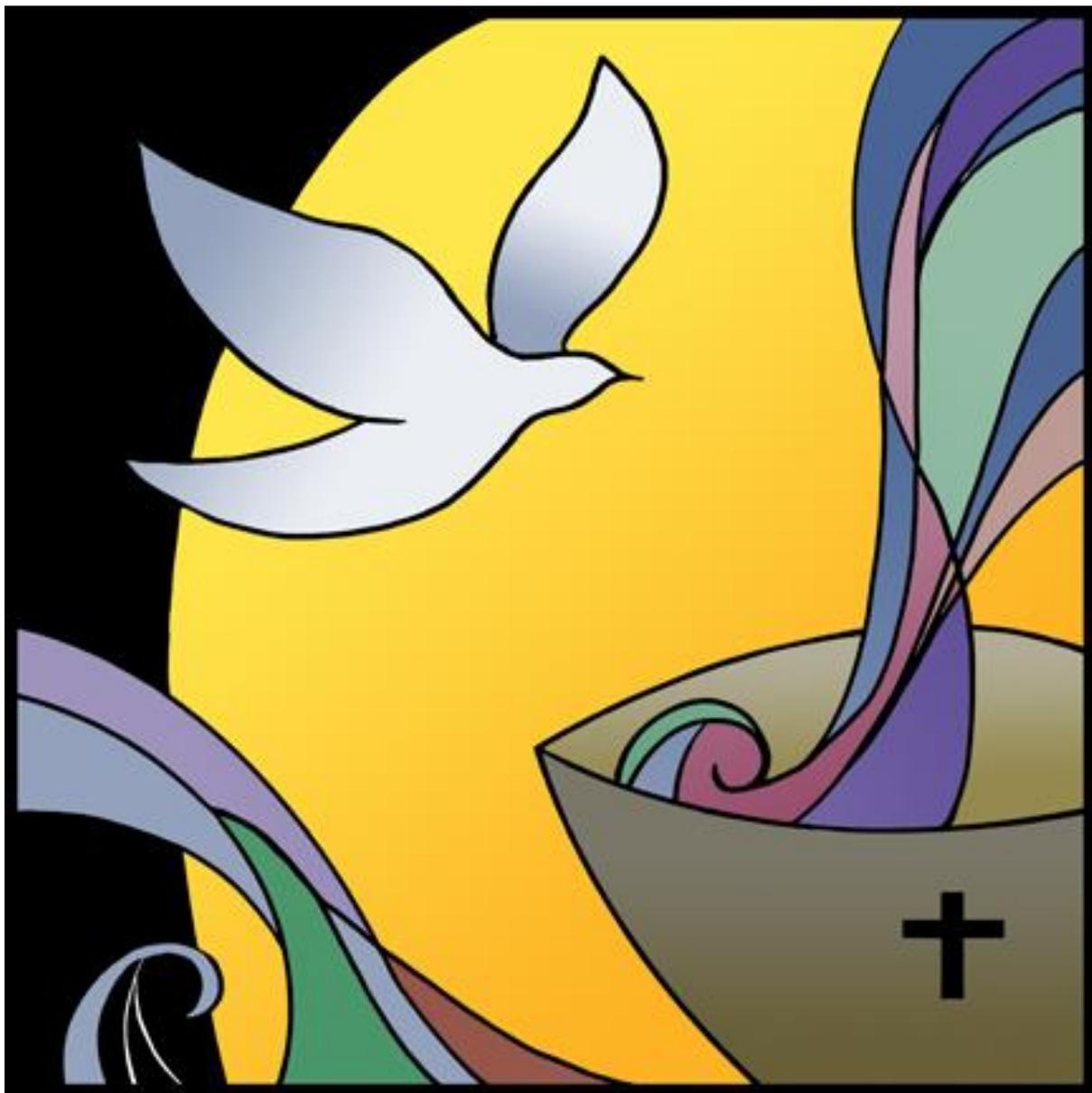


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Confirmation Sunday

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Sunday, May 2, 2021 - The Fifth Sunday after Easter
Confirmation/High School Graduate Recognition

Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together by God's grace.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Andrew Cone
Emily Miller
Ty Miller
Austin Muhsman

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + One God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

+GATHERING HYMN *Amazing Grace (Vs. 1, 2, 5) (chosen by Talyn Fogg and Briar Uhing)*
Congregation

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

*"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Good and gracious God, we thank you for the blessings of this day. Be with us as we give you thanks for your presence in the lives of Salem's young people. Strengthen them in their walk of faith, and inspire all of us to recommit ourselves to your leading, teaching, and invitation to follow you. Continue to create in us a passion for sharing the Good News through our words and actions. Amen.

The Word

We listen to the Word.

FIRST LESSON: John 1:1-2 (Briar) and John 3:16 (Jlynn)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God...

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

SECOND LESSON: John 1:8-12 (Hailey)

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

+GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd^d chapter. (Talyn)

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Reading of Luke 2:16-20.)

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Change My Heart, O God (chosen by Hailey)

Congregation

*Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

*You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Refrain*

Eddie Espinosa/1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services

+AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Talyn Fogg
Hailey Smith
Briar Uhing
Jlynn Vollmer

P: People of God, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these sisters and brother in Christ: *Talyn Fogg, Hailey Smith, Briar Uhing, and Jlynn Vollmer*. They make public affirmation of their baptism today in the rite of Confirmation, and we celebrate with them the light of Christ in their lives as they mark this milestone, and grow in faith and years to come.

Mentor: I present Talyn, Hailey, Briar and Jlynn, as they respond to the call to affirm their baptisms.
Talyn’s Confirmation mentor: Shirley Kocher
Hailey’s Confirmation mentor: Carrie Flynn
Briar’s Confirmation mentor: Brian Hagerbaumer
Jlynn’s Confirmation mentors: Merit and LuAnn Bell

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brother in Christ, 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 with their Confirmation mentors and many others in the body of Christ. 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.

All: Amen.

+PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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, 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 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.

+AFFIRMATION

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

P: Jlynn, you shared that of the five baptismal promises, you feel most called to live among God's faithful people, and hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.

P: Talyn, Hailey, and Briar, you shared that of the five baptismal promises, you feel most called to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Respond to this question all together: Do you intend to continue in the promises and 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?

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

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

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

P: Let us pray.

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.

Stir up in 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and 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.

Community

God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

At the end of each petition:

P: Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

+SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you now and always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING REFLECTION *I'm Going on a Journey* *Deacon Timothy Siburg*

*Offering plates are at both entrance and exits for your convenience,
or you can give online thru our website.*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

+DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Thanks be to you, O God, for the many gifts you have given us: each day and night, each river, valley, field and mountain each weather fair, each calm, each wild. And especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

P: We remember his mercy given so gently and generously, even in the very night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in the remembrance of me.

P: 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 in the remembrance of me.

P: With your Holy ones of all times and places, with earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon, and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+THE 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.

+INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for everything is ready.

THE DISTRIBUTION (please be seated as we receive the sacrament)

P: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

P: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

*We are sent from the worship service,
to our serving of God & our neighbors in the week ahead.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the week ahead.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (chosen by Jlynn)

Congregation

*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grace, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

(sing thru twice)

Rick Founds/1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc. admin. Music Services

BENEDICTION (please stay seated - ushers will dismiss by pew)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor
Deacon Timothy Siburg --- Musician, Cantor
Cynthia Carter, Ava Miller --- Acolytes
Emily Miller --- Lector
TBA --- Ushers
Chris Woods --- Sound Room
Rich Brown --- Greeter
Carrie Flynn, TBA --- Counters
LuAnn Bell, Jodi Johann --- Altar Guild

CHILDREN OF GOD AFFIRMING THEIR FAITH TODAY:

Talyn Fogg - daughter of Chad and Krista Justice

Favorite Bible verse or Bible story: Luke 2:16-20

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Statement of faith: God is great and heals my pain.

Favorite Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

Feels a calling to explore this baptismal promise more: Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Hailey Smith - daughter of Justin and Melanie Smith

Favorite Bible verse or Bible story: John 1:8-12

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

Statement of faith: I don't know how to describe God. God to me is everything, the world, people, animals, Earth. God can't be in someone's life, but he's always there. God is the sun in my life and the light in the world that everyone can see.

Favorite Hymn or worship song: Change my Heart, O God

Feels a calling to explore this baptismal promise more: To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Briar Uhing - son of Fred and DonDel Uhing

Favorite Bible verse or Bible story: John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Statement of faith: God is the big, good man upstairs that created everything.

Favorite Hymn: Amazing Grace

Feels a calling to explore this baptismal promise more: Strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Jlynn Vollmer - daughter of David and Jamie Vollmer

Favorite Bible verse or Bible story: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Statement of faith: God helped me know that things are all right. God is the best things that has happened to me.

Favorite Hymn: Lord I Lift your Name on High

Feels a calling to explore this baptismal promise more: Live among God's faithful people, Hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.

WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.

Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM:

SUNDAY, MAY 2:	Confirmation/High School	
	Graduate Reception	11:30 am
MONDAY, MAY 3:	Quilting	9:00 am
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5:	Evangelism Supper	6:00 pm
FRIDAY, MAY 7:	Faith Food Pantry set up	4:00 pm
	Faith Food Pantry distribution	8:00 am
SUNDAY, MAY 9:	Bible Study w/Pastor Allison	9:30 am
	Sunday School/Mother's Day	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am

MANY THANKS TO Timothy Siburg for serving as our musician and cantor this morning.

GRADUATES OF SALEM ARE: Andrew Cone, son of Matt and April Cone; Emily Miller, daughter of Mitch and Liesa Miller; Ty Miller, son of Chris Miller and Melissa Miller; and Austin Muhsman, son of Doug and Merry Muhsman.

SUPPER AT THE FIRE STATION - on the first Monday of every month from 5:00-7:00 pm, 101 N. Maple St., in Nickerson. Age 11+ - \$10.00/Age 10 and under - \$5.00/First Responders - \$5.00 - includes 1 entrée and a water/soda. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for all the information.

FONTANELLE 5K - SUNDAY, MAY 23, AT 8:00 AM - Save the date and start stretching those legs for a Fun Run (or Fun Walk) in the neighborhood, put on by the Confirmation parent committee. This fundraiser will support the middle school kids in their ministry and events as they grow in years and faith. 8:00am 5K in Fontanelle (free t-shirt), 10:30 Pentecost Sunday worship, 11:30 Pulled Pork fellowship provided by the Men in Mission. Sign-up in the narthex today. For the 5K, \$30 per adult, \$20 per kid, FREE age 10 and under--invite your family and friends, and our neighbors! (t-shirt included with registration fee).

BIBLE STUDY ON JESUS AROUND THE WORLD - Join Pastor Allison for an Easter season adult Bible Study that leads up to Pentecost. We'll look at the backgrounds of Jesus artwork from around the world to help us grow in an even richer understanding of God in Christ through the arts. Mark your calendars! We will be in the fellowship hall 9:30am Sundays, May 9, 16 (no May 2 with Confirmation Sunday).

SUMMER WORKSHOPS brought to you by Washington County 4-H. Are you hoping to fill your child's summer calendar with fun hands-on learning experiences? Nebraska Extension in Washington County wants to help! Our 2021 Summer Workshop Series is packed with engaging workshops that help youth gain life skills, make friends, and give back to the community. Workshops vary from Woodworking to Baking, Horticulture, Animal Science, and Health Living. All youth ages 5-18 are welcome to join! And if you're a 4-H'er, you'll get a chance to create a County Fair project! 4-H Members get special pricing - Enroll in 4-H by June 15 to save on summer workshops. Sign-up now; the workshop registration deadline is approaching fast! To learn more about the 4-H Summer Workshop Series, visit <http://go.unl.edu/summerseries>. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board with information.

ZOE!! AND SPOUDAZO are ecumenical ministries welcoming youth from all faith backgrounds. The mission is to provide opportunity for students to explore, develop, and share their gifts of music and drama as they grow in their relationship with God and others.

ZOE LIFE!! 2021 Zoe!! Lite 2021 is open to all current 7th & 8th graders. Registration and the first rehearsal will be on Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 pm at First Lutheran Church, 3200 East Military Avenue in Fremont. A parent or adult should attend the registration with the student. Registration packets are available at First Lutheran or may be downloaded at www.flcfremont.org/events. This music and drama ministry will return in a lighter form this year with fewer rehearsals and an abbreviated tour. Cost for each youth is \$30.

With this year's theme, *Who You Say I Am*, Zoe!! Lite will present a message with songs and skits about the identity we have as a part of God's family. Zoe!! Lite will take the message on the road to Okoboji Bible Camp on Saturday, May 29, and return for a home concert on Sunday, May 30.

SPOUDAZO 2021 The music and drama ministry of Spoudazo is open to all current high school students and all 2020 high school graduates. Registration is Sunday, April 25, at 2:00 pm at First Lutheran Church, 3200 East Military Avenue in Fremont. Registrations will be accepted at First Lutheran after April 25, if you are not able to attend. A registration fee of \$ 75 is due at the time of registration. Registration packets will be available at First Lutheran the day of registration and can be downloaded after that from www.flcfremont.org/events. Rehearsals begin on Thursday, May 20. Tour/performance dates are July 13-18.

Spoudazo 2021 will present *Begin Again*. We are the sum total of what we have done; and what has happened to us - the good AND the bad. Sometimes we want to erase part of our life and start over; however that is not possible. But; we CAN begin again each day, asking God to use those broken parts of our life to help us become the light at the end of someone else's tunnel.

SIGNUPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2021! Please note that signup sheets for 2021 are now posted on the bulletin board and are available on Signup Genius - please add your name where you can.

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