

# Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

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## Catechetical Examination and Confirmation Service

Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 14, 2018

Hymn 288: "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

Opening Prayer . . . . . Pastor

The Examination— The Lord's Apostle Peter exhorts all of us:

"Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready  
always to give an answer to every man that asketh you  
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

1 Peter 3:15

As the catechumens are examined this morning, may we remember  
them fervently in our prayers; and let each one of us then also  
examine himself and thus put this special opportunity to the  
best spiritual advantage under the Lord's gracious blessing!



The Worship Service —

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude & Processional: „Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott“

Hymn 134: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Opening Liturgy — Order of Service, *Hymnal*, p. 5ff.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 3:14-18

Hymn 338: "Thine Forever, God of Love"

Gospel Lesson: John 10:27-28

The Apostles' Creed (*Hymnal*, p. 12)

Hymn 381: "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

The Sermon: Selected Epistle Text: 2 Timothy 3:15

The Blessed Knowledge of God's Saving Word since Childhood

- I. Our heritage of God's grace in the past;
- II. Our testimony to God's grace in the present;
- III. Our security in God's grace for the future.

Offertory: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

The Rite of Confirmation

Intercession for the Confirmands and the Lord's Prayer

(The Congregation will please arise.)

Hymn 408: "Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory"

Collect for the Word . . . . . Congregation: "Amen!"

The Benediction of the Lord Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Organ Postlude: „Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern“ (Leupold)

## Announcement

—**Special thanks** from your Pastor to the parents of **Nicholas, Connor and Isaac**, and to all the dear brethren who, by their teaching and example, helped him to nourish these young sheep of the Savior in His precious Word and in its application to their faith and life! May the Holy Ghost continue to work in them now eagerly to grow in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Savior, to hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering, to be fruitful in every good work as the evidence of a true and living faith, and in the end to receive the crown of everlasting life in heaven, the inheritance of grace, reserved in heaven for all true believers in Jesus! To Him be all honor and glory world without end! Amen.