

# *The Rite of* **CONFIRMATION**

May 4, 2025



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## Lutheran Church

May 4, 2025

### The Rite of Junior Confirmation

#### PRELUDE

"Fanfare"

*Francis Jackson*

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB 549 v. 1-2, 5-7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,  
6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball  
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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#### INVOCATION

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

People: ♪ Amen.

Pastor: We celebrate this day our belief in the Triune God and profess our faith in our Lord.

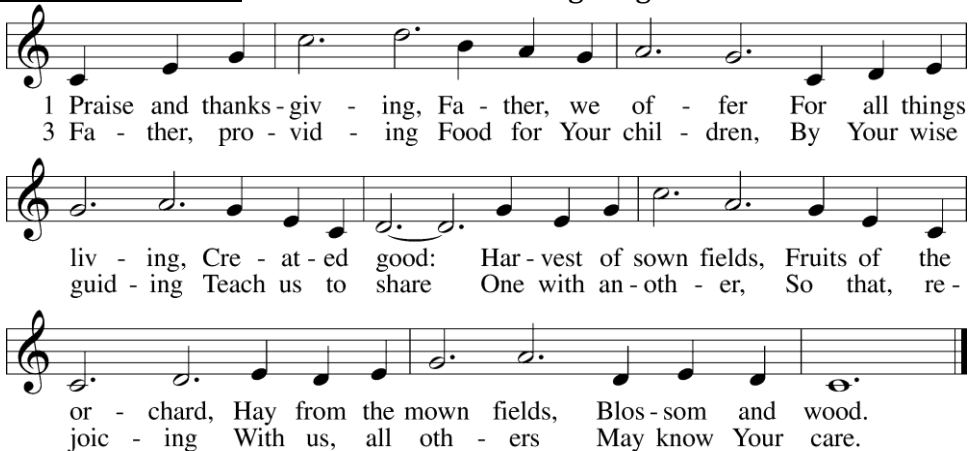
THE CREATOR

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?  
 People: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**  
 Pastor: What does this mean?  
 People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

## HYMN TO THE CREATOR

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

LSB 789 v. 1,3



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise  
 liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -  
 or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.  
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

*from Psalm 139*

*(The Lord fashioned us with His own hands and breath.)*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD...

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the

wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast...

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, <sup>16</sup> your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you...

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE REDEEMER

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## HYMN TO THE REDEEMER

LSB 525 v.3-4

3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave

Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.

No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

## **SECOND READING**

Revelation 5:8-14

*(A heavenly hymn of praise to the Lamb)*

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

"Borning Cry"

*John Ylvsaker  
The Cathedral Choir*

## THE SANCTIFIER

**Pastor:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People:** Yes, 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. Amen.

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

### HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

LSB 822 v. 3

♪ Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration.

The saving faith in us He wrought

And us unto the Bridegroom brought, Made us His chosen nation.

Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna

And an endless, glad hosanna.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

*(It is the Lord!)*

**Pastor:** The Gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter.

**People:**



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they

cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 

 **P**raise be to Thee, O Christ.

**HYMN TO THE HOLY TRINITY**      "Glory Be to God the Father"      LSB 506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each  
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,  
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

## SERMON

"It Was Love"

Romans 8:35

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Cathedral Pastor  
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## OFFERTORY *Ps 51:10-12*

LSB p. 192

**♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



## VOLUNTARY

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*Karl Osterland*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Father of all grace, Creator of all that is, affirm the gifts of those who this day have professed their faith in You. May each one see his or her special place in this world. May we trust in You as You prepare and strengthen us to live out Your will in maturity of body and spirit. Fill us with wisdom and knowledge. Help us all to use the gifts you have given us when You created us to do Your work in the world.

**People:** **Preserve us all by Your mighty hand.**

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the source of our salvation, our Redeemer from sin and death, the center of our life and hope. May those who have declared their faith in You today continually look to You for hope, for pardon, and for peace. Lord Jesus, You are the object of our faith.

**People:** **Help us to look to You, as You come to us through the gifts of grace.**

**Pastor:** Holy Spirit, You create faith in the hearts of all believers. Continue to give those who proclaim the name of Christ this day Your power and strength that they may hold steadfastly to the one true faith. Grant grace and mercy to all those who confess Christ, that even in the face of adversity, danger, strife, and death they may know the comfort of your unending presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## † The Rite of Confirmation †

### COMMENDATION OF PARENTS AND SPONSORS

*(Parents and Sponsors of Confirmands are asked to stand)*

Pastor: The Church commends you for your faithfulness in the Christian training of these children of God. Since their baptism, you have prayed over them, worshipped with them, and have insured that they were brought up in the love of the Lord, your prayers and encouragement remain important to them. And so I ask you: Will you continue in fervent prayer, and, as it is appropriate, support them in their Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsors: **Yes, with the help of God and each other.**

### THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*[See insert]*

### PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: O God, who stands above and who sees below, we pray in this moment for these who stand here and who now confess their faith.

People: **We pray that they might have the courage of their convictions, the power to keep their promises, the humility to hear Your Word, and the encouragement to be endless in their faithfulness to You.**

Pastor: Let that same Spirit which entered their lives through Baptism now continue His work with them, that they and all the world around them may be filled with the joy that Your grace provides.

People: **Amen and Amen!**

## † The Order of Holy Communion †

### CONFESSION and THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pastor: For the times we have had other gods in our lives...

People: **and for the times we have trusted in things other than You, forgive us...**

Pastor: For the times we have misused the name of the Lord...

**People:**        **and for the times we have failed to call upon You in prayer, forgive us...**

Pastor:        For the times we have forgotten the Sabbath day...

**People:**        **and for the times we have despised the preaching of Your Word, forgive us...**

Pastor:        For the times we have not honored father or mother...

**People:**        **and for the times we have failed to respect others in authority, forgive us...**

Pastor:        For the times we have murdered...

**People:**        **by hurting people in thought, word and deed, forgive us...**

Pastor:        For the times we have committed adultery...

**People:**        **with thoughts and actions unbecoming to Your design for love and marriage, forgive us...**

Pastor:        For the times we have stolen...

**People:**        **and for the times we have acted dishonestly, forgive us...**

Pastor:        For the times we have given false testimony...

**People:**        **and for the times we have hurt someone's good name, forgive us...**

Pastor:        For the times we have coveted our neighbors' possessions or family members...

**People:**        **and for the times we have tried to acquire things not belonging to us, forgive us...**

### **ABSOLUTION and THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS**

Pastor:        Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**        **Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

### **THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

Pastor:        The peace of Lord be with you all.

**People:**        ♪ **Amen.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

LSB p. 198

♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.**  
**Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.*

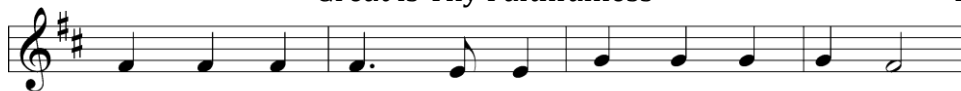
### **TWO STATION COMMUNION:**

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

## **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



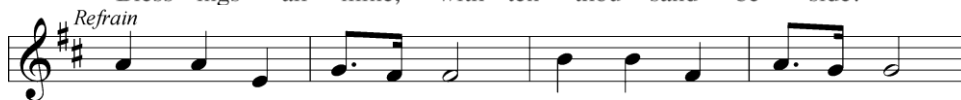
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## **DISMISSAL**

## **CLOSING PRAYER** *(based on John 14:6)*

**Pastor:** Lord, stay with us this day and all the days of our life until our final day of this turmoil when we shall see You face to face. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live our lives thoughtfully and carefully, that we would diligently walk in Your way, live by Your truth, and boldly confess Your saving truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION** *Num. 6:24-26*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People:**



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644 v. 1-2, 4-5



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

## **POSTLUDE**

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

*Robert Glick*