

The Rite of
CONFIRMATION
May 3, 2026

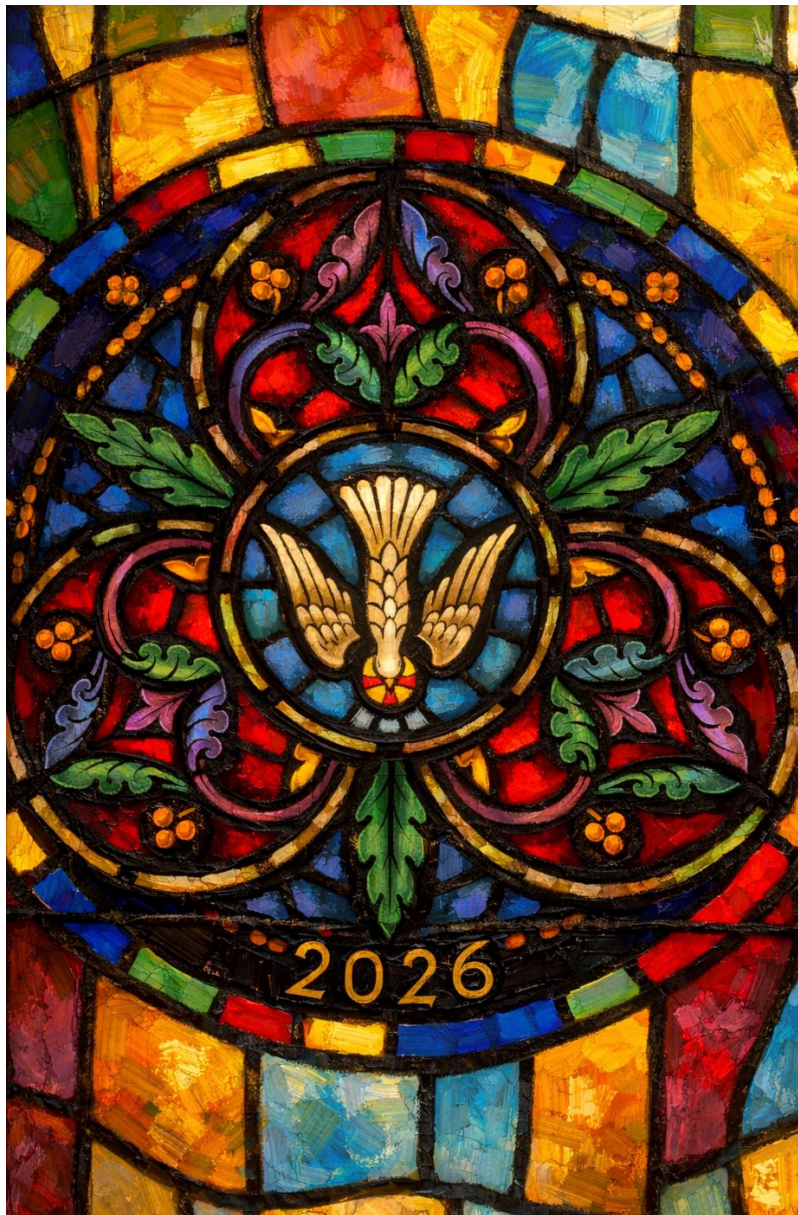


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PRELUDE

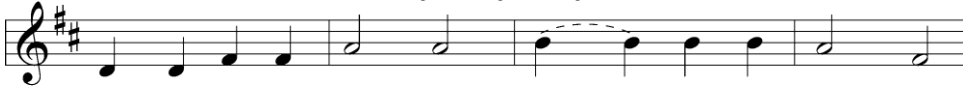
“The Festive Trumpet”

Jacob Weber

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

INVOCATION

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

People: ♪ Amen.

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, Redeemer.**

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, Immanuel.**

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, Prince of Peace.**

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, Mighty God.**

Pastor: For the times we have murdered...
People: **by hurting people in thought, word and deed, forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have committed adultery...
People: **with thoughts and actions unbecoming to Your design for love and marriage, forgive us, Son of God.**

Pastor: For the times we have stolen...
People: **and for the times we have acted dishonestly, forgive us, Savior.**

Pastor: For the times we have given false testimony...
People: **and for the times we have hurt someone's good name, forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

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 SALUTATION 2 *Tim 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 
And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together Luther's Morning Prayer:

People: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 6:8; 7:51-60

(Stephen is selected to serve, seized, and stoned.)

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people (said):

⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10

(We are a chosen race, a holy nation.)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be

a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*arr. Dan Forrest
The Cathedral Choir*

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

(Jesus, the Way, Truth, and Life)

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People:



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

Carolina Sandel Berg composed the text in 1855 in Swedish, where the original title translates "None can be safer." Its message is one of quiet confidence: that God lovingly watches over His children in every circumstance—guiding, guarding, and preserving them according to His gracious will. Especially fitting for confirmation, this hymn reminds us that our identity as God's children does not depend on our strength, but on His steadfast love. As confirmands affirm their faith, they do so under the same promise expressed in this hymn: that the Heavenly Father holds them securely, now and always.



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

SERMON

"The Vow Beyond Our Grasp"

Revelation 2:10

Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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CONFIRMATION OFFERTORY

LSB 599 v. 1, 4



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your
4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent To You, Your



chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in them re -
Word and Sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their faith to



new: The gift of faith that clings to You.
share And make them strong, each cross to bear.

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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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



VOLUNTARY

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Donald Busarow

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 †

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE


Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People: 
☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People: 
☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People: 
☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and wholesome in body and soul to give thanks to You, our Heavenly Father. You sent Your Son, the Good Shepherd, into this world to die in our place and then rise again in victory on Easter Sunday. Through His death, He has taken our penalty for sin, and by His resurrection He has opened the gates of righteousness. Therefore with angels and with archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise You forever and ever, singing:

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.

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”



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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, You have protected Your flock by Your death and resurrection, and in this Sacrament have nurtured the faith within us.

Grant us such faith that we always listen to Your voice and follow You in paths of righteousness, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Charles Ore