

# **SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 2025 (9:00 a.m.)**

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Our values are**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,  
Make Disciples...)**

## **PRELUDE**

## **GREETING**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you**

**C: And also with you.**

## **OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" LW 168**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

## INVOCATION

*(ref. Matthew 18:20)*

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

**C: Amen**

P: Blessed in He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)***

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

**C: Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 25:4-9

**Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. <sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, O LORD, are good. <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. <sup>9</sup>He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 1:16-17**

**I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.**

**<sup>17</sup>For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **HOLY GOSPEL John 6:28-29, 35, 66-69**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**They asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” ...**

**<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty”. ... <sup>60</sup>On hearing this, many said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” ...**

**<sup>66</sup>From this time many turned back and no longer followed him. <sup>67</sup>“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”**

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” LW 392**

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!**

**Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your Word and make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;  
If ever I forget your way, restore your wandering sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands, a most delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.  
spend!**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN "Yours Forever, God of Love" LW 256 v 1-4**  
**Yours forever, God of love! Hear us from your throne above.**  
**Yours forever may we be here and in eternity.**

**Yours forever! Oh, how blest they who find in you their rest!**  
**Savior, Guardian, heav'nly friend, oh, defend us to the end.**

**Yours forever! Lord, of life, shield us through our earthly strife.**  
**You, the life, the truth, the way, guide us to the realms of day.**

**Yours forever! Shepherd, save this your flock that you forgave.**  
**Keep us safe within your care, let us all your goodness share.**

## **THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION (p. 205 LW)**

**Jorge Gomez**  
***Psalm 25:4-5***

**Andrew Meyer**  
***Joshua 1:9***

**Trinity Rodriguez**  
***Romans 15:3***

**Christopher Svider**  
***Micah 6:8***

**Roxann Svider**  
***Philippians 1:4-6***

**HYMN "Yours Forever, God of Love" LW 256 v 5**  
**Yours forever! You our guide, all our wants by you supplied,**  
**All our sins by you forgiven, lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH      APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And 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. 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**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH   - concluding with**

**P:** Lord in your mercy...

**C:** Hear our prayer.

## **OFFERTORY**

**C:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit  
From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with  
your free Spirit.

## **THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift your hearts and hands in praise

**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 truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

**C:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Lord Jesus, 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: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**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.**

(The *confirmands* will commune first, then the congregation will commune at the direction of the ushers.)

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## **CLOSING HYMN    "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead" LW512**

**Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

*Silent prayer*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**