

○ Holy spirit of God;  
Take me as Your disciple.  
Guide me, illuminate me,  
Sanctify me.



*WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023*



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**PRELUDE**

*Grace Us, O Lord*

*St. John Choir*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God...

**C: have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants your newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GATHERING SONG**

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

*Hymn #393*

### **GREETING AND KYRIE:**

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.**

# KYRIE

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The Assistant's part is a single line of music, while the Congregation's part is split across two staves.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... **(refrain)** ↑

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... **(refrain)** ↑

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
A - - - men.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second staff is for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men." The Assistant's part is a single line of music, while the Congregation's part is a single line of music.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!


## Verse 1:

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2


*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er. *To refrain*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for Verse 2. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G4, quarter notes A4 and B4, a half note C5, and quarter notes D5 and E5. The second staff continues with quarter notes F#5 and G5, quarter notes A5 and B5, quarter notes C6 and B5, quarter notes A5 and G5, and a half note F#5. The third staff continues with quarter notes E5 and D5, quarter notes C5 and B4, quarter notes A4 and G4, quarter notes F#4 and E4, and a whole rest. The lyrics are: "Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ for ev - er." The phrase "To refrain" is written above the end of the third staff.

Verse 3

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



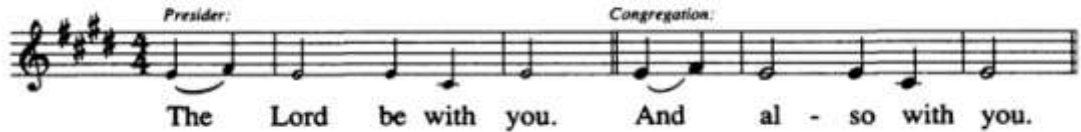
to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new. *To refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY



P: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord....* **C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord...*    **C: Thanks be to God**

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia,    Al - le - lu - ia.    Lord, to whom shall we  
go?    You    have    the    words    of    e - ter - nal  
life.    Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

P: Holy Gospel according to St. John

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

**GOSPEL**

**John 17:1 - 11**

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them

and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord...*     **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON**

*Pastor Shawn O'Brien*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

*Hymn#434*



## *A affirmation of Baptism*

*Caleb Thomas Hays  
Lindsey Mae Krumnow  
Emma Lynn Morgan  
Lily Hope Sondergeld*

## **PRESENTATION**

Leader: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism...

## **INTRODUCTION**

P: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.



## **PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these young women 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. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **RENUNCIATION OF EVIL**

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

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

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

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

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

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

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 dead. 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?

**C: 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. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

*(moment of silence for reflection... Each petition concludes with...)*

P: Hear us, O God

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## **COMMITMENT**

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you Caleb, Lindsey, Emma & Lily intend to continue in the 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: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

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

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

## **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P: Stir up in Caleb, Lindsey, Emma & Lily 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.**

### **ACCLAMATION**

Leader: Let us give thanks for those affirming baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

**C: As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C: Amen**

### **PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*(You may share a sign of peace, handshake, fist bump, nod...)*

*God's love and blessings to our new Confirmands!!*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**


P: Generous God,

**C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

## Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

## Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when


*To refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.


## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



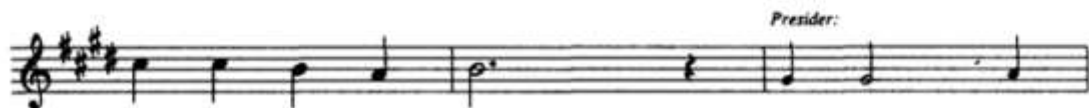
The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



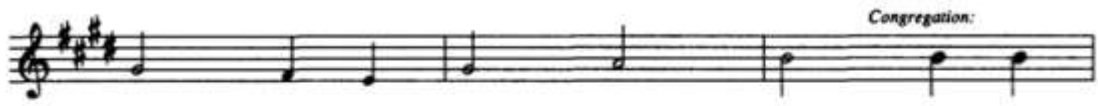
you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*




lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

*Presider:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is  
ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*



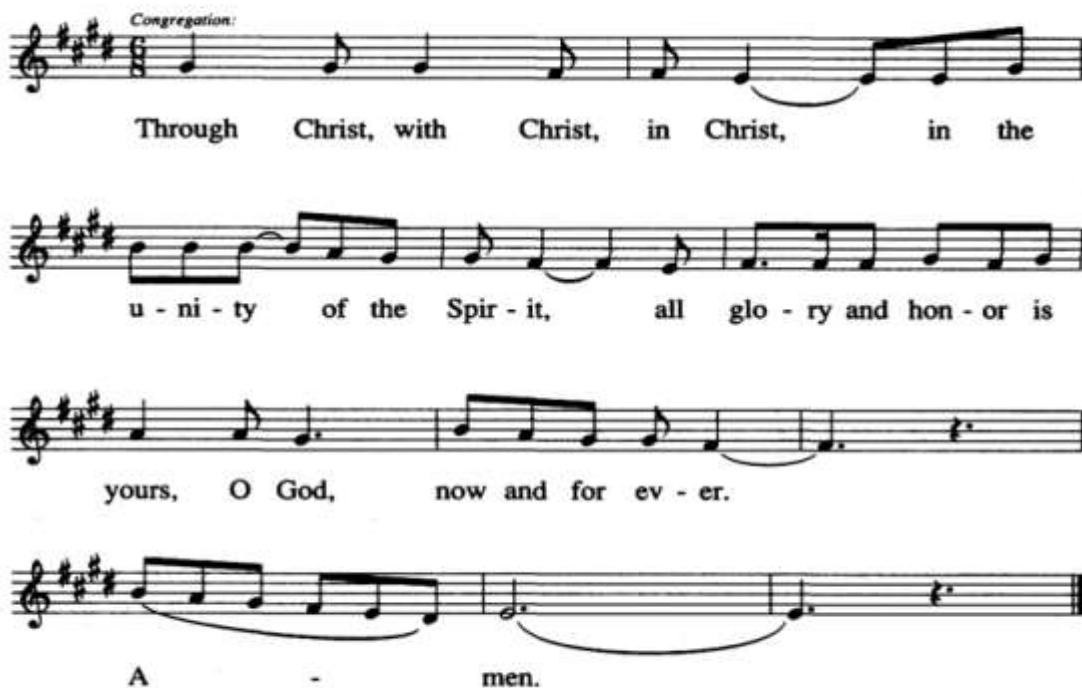
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

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## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - - men.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the'. The second staff continues: 'u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is'. The third staff continues: 'yours, O God, now and for ev - er.'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'A - - men.'.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen





## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the

*Congregation:*

world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation*

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,

grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.

## TABLE BLESSING

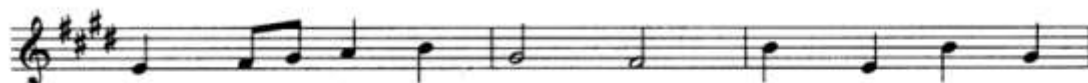
P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

# THANKS BE TO YOU



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Hymn #855*

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*You are invited to join us for a cake reception in the cloister  
to celebrate our new confirmands.*





*Caleb Thomas Hays*

Son of Matthew & Melissa Hays  
Sponsors: Kristian & Katelyn Rabatin

*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

*Lindsey Mae Krumnow*

Daughter of Matthew & Michele Krumnow  
Sponsors: Charlene Higginbotham & Josh Pollard

*Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

*Emma Lynn Morgan*

Daughter of Jillian & Chris Brandt  
Sponsor: Amy Leu

*Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

*Lily Hope Sondergeld*

Daughter of Holly Delventhal & Tony Sondergeld  
Sponsors: Aaron & Jenifer Delventhal

*Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*