

*I know
my
sheep,
and
mine
know
me.*



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AND CONFIRMATION

MAY 8, 2022 ✠ 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM

In our 10:15 service this morning, seven young Christians who have been baptized in the name of the true God and taught the basic truths of the Bible, will stand in front of us to publicly express their faith and their desire to stay loyal to Jesus and His Word. This traditional rite called “confirmation” is an opportunity for these Christians to confess their faith and for us to pray for them and for their church to invite them to receive the Lord’s Supper. God be praised for these children, for their salvation, for their faith in Him and for His continued grace in their lives!

God bless you Anna, Callie, Chloe, Kevin, Lila, Ruben, and Vann!

THE DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING TWO

*∞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type. ∞*

Opening Hymn | 693 O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near

Stand

Invocation

Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. *John 3:5-6*

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *cf. Ps 51:5*

But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *cf. 1 Cor 6:11*

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. *(Ephesians 5:25-27)*

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



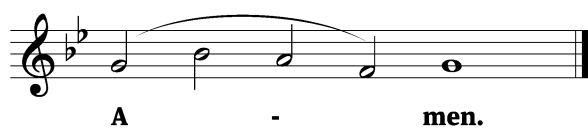
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

CW 442, St 2+4

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The early Church was marked by devotion to apostolic teaching and genuine love for one another. And the Good Shepherd's flock grew.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke

bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day | Hymn 552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

St. Peter calls us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer, even if it means that we suffer for doing good.

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



I am the good shep - herd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus is not only our Good Shepherd. He is the gate through which we enter into the green pastures of salvation.

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used

this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day | 551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Sermon The Lord is My Shepherd

Stand

Apostles Creed

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

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Father, you have adopted Anna, Callie, Chloe, Kevin, Lila, Ruben, and Vann in Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them and us by that same Spirit so that together we may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess You before others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Move them to faithfully hear Your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of Your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ so that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect them from the powers of evil, and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us all faithful to Your Word and holy by your Gospel so that they we may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may be included here

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

Silent 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.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.



There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give a gift in that way.

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10:15 service | Rite of Lutheran Confirmation

Kevin Siju Eappen

Revelation 2:10b - Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Anna Berlin Klug

Isaiah 41:10 - So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Callie Marie Peil

1 John 3:1 - See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Chole Lynn Peil

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Ruben Hector Rodriguez

Psalm 16:8 - I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Vann Christopher Roth

John 8:31b-32 - Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Lila Rain Slocum

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Our confirmands sing their faith with these words:

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand, and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am; for hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, "Come." Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus his fam'ly is my own. Once strangers chasing selfish dreams; now, one through grace alone. How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved? Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus the path before the crown, we follow in his footsteps where promised hope is found. How great the joy before us to be his perfect bride. Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.

THE SACRAMENT

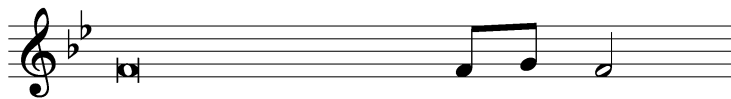
Stand

The Lord be with you.

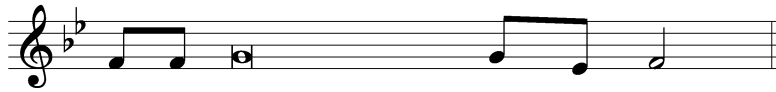
And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by His willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by His glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na in the high - est!

The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is

my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how.

*Please speak to Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation! **Thank you for your understanding!***

Hymn | 756 Shepherd of Tender Youth

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Your † sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn | 804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



Thank you to Amy Sehloff for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Confessions of Faith from Anna, Callie, Chloe, Kevin, Lila, Ruben, and Vann

At the end of their formal instruction in God's Word and the Catechism, each confirmand was asked to write a personal confession of faith including what they've learned from the Bible and Catechism. Below are some of their own words.

What does the law tell us? What does the Gospel give us?

Vann: The law is a command from God telling what he wants his people to do. But we are not able to do these things, because we are not perfect. The gospel is what God did for us, that being the forgiveness of sins and giving us eternal life with him.

Callie: In the Bible, the law tells us that we are sinners in need of a savior (it shows our sins). It tells us what we should do and our punishment because of the sin we have committed. We deserve all those punishments and we should go to hell but Jesus died for our sins which is what the gospel teaches us. The gospel says that we are saved because of what Jesus has done even though we don't deserve (it shows our Savior). The gospel gives us assurance that we are forgiven and assurance that I am going to heaven.

Ruben: The law tells us we are sinners and need to repent. The gospel gives us the hope and joy that we get to live with Christ for eternity.

Kevin: The Bible speaks about two main things: the law and the gospel... Examples of the law are the 10 Commandments, the two commandments Jesus gave, direct commands by God, etc. We try to follow them but sin causes us not to follow them perfectly. Nothing less than perfect would be good enough for God's holiness. With the gospel we are saved. It gives us grace from God. It tells us that God gave his son, Jesus, to sinful men who killed Him even though he was innocent. After three days He rose which destroyed death, sin, and the devil.

Talk about your baptism and what it did for you.

Ruben: Baptism made me a child of God so I can live under Him in His kingdom. When I'm tempted or weak, I know that I'm a child of God and can ask Him for help. When I feel guilty I know that God forgives all my sins since baptism has washed me clean.

Anna: When I was baptized, I became a child of God. When I am feeling scared, tempted, guilty, or weak, I remember that I am God's child and pray to him for forgiveness or comfort. Being baptized means that I can live my life knowing God has it under control.

Vann: I hadn't thought about my baptism that much, only when we have talked about it in class and a few times at home. I see now why it is most likely the most important thing you can look upon in times of trouble, when I have sinned, when I will sin, when I am afraid or weak. It reminds me now of when I was sinful and had no or very little faith when I was an infant and how I am now forgiven and have strong faith in Christ.

Chloe: I was baptized when I was a baby and even though I can't remember it, it did so much for me. It made me a child of God and gave me faith. I have the forgiveness of sins. It can help me when I'm scared because I can always remember that He is with me. It can help me when I'm weak because I can look to it to strengthen me and my faith.

Kevin: I had my baptism when I was very young, so I can't remember it. The pastor took me and spoke the words, the words Jesus told us to use, and put water on me. Blessings were spoken and it was over...Baptism is the process where water and the word come together which washes away all the evil and sin of us. This allows us to stand in front of God in Jesus perfection... So that means there is nothing to be afraid of because nothing is as important as when we go to heaven... Even if we are afraid it won't change where we're going on Judgment Day.

Callie: When I was baptized I became a child of God and my sins were forgiven. It gave me faith and eternal salvation through Jesus Christ... When I'm scared I can think of my baptism and remember that

Jesus is watching over me and has my life already planned out so I don't need to worry. If I am tempted to do something wrong I should remember that the Bible says to follow Jesus and do what is good and faithful. If I am feeling weak I can trust that God will give me strength to continue what I am doing. I will live out my baptism everyday by praying, praising and worshipping God for all of the wonderful things He has done for me.

What is the Lord's Supper? Why does Jesus offer you the Lord's Supper?

Lila: The Lord's Supper is Jesus' body and blood that we eat and drink in remembrance of him. He offers us the Lord supper because he wants us to, as he said, remember Him. Also so that we may believe in Him and all that He has done for us.

Kevin: The Lord's Supper was something Jesus had given during the Passover. It took bread and wine with the words Jesus used. During the Lord supper, the bread is Jesus' body and the wine is his blood.

Chloe: The Lord supper is Jesus body and blood. Jesus offers the Lord supper because it is the forgiveness of sins and a way to stay close to God. You come and receive it on Sunday for forgiveness for your sins.

Why is God's Word precious to you?

Anna: God's Word is precious to me because it shows how God loves and cares for me. It shows that we are saved.

Lila: God's Word is precious to me because it shows how much God loves and cares about me. It makes me feel loved and comforted in difficult times. It also helps my faith grow by seeing the disciples' mistakes and taking them to heart so I can be careful to try to not do them. It is also amazing how many miracles another spectacles Jesus did or God made.

Chloe: God's Word is precious to me because it shows me who my Savior is and who died in my place. It tells me where I'll go when I die and strengthens my faith. It makes me a better person and helps me always stay connected to God. And I can share it with other people.

How do you know that God loves you?

Ruben: I know that God loves me through baptism and His Word.

Anna: I know that God loves me because He says He does. The gospel says that He was willing to let His son be killed to save us all from our own sin.

Vann: How can't you? He created us, gave us all we needed and we messed up and after all we did, and still do to Him, He gave up his son to atone for our sins so we can be with Him.

Lila: I know that he loves me because he sent his one and only son to come and live a perfect life that we couldn't and to die for us.

Callie: I know that God loves me because the Bible tells me so. Jesus died on the cross for my sins so I know that I am going to heaven because he loves us and has won the victory for us. He loves us so much and always well. He will watch over us until we see him in heaven.



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