

A Celebration of Confirmation

“Confessing Jesus”

May 7, 2023

As We Gather

Jesus said, “I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges Me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God (Luke 12:8).” Every day, each of us is called upon to confess Jesus by what we say and what we do. Today we rejoice as nine young people publicly acknowledge Jesus, and are confirmed and blessed in their faith. May God bless our confirmands in their confession and bless each of us in the confession of our lives.

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Welcome

+ Gathering +

“You Are My Vision”

You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light
(Oh oh oh) (Oh oh oh)

You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true
son

You dwell inside me together we're one
(Oh oh oh) (Oh oh oh)

You are my battle shield sword for the fight
You are my dignity You're my delight
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high
tower

Come raise me heavenward O Power of my
power
(Oh oh oh) (Oh oh oh)

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance now and always
You and You only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure You are
(Oh oh oh) (Oh oh oh)

High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Heart of my own heart what - ever be - fall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all
(Oh oh oh) (Oh oh oh)

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling” LSB 700

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Prayer

Children's Church

+ The Rite of Confirmation +

Gospel: John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at

least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ!

Introduction

Kevin Mathison, Director of Youth Ministry

Confirmand Faith Statements

The Rite of Confirmation

Offering

Song

“Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who
You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

St. John's People and Families

Jacob, Sarah, & Georgia Bartelt
Carolyn Hintze
Samuel Hoff
Mike & Jan Newton
Sal, Nancy, Sara, Zina, Caroline, & Sami Zaia
Massimiliano, Jennifer, Giulia, & Luca Boldrini
Liam, Christina, & Denver Gearity
Lance, Chelsey, Amelia, Charlotte, & Noelle Holdsworth
Abe, Kristi, & Jack Newman
Rebekah and Blake Shaw

The 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.

Benediction

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail
not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

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Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges Me before others, the Son of
Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God.

Luke 12:8

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Sound Technician	Bill Clark
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Ushers	Clint & Bev Holdsworth
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Children's Church	Sarah Santora, Jeni Schluter

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