

Confirmation Sunday

## Confessing Jesus

May 5, 2024

### 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 six 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 +

### "Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me

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## Invocation

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

C Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

### “Love Divine, All Loves 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

### + Service of the Word +

#### First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 98 (Read responsively)**

Reader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Reader: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**People: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;**

Reader: Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

**People: With trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

Reader: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**People: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

Reader: Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-8**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

*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**

**“Build My Life”**

1 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

2 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

**Chorus**

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  
  
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

Hagen & Laurie Bresee

Dean & Nancy Ehlen

Steve & Christi Jeffery

Julie, Jordan, Jaeden, & Jacob Petersen

Andy, Paula, Gerald, & Megan Schweiger

Giancarlo Fradella, Lupe Cendejas, & Vito Fradella

Jason, Rebecca, Collin, & Hannah Croft

William, Meredith, & Alex Keller

Brad, Nichole, & Lyla Peterson

Cory, Katie, & Vince Wagner

### 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.**

**+ Sending +**

### Benediction

#### **"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575**

1 My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim

But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

#### **Refrain**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

3 His oath, His covenant and blood

Support me in the raging flood;

When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,

He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone,

Redeemed to stand before His throne!

**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**

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