



May 5, 2024  
*Confirmation Sunday*

**As We Gather:** *Today we welcome The Rite of Confirmation and Reception of our young people. In remembrance of our own confirmation, part of our service today is taken directly from Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism.*

**Welcome and Invocation** (From the Back)

**Processional Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" (*Please stand*)

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**
3. Great things He Hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

**Confession**

***How Christians should be taught to confess***

**P** What is Confession?

**C** **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

**P** What sins should we confess?

**C** Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

**P** Which are these?

**C** Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**First Reading** Acts 10:34-42  
(after the reading)

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

**Epistle 1 John 5:1–8**  
*(after the reading)*

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

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

**Holy Gospel John 15:9–17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.** *(after the reading)...*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525**

**Sermon**

**Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards**

**The Creed**

**1. The First Article - CREATION**

**P** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

**C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

**2. The Second Article - REDEMPTION**

**P** 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. What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### **3. The Third Article - SANCTIFICATION**

**P** 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. What does this mean?

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of the Church

**P** (after each prayer request)...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## **The Sacrament of the Altar**

**P** What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**All: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

**P** Where is this written?

(The Pastor will institute the elements while reading this) The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

**All: These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

**P** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

**Men: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."**

**P** Who receives this sacrament worthily?

**Women: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these**

**words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**

**Order of Confirmation** *LSB 272-274*

**Distribution** - Confirmands will go First

**Distribution Hymns** “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” *LSB 722*  
and “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” *LSB 611*

**Post Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790*

# GOD BLESS OUR 2024 CONFIRMANDS



CONFIRMED SUNDAY,  
MAY 5, 2024

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| † Jacob Runge-Dill | † Asher Willson    |
| † Emma DuBois      | † Sloane Willson   |
| † Joshua Gray      | † Jonathan Wittman |
| † Addison Hildman  | † Xavier Young     |
| † Peyton Schutt    |                    |

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” *Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)*