

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 4, 2025

A Service of the Word and Sacrament

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 23

✦ Opening Welcome & Lighting of the Candles ✦

The Opening Welcome will be marked by three bell tones from the organ.

This is followed with the Lighting of the Candles transitioning into the opening hymn.

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

769

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, Our
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
3 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

Refrain

king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Behold, He was dead and is alive forevermore;
and He holds the keys of Hades and of Death.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

Peace to you! Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?

The sting of death is sin,
and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

ADULT CHOIR
"Then Sings My Soul"
(ARR. BY MARY MCDONALD)

READINGS
Luke 24:36-49

Psalm 23



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Sophia Adams - Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Ellis Howell - 1 Peter 2:5 You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Andrew Murrell - Psalm 139:14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

Joel Pfeiffer - Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Elijah Lee - 2 Timothy 1:14 (NIV) Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Samantha Sydow - Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Savannah Sydow - Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

CONFESSION OF BAPTISMAL FAITH (w/ Congregation)

Do you this day in the presence of God of this congregation, acknowledge the gifts given to you by God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ and sealed by His Spirit at your baptism? **I do.**

Do you, then renounce the devil?

Yes, I do renounce him.

Do you renounce all his works?

Yes, I do renounce them.

Do you renounce all his ways?

Yes, I do renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**Yes, 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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**

PERSONAL PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Confirmand Only)

✠ CONFIRMATION BLESSING & PRAYERS ✠

DOXOLOGY (acapella)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Before the Throne of God"

711 st. 1-3 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 X Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

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Luke Series: "Guide Our Footsteps Into The Way of Jesus"

Luke 24:26-49

The Way of Witness

Jesus Resurrection Appearance

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. *Philippians 4:7*

RESPONSE SING (LSB 711:4)

Early let us seek Your favor

Early let us do Your will

Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us love us still.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. We thank you for Your steadfast love which has brought up our Lord from the dead and delivered us from death and the devil. Graciously receive our prayers that we might be renewed, strengthened, and delivered from all evil.

Amen.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

We have blessed You from the house of the Lord. Amen.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This Is The Feast of Victory (Angus Dei) – WS 799

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *To verses* *Last time* lu - ia.

For Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
the Lamb who was slain has be - **D.C.**

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ THE SACRAMENT ✠

Sung During Distribution:

CSB (black hymnal) 289; 331; 360 first tune

(After Communion)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray, We thank You O Lord for Your resurrection,
for through it You have given us new birth into a living hope.
Grant that we would know You and the power of Your resurrection.
Lead us to share in the fellowship of Your suffering
and to reach the glories that follow. Amen.

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN
(SEE INSERT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CLOSING DOXOLOGY ✠

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