



Sunday, April 24, 2016  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Confirmation  
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, Reader

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

A large print version of today's Hymns is located on  
the Usher Stands.

### GATHERING HYMN

*Remember and Rejoice*

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### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,  
**you have brought us into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet we  
have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We  
are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our  
sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all  
things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in  
grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and  
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained  
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare  
to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### GREETING

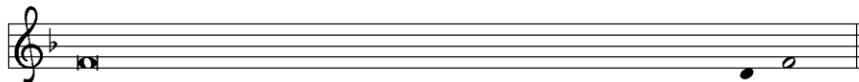
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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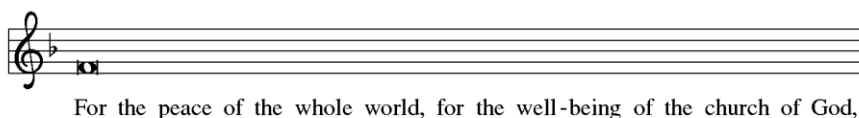
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



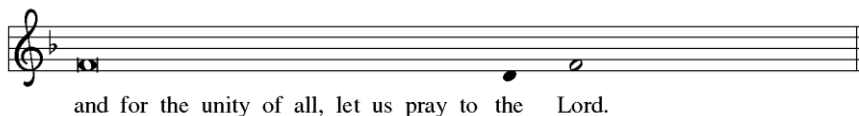
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



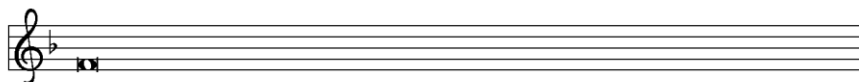
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



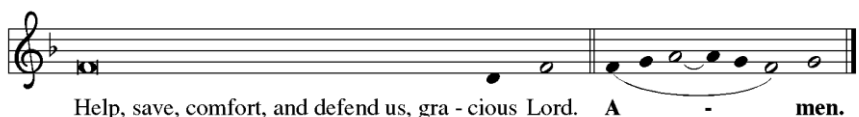
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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




1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you;

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**make the minds of your faithful people into one will. Grant that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may remain where true joys abound; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **GOD’S WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 18:5-11**

5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. 6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” 7 And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. 8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. 9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” 11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

*The word of the Lord.* **R: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 148**

1 Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!**

2 Praise him, all his angels;  
**praise him, all his hosts!**

3 Praise him, sun and moon,

**praise him, all you shining stars!**

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,

**and you waters above the heavens!**

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD!

**For he commanded and they were created.**

6 And he established them forever and ever;

**he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,

**you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

8 fire and hail, snow and mist,

**stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

9 Mountains and all hills,

**fruit trees and all cedars!**

10 Beasts and all livestock,

**creeping things and flying birds!**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,

**princes and all rulers of the earth!**

12 Young men and maidens together,

**old men and children!**

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

**his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,

**praise for all his saints,**

for the people of Israel who are near to him.

**Praise the LORD!**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

*The word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL VERSE

### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*The holy gospel according to Chapter St. Matthew the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains a simple melody with lyrics printed below. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## **Gospel: Matthew 28:11-20**

11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. 16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

**ELW 579**

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

*Please see insert*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE MEAL

### OFFERING OFFERTORY

#### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

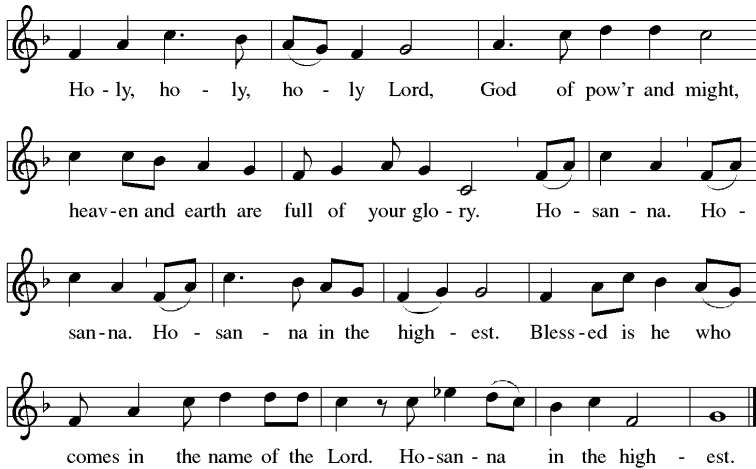
### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *All baptized Christians, who believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please cup your hands to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available upon request. If not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms in an "X" before the pastor. Children may also be brought forward for a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** *Let All Things Now Living*

**ELW 881**

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Welcome to worship this morning. May the Lord bless you during this time together. If you have special prayer requests, please give them to an usher. All who are baptized and believe that the Lord is present in the bread and wine are welcomed to the table. Juice is available for the asking.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, April 24

9:00 AM Education

10:00 AM Worship with Communion/Confirmation

11:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, Wed, Fri

9:00 AM Exercise

Tuesday, April 26

9:30 AM Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27

5:30 PM Choir

Thursday, April 28

9:30 AM Quilting

**There will be a meeting of the congregation on May 1, 2016 @ 11AM to vote on whether to move forward with plans for a new sanctuary.**

On April 29, 2016, Henning High school will be hosting a **Relay for Life** event. Relay for Life is a walk to end cancer. With many different teams and donations, this program has been moving forward to help raise money for cancer research. Our church will be participating as a team and it is an easy process to sign up. One way would be to go onto the website [relayforlife.org](http://relayforlife.org), create an account and sign up to the Good Shepherd Lutheran team. Another way is through form sign up which will be located at the two usher's stands. Anyone can also buy a luminaire for \$10. A luminaire is a paper bag that can be decorated in honor or in memory of a person who has lost to cancer, currently fighting cancer, or who fought cancer and won. **If you have any questions please contact Sydney Haugdahl in person or at 218-579-0180.**