

**Confirmation**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.**



**Welcome!**

**To our guests and visitors:**

We are glad that you are here with us today!  
If you are looking for a church home, consider joining us?  
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service!

## **Open up the heavens**

We've waited for this day. We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You.

Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,  
Will burn our hearts with truth.

You're the reason we're here.  
You're the reason we're singing.  
Open up the heavens. We want to see You.  
Open up the flood-gates, a mighty river,  
Flowing from Your heart,  
Filling every part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,  
We're looking to the sky.  
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now.  
Lord unveil our eyes.

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Show us, show us Your glory.  
Show us, show us Your power.  
Show us, show us Your glory Lord.

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## **Call To Worship**

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### ***Restored by Word Alone!***

P We come before You, Holy God, and confess our sin. “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (*NRSV*)  
C **We thank You and praise You for the gift of Your word which proclaims the good news of freedom in Jesus Christ. Teach us how to be the church which “listens to and does nothing but what it knows to be God’s Word and command.” (*Luther*)**

### ***Restored by Grace Alone!***

P We are Your people who gather here in worship to celebrate our new identity. “They are justified by His grace as a gift.” (*NRSV*)  
C **We thank You and praise You for the gift of grace which brings freedom and**

**forgiveness through Jesus Christ. “Grace consists of this: that God is merciful to us, shows grace for the sake of the Lord Christ, forgives all sins, and will not charge them to us for eternal death.” (Luther)**

### ***Restored by Faith Alone!***

**P** We once were dead in our sin. We are alive in Christ! “He did this to show His righteousness...that He justified the one who has faith in Jesus.” (NRSV)

**C** **We thank You and praise You for the gift of faith that comes to us, not through the good works we accomplish, but by the grace in which we stand. “It is the will and pleasure of God that whoever sees the Son and believes in Him has eternal life.” (Luther)**

### **Confession and the Ten Commandments**

**P** For the times we have had other gods in our lives...

**C** **and for the times we have trusted in things other than You, forgive us, good Lord.**

**P** For the times we have misused the name of the Lord....

**C** **and for the times we have failed to call upon You in prayer, forgive us, good Lord.**

**P** For the times we have forgotten the Sabbath day...

**C** **and for the times we have despised the preaching of Your Word, forgive us, good Lord.**

**P** For the times we have not honored father or mother...

**C** **and for the times we have failed to respect others in authority, forgive us, good Lord.**

**P** For the times we have murdered...

**C** **by hurting people in thought, word and deed, forgive us, good Lord.**

**P** For the times we have committed adultery...

**C** **with thoughts and actions unbecoming to Your design for love and marriage, forgive us, good Lord.**

P For the times we have stolen...

**C and for the times we have acted dishonestly, forgive us, good Lord.**

P For the times we have given false testimony....

**C and for the times we have hurt someone's good name, forgive us, good Lord.**

P For the times we have coveted our neighbor's possessions or family members...

**C and for the times we have tried to acquire things not belonging to us, forgive us, good Lord.**

P Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P Word Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone! This is the heart of our faith!

**C God, You have restored us with the good news of Your word, the truth of Your grace, and the freedom that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. We worship You in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!**

## **Stronger**

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross.

You broke our shame and sinfulness; You rose again, victorious!

Faithfulness none can deny; through the storm and through the fire

There is truth that sets us free; Jesus Christ, who lives in me!

You are stronger; You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved us!

It is written, "Christ is risen!" Jesus, You are Lord of all.

No beginning and no end; You're our hope and our defense.

You came to seek and save the lost; You paid it all upon the cross!

You are stronger; You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved us!  
It is written, “Christ is risen!” Jesus, You are Lord of all.  
So, let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.  
So, let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.  
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## **The First Reading**

## **Acts 3:11-21**

<sup>11</sup> While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

<sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Reading**

### **1 John 3:1-7**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

### **Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Resurrection Power**

You called me from the grave by name.  
You called me out of all my shame.  
I see the old has passed away.  
The new has come.

Now, I have resurrection power living on the inside.  
Jesus, You have given us freedom.  
No longer bound by sin and darkness,  
Living in the light of Your goodness,  
You have given us freedom.

I'm dressed in Your royalty.  
Your Holy Spirit lives in me.  
I see my past has been redeemed.  
The new has come.

Now, I have resurrection power living on the inside.  
Jesus, You have given us freedom.  
No longer bound by sin and darkness,  
Living in the light of Your goodness,  
You have given us freedom.

Freedom, You have given us freedom.  
You have given us freedom.  
My chains are gone.  
Freedom, You have given us freedom.



You have given us freedom.  
Hallelujah.

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**Sermon**

**But In Your Hearts**

***1 Peter 3:14–15***

## **Rite of Confirmation**

Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”

You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith according to our Lord's bidding. The fulfillment of his bidding we now celebrate with thankful hearts, rejoicing to confess the faith into which you were baptized and which you yourselves will now confess before the church.

Jesus said: "Whoever confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father in heaven. But he that denies me before men, I will deny him before my Father in heaven."

Lift up your hearts therefore to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of His church, I now shall ask you.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your baptism?

**Confirmands: I do.**

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**Confirmands: I do.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**Confirmands: Yes, I believe.**

P Do you 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

**Confirmands: Yes, I believe.**

P Do you 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?

**Confirmands: Yes, I believe.**

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**Confirmands: I do so intend with the help of God.**

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**Confirmands: I do.**

P Do you desire to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

**Confirmands: I do.**

P Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and Sacraments, which are his means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**Confirmands: I do so intend by the grace of God.**

P Give then you hand as a pledge of your promise, and kneel to receive the blessing.

**Pastor, Parents, and Sponsors: Riley Jane Anderson, God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.**

Riley's Bible Verse is: John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

**Pastor, Parents, and Sponsors: Jaylie Rebecca Braun, God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.**

Jaylie's Bible Verse is Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

**Pastor, Parents, and Sponsors: Blake Francis Flicek, God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.**

Blake's Bible Verse is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

**Pastor, Parents, and Sponsors: Samuel George Langemo, God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.**

Samuel's Bible Verse is Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

**Pastor, Parents, and Sponsors: Joseph Robert Pavelich, God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.**

Joey's Bible Verse is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Pastor: Upon this your profession and promise I invite and welcome you, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for His Church and to live them out continually in His worship and service.

Let us pray for the newly confirmed.

**C Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**P The Almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.**

**C Amen**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Keep us, O Lord, lest the power of the enemy steal what belongs to You. Guard our unity of faith, that we may be one in Christ as Christ is one with You, Father and the Spirit. Sustain us as Your people, that we may live faithfully in the world without being overcome by the prince of this world and his lies.

Keep us, O Lord, that we may walk in Christ — the way, the truth and the life — and not depart from Him. Bless all schools, colleges and seminaries and those who teach and those who learn, but especially those preparing to be pastors and for all church work vocations. Nurture them in Your Word, and grant that all the baptized may serve You faithfully and joyfully.

Keep us, O Lord, when illness afflicts us, despair touches our hearts and death claims those whom we love [*especially remember Your servants \_\_\_\_\_*]. Give to each, according to Your grace, the healing, strength, patience and comfort they need to endure the trials of this mortal life, and bring them with us to the joy of life everlasting.

Keep us, O Lord, that we may not live in anxiety or distress. Help us to know the comfort of Your grace and to deliver into Your hands all the burdens, fears, troubles and trials of this mortal life, trusting in Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all things. Amen.

## **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**

## **The Invitation**

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

**C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.**

**I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.**

## **Words of Institution                      On The Night**

On the night He was betrayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,  
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread, this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love, remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed, He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,  
"Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine, this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love, remember me and my love for you again."

**Oh, we are here, to thank you Lord, for the bread and wine outpoured.  
For it is your body and your blood that you so lovingly and freely give to us.  
So we praise you holy Lamb of God; we love you our sweet Jesus.  
We love you our sweet Jesus. We love you our sweet Jesus.**

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## **The Distribution**

### **O Come All You Unfaithful**

O come all you unfaithful  
Come weak and unstable  
Come know you are not alone

O come barren and waiting ones  
Weary of praying  
Come see what your God has done

Christ is here Christ is here  
Christ is here for you

O come bitter and broken  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come taste of His perfect love

O come guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run  
See what your God has done

Christ is here Christ is here  
Christ is here for you

He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace for those who believe  
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His promise is peace for those who believe  
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His promise is peace for those who believe

So come though you have nothing  
Come He is the offering  
Come see what your God has done

Christ is here Christ is here  
Christ is here for you

Christ is here Christ is here  
Christ is here for you  
Christ is here for you

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## Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

Amen amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away

Amen amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hands

Amen amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen amen  
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Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

Because He lives

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## Communion Dismissal

**P:** Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.

Go in His peace.

**C:** **Amen**

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

**P** Go and work for God's purposes in God's world. Go and seek justice and mercy in everything you do. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Send Me Out

Jesus, Lord of my salvation, Savior of my soul;

Send me out to the world to make You known.

Jesus, King of ev'ry nation, this world's only hope;

Send me out to the world to make You known.

Send me out to the world.

I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak.  
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.  
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.  
Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus.  
In the name of Jesus.

Carry to the broken hearted mercy You have shown.  
Send me out to the world to make You known.  
To the ones in need of rescue, lead me, I will go.  
Send me out to the world to make You known.  
Send me out to the world.

I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak.  
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.  
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.  
Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus.  
In the name of Jesus.

Here am I; I will go. Send me out to make You known.  
There is hope for ev'ry soul. Send me out, send me out.  
Here am I: I will go. Send me out to make You known.  
There is hope for ev'ry soul so send me out.  
I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak.  
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.  
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.  
Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus.

I wanna be Your hands and feet, I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak.  
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.  
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake.  
Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus.  
In the name of Jesus.

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