

*Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Confirmation  
May 15, 2022  
10:00 am*



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/CONFIRMATION WHEN SORROW IS NOT ALL THAT BAD

May 15, 2022 10 am

## AS WE GATHER

Family, friends and guests: Today is a special day in the lives of those who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and embark upon a special journey in the Church for the remainder of their lives. As important as this day is for them, this day can be a day of reflection for all of us. We can take this opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our own confirmation experience and how the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how He has guided us toward a more complete participation in this congregation and the Church at large.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” &  
“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (arr. Behnke)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you!**

## 411 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT Chosen by Christian Forss

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**
- Refrain** In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. *Psalms 56:3*

## INVOCATION

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

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*John 16:20; Revelation 21:6*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.**
- P** Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## 689 LET ME BE THINE FOREVER Chosen by Coleman Crum

- 1 Let me be Thine forever,  
My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake Thee never  
Nor wander from Thy Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver,  
But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace forever  
Thy holy name I'll bless.
- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation,  
My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation,  
O make me wholly Thine!  
For Thou hast dearly bought me  
With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me,  
Eternal life obtain.
- 3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit,  
My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit  
I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing  
Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me Thy constant blessing  
And grant a Christian death.

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# SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

**C** **Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 21:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** “Psalm 121” (Shaw) Junior Choir Grades 6-7

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 16:12–22*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS Chosen by Ashton Boehm

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**

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### SERMON “When Sorrow is not all that bad” John 16:12-22

### 729 I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS Chosen by Matthew Klein

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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## +RITE OF CONFIRMATION+

### **CREED and AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** *(Drawn from the Six Chief Parts)*

**Pastor:** What is Baptism?

**Confirmands:** *Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.*

**People:** **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.** *Matthew 28:19*

**Pastor:** What benefits does Baptism give?

**Confirmands:** *It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this.*

**People:** **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.** *Mark 16:16*

**Pastor:** How can water do such great things?

**Confirmands:** *Baptism is a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.*

**People:** **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.** *Titus 3:5-8*

**Pastor:** What does such baptizing with water indicate?

**Confirmands:** *The Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*

**People:** **We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.** *Romans 6:4*

Pastor: In Holy Baptism we are forgiven our sins and granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: *I do renounce them.*

Pastor: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty...*

## THE SOLEMN VOWS

### The Solemn Vows of the Parents

Pastor: These promises which you have heard from the lips of your children need your continued guidance and support. Therefore, I ask you, will you continue to guide and direct, support and encourage your child in your words, in your deeds and in your example?

Parents: **Yes, with the help of God!**

### The Solemn Vows of the Sponsors

Pastor: Years ago, you were chosen to serve as sponsors for these confirmands when they were baptized. Through the years you have assisted the parents in bringing up their children in the Christian faith. We commend you for carrying out your responsibility so faithfully. However, these young people need your continued support. Therefore, I ask you, will you continue to encourage, strengthen, and pray for these confirmands, that they may continue to grow in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: **Yes, with the help of God!**

### The Solemn Vows of the Congregation

Pastor: The promises made by these youth and parents, these adults and sponsors, are difficult to fulfill. They need God's help, and our prayers and encouragement. Since the best encouragement is a good example, let us join together as we stand and pray:

People: **Give us strength, O God, to set a good example for these confirmands by using God's Word daily in our homes, by worshiping regularly in church, and by receiving Holy Communion frequently. Give us the power to live a more spiritual life, that we may grow more and more like Christ. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

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

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## DAYS OF ELIJAH Chosen by Alex Gensch

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

### CHORUS

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. **CHORUS**

### BRIDGE There is no god like Jehovah **7X**

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE “Hornpipe” (Handel)

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27; Luke 11:37-54

Monday: Leviticus 21:1-24; Luke 12:1-12

Tuesday: Leviticus 23:1-22; Luke 12:13-34

Wednesday: Leviticus 23:23-44; Luke 12:35-53

Thursday: Leviticus 24:1-23; Luke 12:54-13:17

Friday: Leviticus 26:1-20; Luke 13:18-35

Saturday: Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44; Luke 14:1-24

## *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Dean, Healing

Herb, health issues

Wes, health issues

Del, health issues

Jack, ongoing health issues

June, health issues

Mehria in the Middle East, safety

Blake

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Lauren, cancer

Margo, health issues

Mike's mother - Jean, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.

For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.

Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Richard, recovering

William, 6-year-old, leukemia

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Voss, infant recovering from an accident

Elgart, cancer

Lauren's mother

Shirley, health issues

Nancy, health issues

Dave, health issues

Jim, Parkinson's

Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Duane, cancer

Lois, recovery

Tony, heart issues

**Our Savior Families:** Caroline, Dennis & Barbara, David & Miriam, Rob & Lynn, Dolores

**Our Confirmands:** Ashton, Cole, C.J., Alex, and Matthew

**Hymn of the Week** "Let Me Be Thine Forever" LSB 689

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**