

The Good News: Ephesians 4:1-5, 11-16

¹As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

2023 Confirmands' Faith Statements

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Loves Me!"

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world at the end of the Sunday School year.

Vs 1: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Vs 2: Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;

when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [Refrain]

Offertory Response: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong".

Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us". Give thanks.

Offering Prayer: P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Rite of Confirmation - 2023 Confirmands: *Avery Tipton, Maya Roschen, Jenna Nelson, Kayla Stenlund, Abby Jonas, Oliver Bonner, Ethan O'Reilly, Hazel Volkmann, Lily Duden, Mari O'Connor, Alexandra Majerus, Mason Haugen, Ayden Horsman, Porter Benda, Carter Dicke, Carter Strusz, Hailey Dankers, & Olivia Gadiant*

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so please respond...

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so, please respond...

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, please respond...

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: (call and response)

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence. God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O'Brien, Kellie Peterson, Kay Kurtti, Shawn Frederix-on, Pete Poncelet, and Donald & Marcy Jonas. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of our journeys, Guide well our 2023 confirmands who commit their lives to you on this day. May their faith in you give strength to their growing hearts and minds. May their questions about you draw them deeper into understanding. May their life's work reflect the love & mercy you've given them, that they might be little Christs for those around them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

The Words of Institution

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 Meal & Hymns: (you may be seated)

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

St. Luke Choir Sings: "Children Of The Heavenly Father"

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" 2X

Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth. To show the way. From the earth to the cross. My debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave. From the grave to the sky. Lord I lift Your name on high.

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

Vs 1: I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.

Vs. 2: Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow; no turning back, no turning back.

Vs 3: The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

"He Leadeth Me"

Vs 1: He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

Vs 2: Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

Vs 3: Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

Vs 4: And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vict'rys won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing: *(stand as you are able)*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"Our God Is An Awesome God" 3X*

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love the Lord & serve your neighbor,

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Confirmation Sunday

9:30AM · May 14, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives & make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"Borning Cry"*

Vs 1: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

Vs 2: When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."

Vs 3: In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

Vs 4: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together.

C: Lord God, you have called us together into the mystical Body of Jesus Christ. As we grow in faith, help us to grow in unity with your mission to love and serve all people in Christ's name. Help us to think as you think, to move as you move, and to love as you love. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.