

descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up as each part does its work. <sup>13</sup>until 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. <sup>14</sup>Then 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. <sup>15</sup>Instead, 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. <sup>16</sup>From 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.

**Solo:** *“Be Not Afraid”* sung by Michelle Matthees

**Children’s Message:** Pastor Eric Hanson

### 2022 Confirmands’ Faith Statements

*Adelynn Haugen, Carter Lindholm, Henry Ludwig, Jacob Melson, Madison Poston, Kendra Rehder, Michael Roschen, Madyson Thomforde, and Macy Voth*

### Hymn of the Day: *“Lord, Be Glorified”* #744

*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 <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

**Vs 1: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**Vs 2: In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.**

**Vs 3: In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

**Vs 4: In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

### Offertory 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.**

### Rite of Confirmation

#### The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress especially; Jessica Huemann, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Roger Kurtti, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Dan Hedeem, Matt Ludwig, Jan Benidt and Dave (Pud) Gnotke. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide well our 2022 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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

### Meal and Hymns: *“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.**

### *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* #773

**Vs 1: Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**Vs 2: When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**Vs 3: When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

### *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”* #742

**Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Vs 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Vs 3: Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he’ll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

### *“Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me”* #767

**Vs 1: Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life’s way; direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray; so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Vs 2: Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near. Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe, for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Vs 3: Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come, I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home, then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend! So, take my hand & lead me unto the end.**

### Communion Prayer: *(please stand as you are able)*

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:**

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: "How Great Thou Art" #856**

**Vs 1: O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hands have made  
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed**

**Chorus: Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art  
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**Vs 2: When through the woods & forest glades I wander I hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees When  
I look down From lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze [chorus]**

**Vs 3: But when I think That God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died To take away my sin [chorus]**

**Vs 4: When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art [chorus]**

**Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love Lord and serve your neighbor,  
C: Thanks be to God!**

**Prelude**

**2022 Confirmands**

***Kendra Rehder***

Baptism: May 11, 2008

Sponsors: Kim VanderLaan and Gregg Campbell

Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 40:31

***Madyson Thomforde***

Baptism: May 25, 2008

Sponsor: Brandi Turini

Confirmation Verse: Romans 12:6

***Michael Roschen***

Baptism Date: January 6, 2008

Sponsors: Michelle Anderson, Derek & Callie Roschen,

Jesse Duden, and Joshua Duden

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 21:22

***Jacob Melson***

Baptism: August 17, 2008

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

***Henry Ludwig***

Baptism: is March 2, 2008

Sponsors: Lincoln & Anna Mehrkens

Confirmation Verse: John 15:4-6

***Macy's Voth***

Baptism: August 10, 2008

Sponsors: Lincoln & Anna Mehrkens

Bob & Mindy O'Connor

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 121:7

***Madison Poston***

Baptism: May 18, 2008

Sponsors: John Vieths and Jackie Schott

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

***Adelynn Haugen***

Baptism: October 28, 2007

Sponsors: Amanda Pyffereon

Aaron & Terra Haugen

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

***Carter Lindholm***

Baptism: July 6, 2008

Sponsors: Jason & Jill Thomas

Justin & Amy Samelson

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9



**St. Luke Lutheran Church**

**Pastor Eric Hanson • 9:30AM • May 15, 2022**

**Prelude:** *Debbi St. John, Pianist/Organist*

**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 and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.**

**Absolution:** 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: "Here I Am, Lord" #574**

**Vs 1: I, the Lord of sea & sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark & sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send?**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Vs 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: I, the Lord of wind & flame, I will tend the poor & lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save,  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]**

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**The Good News - Ephesians 4:1-16:** <sup>4</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup>This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also