

¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

2024 Confirmands' Faith Statements (*you may be seated*)

Hymn of the Day & Offering:

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.

"Borning Cry" #732

**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."**

Offertory Response: *"Give Thanks"* (*ushers bring offerings forward*)

**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.**

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

C: We thank you God for Eternal Life given to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Use the gifts we lay upon your Table to bring life to our church and community. May your gift of life to us become gifts of life for our neighbors through us. Amen.

The Rite of Confirmation:

Madalyn Shores, Noah Melson, Grace Ludwig, Whitney Carlson, Isabella Ryan, Haley Gravemann, Victoria Luhman, Ruby Schafer, Heidi King, and Ava Coulson

Apostles' Creed:

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 into hell. 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*)

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.* You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers & dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice & help us all to be good & faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction especially Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Rod Nardinger, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Elaine Thorland, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, & Perry Fitzgerald. Support those who grieve & bring solace to those near death. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our journeys, Guide well our 2024 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: (*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.

“Be Thou My Vision” #793

- Vs. 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- Vs. 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r, raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.
- Vs 3: Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- Vs 4: Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

“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.

“There Is A Longing In Our Hearts, O God”

- Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.
- Vs 1: For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]
- Vs 2: For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]
- Vs 3: For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]
- Vs 4: Lord, save us, take pity, light in our deepest night.
We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

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

- P: Let us pray together,
C: Life-giving God, in the gift 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.
May the Risen Christ live through us in word and deed. Amen.

“The Blessing” *sung by Katie Schafer*

Sending Hymn: “You Shall Go Out With Joy” 3X

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Dismissal: P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(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.

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God’s people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen & precious in God’s sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. 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.
Whom will bear my light to them? Whom 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: *(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.

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

¹I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism.