



# Confirmation

Sunday, April 28, 2024

10:30am



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

*After forty days of repentance and prayer, the Church bursts forth in jubilant praise! The alleluias and glorias which were muted for Lent ring out again as the Bride of Christ welcomes her Bridegroom back from the dead. As such the themes of Easter tend to speak directly to our hearts as our Risen Lord proves that His every word has been kept and is true. For a full week of weeks (49 days) the Church celebrates the resurrection of Christ on the Sundays of Easter which culminate on the 50th day, Pentecost. The Gospel reading sets the tone and theme for the entire Divine Service. On this day we rejoice at the this **Resurrection Reality**: the living Lord produces active faith.*

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In Jesus' name we welcome all who are worshiping with us today, especially those who are visiting. We are a Christian Lutheran Church which looks to the Bible as God's inspired and inerrant Word. We confess with the Scriptures that Jesus is the only way to life in heaven. We pray that today's divine service will help to strengthen your faith in Jesus as your Savior from sin. Please worship with us again. In order that your time with us may be as uplifting as possible, please note:

- If you have children and they like to squirm, RELAX! We love having kids in church and believe that they learn the truths of God's Word best when incorporated into the worship life of the family of God with the rest of us. But, if you need to step away for a time you will find a children's room to the right as you exit the worship area.
- If you need assistance in any way at all, we have a great group of ushers and elders that would be glad to assist you.
- If you are looking for a church to call your own, we would be genuinely honored if that church were Pilgrim. That we might talk more about making Pilgrim your church home, please speak with one of our pastors or drop us an email through our website: [www.pilgrimcares.org](http://www.pilgrimcares.org).
- When the service is over, stick around and enjoy the conversation. We value our Christian community and are very glad to have you with us today.



1 I long to serve my Sav - ior, to seek what's good and right,  
 2 There came, with grace un - spar - ing, a vine from heav'n a - bove,  
 3 And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro - vides,



to trust and nev - er wa - ver, to walk in truth and light.  
 its branch - es meant for bear - ing the fruits of self - less love.  
 for he, my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul a - bides.



But con - duct pure and ho - ly re - quires a pow'r not mine;  
 This vine is Christ who of - fered his life up - on a tree;  
 The fruit of self - less giv - ing will grow by God's de - sign



a branch is fruit - ful on - ly when an - chored in a vine.  
 for all my sin he suf - fered and made a branch of me.  
 as I, the branch, keep liv - ing by faith in Christ the vine.

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## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## This Is the Feast

*CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1    ✚ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,       whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength,       and
- 3 Sing       with all the peo - ple of God,       and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For       the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun his — reign. — Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## EXAMINATION

*The practice of examination has long been a tradition in the Lutheran church. Sometimes it is mistakenly viewed as a test rather than as testimony of what the Scriptures teach. It is fitting that an examination of the Bible’s teachings and these individual confirmand’s beliefs take place for at least a few reasons. First, it is a benefit to them that they review what they have come to know and believe prior to receiving the Lord’s Supper as St. Paul encourages (1 Corinthians 11:28). Secondly, it is a benefit to the congregation as a whole that they might review the teachings they know and believe and that the Holy Spirit himself might be active among us through the proclamation of the Gospel to grow and increase faith (Romans 10:17). And finally, it gives these young men and women an opportunity to do exactly as the Lord encourages through Peter when he says, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15).”*



1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;  
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
 3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,  
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan’s chain;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav’n is won to - day!”  
 God from heav’n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture’s fall,  
 plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.  
 all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.

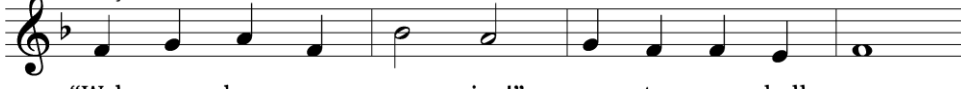


Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!  
 of the Fa - ther’s God - head you, the on - ly Son,  
 Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;  
 Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - ’ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.  
 man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.  
 this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.  
 as in E - den’s gar - den when the world be - gan.

*Refrain*



“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; heav’n is won to - day!”

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SERMON



# THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**M:** My dear young friends, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Through water and Word He created faith in your hearts and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your minds and preserved you as children of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and imploring Him to keep you faithful to Him and His Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven. I now ask each of you:

**M:** Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshipping with you today?

**R:** I am.

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**R:** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

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

**R:** **Yes, I 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**M:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**R:** **Yes, I 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. Amen.**

**M:** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and His Word all the days of your life?

**R:** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value His Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

**R:** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

**M:** Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that He alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**



**M:** Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Help us to provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

*The confirmands, in turn, come forward. The minister may lay his hand on the head of each one.*



# 2024 CONFIRMANDS

**Ethan Samuel Balza**

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. ~ *Revelation 2:10* ~

**Adele Grace Faust**

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. ~ *John 16:33* ~

**Liana Victoria Garza**

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ~ *Psalms 46:5* ~

**Paulina Yolanda Riley Hoffman**

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. ~ *John 10:14* ~

**Matthew Roderick Justman**

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ~ *Philippians 3:14* ~

**Annika Grace Kappi**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ~ *John 14:27* ~

**Evelynn Leigh Maksim**

Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance,<sup>4</sup> and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ~ *Romans 5:3,4* ~

*After all the confirmands have received the blessing, the minister dismisses them, saying:*

**M:** Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## HYMN



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en  
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er  
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern  
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,  
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,  
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,  
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.  
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.  
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.  
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

PASTOR AARON WINKELMAN, PRESIDING & PREACHING

DAVID PORTH, ORGANIST

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## News and Notes

**Flowers are given** to the glory of God by Irene Lape in remembrance of her wedding anniversary.

**Do you have any old anniversary bulletins at home?** Mr. Porth is looking to add an element to the 65th anniversary service that we've used during past anniversary services. You can either drop these off in the school office during the week or leave them in box #72? These bulletins will be returned to you. Thank you for your help!

**Let's plan the Church Picnic!** We will have the church picnic on Sunday, June 30 at Willowood Park. We will have one worship service at 10:30 (no communion). The picnic will take place immediately after the service. We need people to help plan all the details, including activities for the children. We also need volunteers that day to help with set up and take down. Please call/text Jack Eagon to let him know what you would like to do to help. Put the date on your calendar to attend! 414-807-9005 or [propertymanager@pilgrimcares.org](mailto:propertymanager@pilgrimcares.org)

**GEMS** - Pilgrim moms, we will meet this Wednesday, May 1 at the Adamson home: N81 W15265 Hilltop Drive, Menomonee Falls. There will be coffee and space for kids to play, while we spend some precious time in God's Word. We hope to see you there!

**Join us for our 65th Anniversary Celebration!** Friday, May 10, celebrate 65 years of serving God and the community at Pilgrim! We are hosting a fish fry and a free outdoor concert by our very own Branches Band in the school parking lot. All ages welcome! Come as you are – no RSVP required. For more information, call (262) 781-3520.

**Please come to the 11th Annual Veteran's Memorial Tribute Ceremony** on May 25, from 10-1030 am where we will honor the Menomonee Falls military fallen. The ceremony will be held in Village Park on Garfield Dr. across from the North Middle School. The ceremony will include a laying of wreaths at the WWII and War Dog Monuments. We will also tell the story of one of our Menomonee Falls military fallen, Private Albert Duwel (WWI). This will be followed by the naming of all of our Menomonee Falls military fallen, a three volley rifle salute and taps. The WWII Monument site in Village Park is where many of the citizens and veterans of Menomonee Falls would hold ceremonies to commemorate historical events since 1947 when the monument was constructed by WWII veterans of Menomonee Falls. Come spend some time at this significant historical place during Memorial Day weekend. Music will be provided during the ceremony by members of the Menomonee Falls Symphony Orchestra. It is recommended that attendees bring their own lawn chair. There will be minimal parking available on Garfield Drive for this event. Please refrain from parking by the monument if possible as we are reserving this parking for ceremony participants, veterans, disabled and Gold Star family members. Please park on Sheridan Drive as able, other side streets or potentially in the Middle School parking lot off of Main St. if the parking lot is open. Please contact Janet Hickle at [dhickle72@gmail.com](mailto:dhickle72@gmail.com) if you have any further questions. Thank you.

**Ushers**8:00am10:30am

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Adam Chernohorsky

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Matt Lawonn  
Josh WeberDave Chmielewski  
Andy Steeno**Worship Hosts**

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Dennis &amp; Joan Schmick

Ann Wood

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Joe &amp; Marlene Bedalov

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**Attendance**

4-17 25

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