

# Confirmation Sunday



**May 2, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**9:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church  
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## **Congratulations Confirmands!**

We congratulate the 7 youth that are reaffirming their baptism today. May God spiritually bless and guide you in your Christian faith throughout your life. Those coming forward today to publicly profess their faith are:

Aaron Blumhagen

Baptized: 08/17/2010

Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:13-14

Baptismal Sponsors: Russ & Tracy Billing

James Chrest

Baptized: 03/12/2006

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 28:20b

Baptismal Sponsors: Michael & Teresa Chrest

Maddie Jaeger

Baptized: 04/07/2007

Confirmation Verse: Luke 10:27

Baptismal Sponsors: Jeanne Knuth  
Randy Jaeger

Carter Knutson

Baptized: 02/19/2006

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 23:4

Baptismal Sponsors: Tim Berger, Angie Berger  
Kirk Vollmuth

Alex Retterath

Baptized: 02/19/2006

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

Baptismal Sponsors: Damian & Sarah Huettl

Justin Scheresky

Baptized: 07/30/2006

Confirmation Verse: John 8:31-32

Baptismal Sponsors: Wayde & Jennifer Sick  
Cheryl Sick

Ashlyn Schmitz

Baptized: 02/19/2011

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:6

Baptismal Sponsors: Jeff & Kristi Bohl  
Nathan Speten

# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude and Bells call us to worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P This is the Lord's doing;

**C It is marvelous in our eyes.**

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

**C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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The musical score is written for a soprano and bass voice part. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four lines of lyrics, and the second system has two lines of lyrics. The music is in a major key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n

By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Loving God,

**C we fear, we doubt, we do not trust You; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves; we sin against You in thought, word, and deed. We pray for Your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. We hope in the gift of Your Spirit and we rejoice in the resurrection promise of Jesus Christ, our living Savior. 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, crucified and risen, 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

**C Life-giving God, through the blessed gift and sacrament of Holy Baptism, you abide in us, even as we abide in you. Through this holy and mutual abiding you give us life in Christ and strengthen and nurture our faith just as a vine gives life to its branches. Help us to grow in Christ so that we may be sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST LESSON .....Acts 8:26-40

*(Here is the question we should ask of every visitor to our churches: "Do you understand?" Do they believe what they heard and read and sang during the service of worship? What sort of difference might it make if folks who came back were engaged in this way? If an interest in understanding exists, perhaps you could be their guide. If they say they understand, ask a few questions. This is an obvious way to continue preaching the gospel outside of the sanctuary.)*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM (Read in unison)..... Psalm 150  
*(Praise God on the earth and in the heavens. Do so with a variety of instrumentation. Ten times in ten ways, the psalmist exhorts us to praise God. Every living thing should praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!)*

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

**<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;**

**praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

**<sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;**

**praise him with strings and pipe!**

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

**Praise the Lord!**

SECOND READING ..... 1 John 4:1-21

*(One of the more popular posts in social media — at least in Christian feeds — is about why people are not coming back to church after they visit. There are all kinds of reasons given, from people standing up to greet one other to them not being friendly enough, and from poor signage inside and outside the building to having a lousy website. There are always ways to improve someone's first visit to church, but a more obvious reason begs consideration.*

*Maybe they are not listening. Perhaps the gospel is falling on deaf ears. Perchance the Spirit of God has not broken through to folks who are looking for problems. The spirits of this world are always suggesting error when the truth is being proclaimed, even if the only fault is an untidy nursery.*

*So, clean up your nursery, your website, and your signage, welcome your visitors — even pass the peace. But let us not depend upon such things to keep people coming back. The Spirit does this without our help one way or the other. Above all, love one another and preach the One who is greater than he who is in this world.)*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not

from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

CHOIR ..... "Children of the Heavenly Father"

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING ..... John 15:1-8  
*(Cut a branch from a vine, bush, or tree and within a day, the results are obvious. The leaves wither and brown, the wood dries out, and soon enough it is fit for one thing: the fire. We must stay attached to the source of life. Otherwise, we, too, will wither and die and be fit only for eternal fire. Staying attached to the vine, abiding in Christ, means that his words live in us. The Church is “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone” (Eph 2:20). Pull out the Word of God or the word of God about Christ and the building collapses and gives no shelter. Pull away the branch from the vine, and the branch dies and bears no fruit. Glorifying God by bearing fruit depends upon abiding in Christ the Vine.)*

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said,} “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

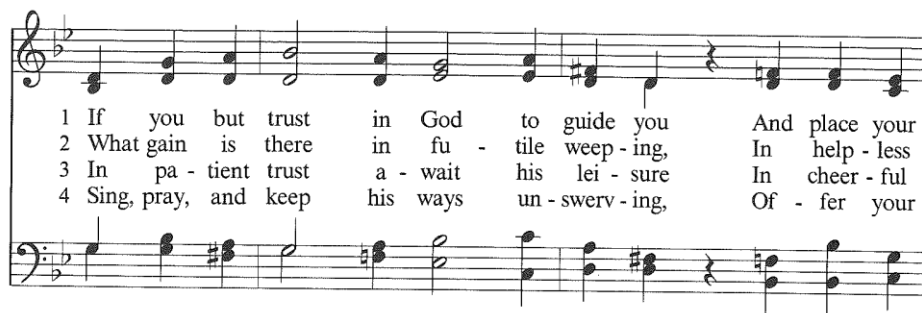
SERMON ..... Pastor Chuck Mann

**HYMN ..... On next page  
“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

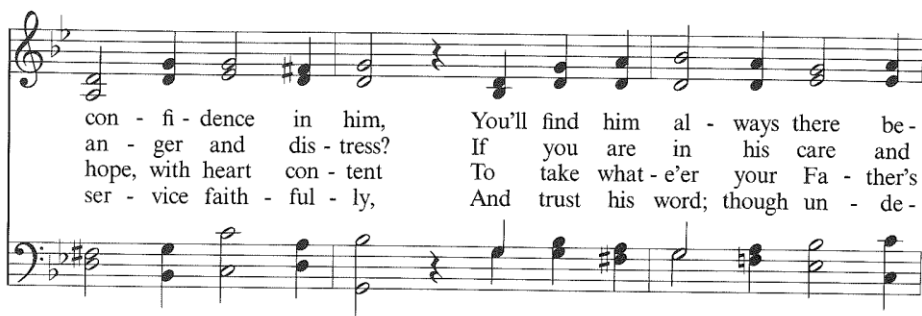


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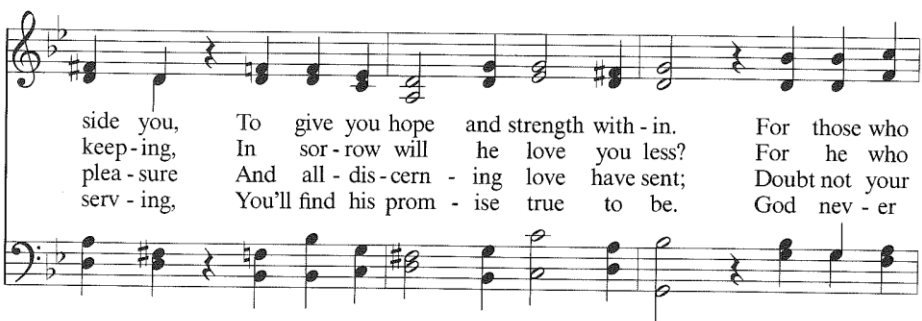
## If You But Trust in God to Guide You



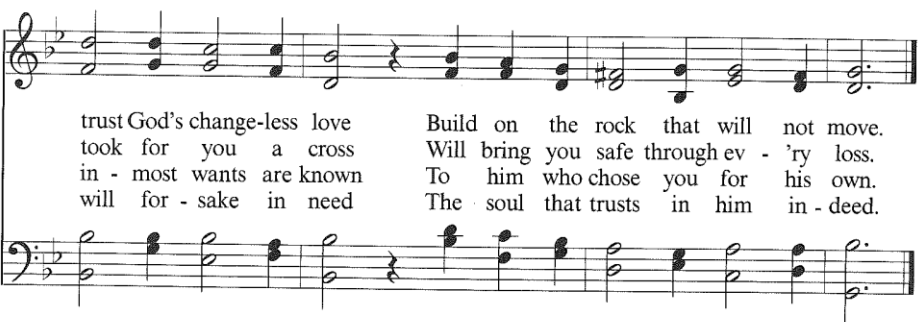
1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your  
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, In help - less  
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, You'll find him al - ways there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er your Fa - ther's  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, And trust his word; though un - de -



side you, To give you hope and strength with - in. For those who  
 keep - ing, In sor - row will he love you less? For he who  
 plea - sure And all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; Doubt not your  
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change-less love Build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.  
 will for - sake in need The soul that trusts in him in - deed.

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION**

### **PRESENTATION**

P I present the following persons, who desire to affirm their baptism.

*As the names are read, the candidates shall proceed to the altar rail.*

Aaron Blumhagen  
James Chrest  
Maddie Jaeger  
Carter Knutson

Alex Retterath  
Justin Scheresky  
Ashlyn Schmitz

### **INTRODUCTION**

P Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for *these persons*, one with us in the body of Christ, who *affirm their* baptism this day as a sign of *their* participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

### **PRAYER**

P Merciful God, we thank you for these young people, whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C Amen.**

### **RENUNCIATION OF EVIL**

P As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?  
GROUP: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?  
GROUP: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

GROUP: I renounce them.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

GROUP: In faith I turn to Christ.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

## **COMMITMENT**

*The presiding minister addresses those making affirmation:*

P You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

Will you regularly gather among God's people in worship, to receive God's Word and share in his Holy Supper?

Will you be a witness to the faith that has been given to you and strive to remain steadfast in God's Word?

Will you be a servant to others and seek to love your neighbors, following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus?

Will you proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and his lordship in your life through your daily words and deeds?

*Each affirmer responds:* I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

**P** People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

*Those making affirmation kneel.*

**P** Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C Amen**

*The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of each person:*

*The parents and sponsors of each person will come forward in turn for this Blessing and laying on of hands.*

**P** Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her* faith, guide *his/her* life, empower *him/her* in *his/her* serving, give *him/her* patience in suffering, and bring *him/her* to everlasting life.

*Each person answers: "Amen."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*(Place your hand over your heart and turn to your neighbor sharing the peace in this manner. No hand shaking.)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Said in unison)

**Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerous to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION LITURGY

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, for ever and ever. Amen**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Single Aisle Station – one side at a time, social distancing)

**HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:**

**“The Church’s One Foundation” – On next page**

**“Your Kingdom Come!” – On back page**

**“Just as I Am, without One Plea” – On two pages from this page**

## The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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## Just as I Am, without One Plea

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,  
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,

And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871  
Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

WOODWORTH  
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 32:10*

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

*Numbers 6:24–26*

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN ..... On next page**  
**“Beautiful Savior”**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



## Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR ..... Pastor Chuck Mann  
READER ..... Lexi Solomonson  
ORGANIST ..... Theresa Petersen  
ACOLYTES ..... Mya Nelson & Ryleigh Schmidt  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT ..... Lexi Solomonson  
USHERS/GREETERS ..... Dick & Barbara Brewster  
ALTAR GUILD..... Melanie Beckman & Janell Ziemann  
COFFEE HOUR ..... Dick & Barbara Brewster  
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ... Randy & Janet Hanson

**Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

**Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! “Let us rejoice today and be glad” (Psalm 118:24).

**Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

**Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Receive the bread into your open, flat palm. Ask if you wish to receive grape juice or a gluten free wafer. Alert an usher if you, or someone you know, needs communion served in the pew.*

**Nursery**

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

## **Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Attendance – 150

Facebook Online Viewing - 132

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$4,086.00

## **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers today are in honor of our confirmands.

## **Pastoral Care**

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

## **Prayer Requests**

Mardella Aanderud – Mother to Melanie Beckman, Donna Gunderson, Mary Ann Monsebroten – Sister to Jackie Olson, Weldon Wagner – Brother to Arden Wagner, Kathy Solomonson, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Shauntaye Kopecky – Kurle family member, Mary Schulz, Ross Lorentzen, Gwen DeMontigny, Kayla Boger – Family member of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler's, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner's friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Glenn Weist, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

## **Interment for Shirley Nelson**

Interment for Shirley Nelson will be held this Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at Riverside Cemetery. There will be a graveside service only.

## **Prayer Shawl Crocheting Class**

If you would like to learn how to crochet to make the prayer shawl's, Steph will be having a class at the parsonage on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am and also on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. Please bring a skein of yarn and crochet needle. Talk to Steph or give her a call at 891-9413 with questions.

## **Technology Committee**

The Technology Committee will meet this Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

## **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation**

Next Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize our Sunday School teachers, subs, and music people. This is also the last day of Sunday School.

## **Connections Magazine**

The May/June issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to get updates on LCMC and NALC along with other interesting articles.

## **CCM Mother the Camp**

It's the time of year to "Mother the Camp"! A tote with a list of items needed for Camp of the Cross is in the narthex. A list of items is also on the bulletin board. Any donations help to reduce the operating costs of the camp. Donations will be collected until Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and then packed up for delivery to the Camp.

## **New Members**

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran in the near future, please talk to Pastor Chuck. A new member class will be scheduled sometime this summer or next fall.

## **Hearing Assist**

First Lutheran is in the process of getting a hearing assist system to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this, please let Jeannette know in the church office so we have an idea of how many units to order.

## **Christ in Our Home and Our Daily Bread**

The April/May/June edition of *Christ in Our Home* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

## **Thank You**

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee, Men's Bible Study group, and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 24, 2021, if you have campers registered so the funds can be sent to the camp before the camp season begins.

## **LBW & WOV Hymnals**

We will be ordering more LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals. As of the printing of this bulletin we are looking at approximately 35 more LBW at a cost of \$32 per book and approximately 30 WOV at a cost of \$15.75 per book or a total of \$1,598.50. If you would like to help purchase any of these hymnals, please talk to Jeannette in the church office. We may have a chance to purchase some from another church but how many and price is yet to be determined. ***LBW books on the cart in the narthex are free for the taking.***

## **COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Preacher's Daughters** will be in concert at Our Redeemer's Church in Minot at 6:30 pm tonight, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion Rite of Confirmation
	10:30 AM	Coffee/Fellowship Hour
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
	7:00 PM	Technology Committee Meeting
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	7:15 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship Sunday School Volunteer Appreciation
	10:45 AM	Last Day of Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

May 2, 2021 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

*“Philip...told him the good news about Jesus.”*

*- Acts 8:35 -*

The good news of the resurrection, that God defeated death, sin, and the devil by raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, leaps over all boundaries and overcomes all obstacles. Nothing can prevent the love of Jesus Christ for us from calling all to himself. Baptism is a tangible and visible activity of the Holy Spirit in the relentless reach of God’s salvation for the world.

One might think that it would be enough for the crucified Jesus to rise from the dead and then return to his fearful disciples and show himself to them. In that way their faith could be confirmed in him and see tangible proof that he is indeed the Son of God. Sorry, but that is not the case, it is not the end of the story, it is merely the beginning. Jesus, not only defeats death, but he immediately moves into the whole world. And not only that, Jesus enlists and commissions his disciples (and us too!) to move into the world in his name.

By the work of the Holy Spirit, somebody has to say something. Somebody has to preach and somebody has to explain the scriptures (vs. 30-31) to those who have not yet heard the good news. There are those, like the eunuch, that need to hear about the Holy Spirit breaking into the world, reaching out and embracing those who have not yet heard the truth of who God is and what God is up to in the world.

Tradition has said that the eunuch went back home and founded the church of Ethiopia. This church has endured centuries of persecution and is still spreading the good news of Jesus into the world.

What if Philip had stayed home instead of going into the desert? What if you stay home? Who will go and tell?

**Let us pray:** *O God, we give you thanks not only for baptism, but for the Holy Spirit. We ask that your Spirit would shake us up and move us out from the confines of the church building. Nothing holds your Spirit back; let nothing hold us back. Bring to our limited minds awareness of all those who are in need of hearing the good news of your love for them. Help us to become engaged in your mission so that your will is done and your name may be known throughout the world. Amen.*

## Your Kingdom Come!

1 Your king - dom come! O Fa - ther, hear our prayer; Shine through the  
 2 Stum - bling and blind, we strive to do your will, Trust - ing the  
 3 Come through the faith where - by the Church must live; Come through the  
 4 Your king - dom come; come too, God's glo - rious Son! Oh, may our

clouds that threat - en ev - 'ry - where; Light from a - bove, our  
 word you sure - ly will ful - fill, That all are yours, how -  
 Word and Sac - ra - ments you give; Come through your teach - ing,  
 task for you be no - bly done! Faith - ful let all your

on - ly life and joy, Show us the hope that noth - ing  
 ev - er far they roam, That love shall tri - umph, and your  
 and your heal - ing too; Come through the work en - light - ened  
 ser - vants be, and true, Un - til they bring all na - tions

can de - stroy; Show us the hope that noth - ing can de - stroy.  
 king - dom come; That love shall tri - umph, and your king - dom come.  
 hearts can do; Come through the work en - light - ened hearts can do.  
 home to you; Un - til they bring all na - tions home to you.