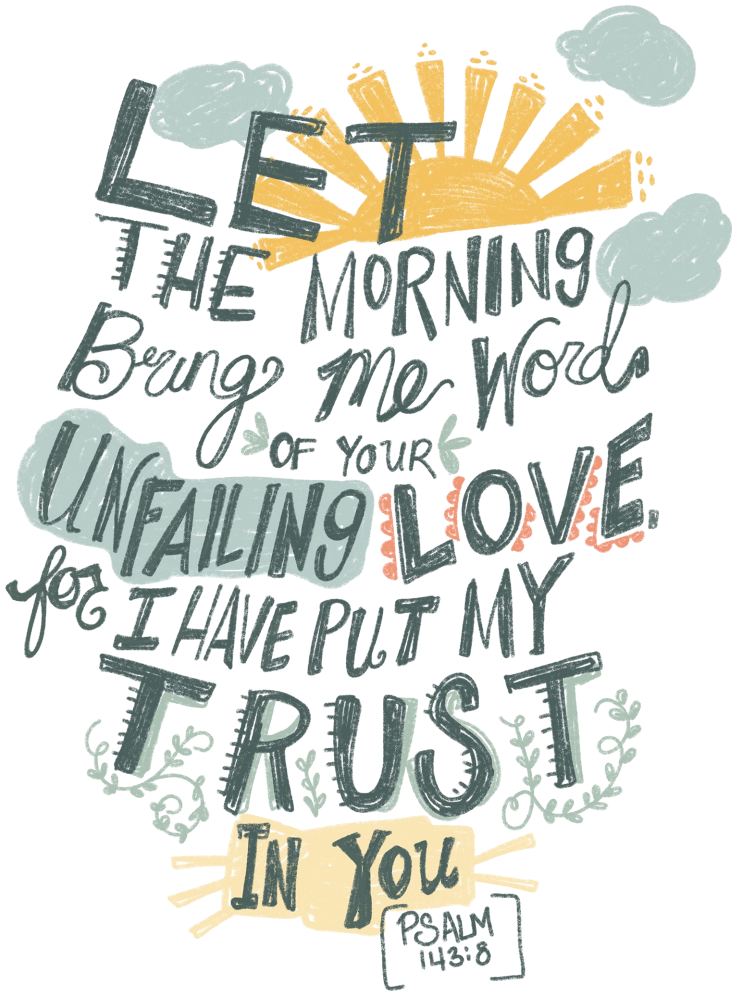


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Confirmation Sunday  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

May 17th, 2026

Confirmation Sunday

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 23*

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He re-  
stores my soul; He leads me in the paths of  
righteousness For His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea,  
though I walk through the valley of the shad-  
ow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are*  
with me; Your rod and Your staff, they com-  
fort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in  
the presence of my enemies; You anoint my  
head with oil; My cup runs over. <sup>6</sup> Surely  
goodness and mercy shall follow me All the  
days of my life; And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD Forever.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

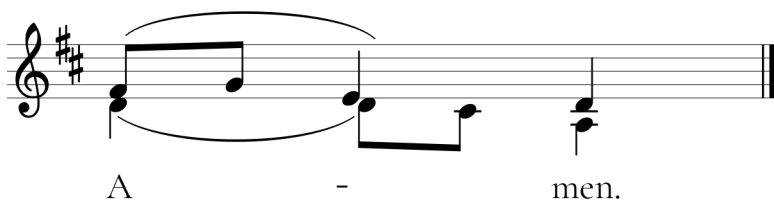
#769 Lift High The Cross

## QUESTIONING OF CONFIRMANDS

#400 Take My Life and Let It Be

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

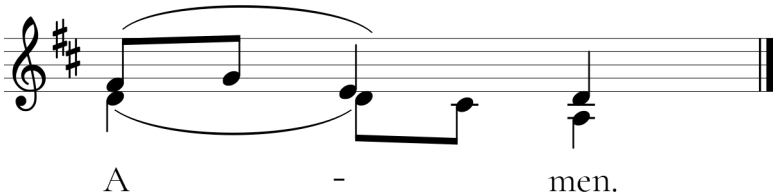


# CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
5. For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was

slain, whose blood set us free  
 strength, and hon - or, bless -  
 God, and join in the hymn of  
 might be to God and the Lamb for -  
 slain has be - gun His reign.

to be peo - ple of God. *refrain*  
 ing, and glo - ry are His. *refrain*  
 all cre - a - tion: *stanza 4*  
 ev - er. A - men. *refrain*  
 Al - le - lu - ia. *final refrain*

*Final Refrain*

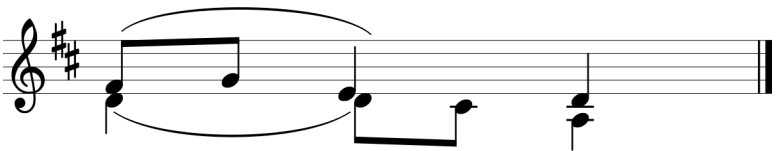


This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth, so that they may re-torn to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

## THE WORD

**Philippians 4:4-13** <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. <sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup> I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full

and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**Matthew 6:24-33** <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>25</sup> "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>28</sup> "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your

heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are written that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The second staff has the lyrics 'These words are writ - tenthat we may believe that'. The third staff has the lyrics 'Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The music ends with a double bar line.

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

## Children's Hymn: In Christ Alone

**#296 Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth**

# SERMON

1 **Chronicles 28:9,20** <sup>9</sup> "As for you, my [son], know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

<sup>20</sup> "Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God-- my God-- *will be* with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

## MAY THE LORD OPEN YOUR HEART

To Confession and To Service



Create in me a cleanheart, O



God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-



va - - - tion. Up -



hold me with Your free Spir - it.

# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my\_\_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my\_\_ breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
3 Rich - es I\_\_ need not, nor man's emp - ty praise;  
4 High King of\_\_ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my whole ar - mor and thou my true might;  
Thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways;  
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun.



Thou my\_\_ best\_\_ thought in the day and the night  
Thou my\_\_ soul's shel - ter and thou my strong tow - er.  
Thou and\_\_ thou\_\_ on - ly the first in my heart;  
Heart of\_\_ my\_\_ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, \_\_



Wak - ing and sleep - ing, thy\_\_ pres - ence my light.  
Raisethou me heav'n - ward, great\_\_ Pow'r of my pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my\_\_ treas - ure thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O\_\_ Rul - er of all.

## Offering Hymn #442:2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly, freely of  
Thine own, With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our  
thankless hearts of stone. Till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by Thee, at length believe, That more happy and  
more blessed 'tis too give that to receive

## PRAYERS, THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

# RITE OF CONFIRMATION

## Mason Roger Reyes

Born: April 11, 2012 - Baptized: April 29, 2012

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

## Samuel Joseph Schmidt

Born: April 9, 2012 - Baptized: May 6, 2012

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things  
through Christ who strengthens me.

## Arianna Michelle Frederick

Born: August 15, 2012 - Baptized: March 17, 2013

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful  
and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Adia Joy Swyter

Born: December 28, 2011 - Baptized: January 1, 2012

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air,  
for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns;  
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.  
Are you not of more value than they?

## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  
give you peace.



## #785 Children of the Heavenly Father

## **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

9 am Confirmation Service

## **TUESDAY, MAY 19**

2 pm Bible Class

## **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

9 am Worship Service

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Sunday Service - 79

General Fund- 5759

Missions - \$ 895

Mission Helper Trip Fund - \$ 341.05

Sunday School – 8

## **USHERS FOR MAY**

Ryan Krueger, Dan Thiem,

Todd Thiem, Austin Thiem

## **COUNTER**

**This Week Team # 3**

Bill Jenkins, Mitch Newton

**Next Week Team # 4**

Dennis Jones, Preston Schmidt

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## VBS

Volunteer and snack sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

## LAWN MOWING

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing

## BUILDING FUND

We need to raise an additional \$22,850 for the roof.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Num. 11:24-30

Psalms 25:1-15

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has

received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish has also received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

ILC Education Program Graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has accepted the call to teach 3-4 grades at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has received the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.



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