



# Confirmation Word Search

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## May 5, 2023 † Sixth Sunday of Easter

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

### † GATHERING †

#### Prelude

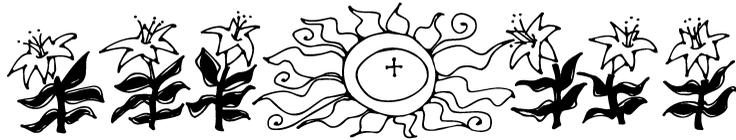
*(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)*

#### Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Rite of Confirmation for**

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**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Lord, you look for truth deep within us.  
Hear us now as we confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Holy God,  
**we confess our courage fails when you ask us to be a holy nation.  
We are unwilling to do inconvenient tasks,  
except for our own benefit.  
Because of our laziness and bad habits, we deny your will be done.  
Save us Lord from the sins we know in our hearts.  
Save us Lord from the sins we hide.**

Our Heavenly Father desires to show us mercy in our repentance  
and sends Christ Jesus the only Son of God  
to rescue us from our unfaithfulness.

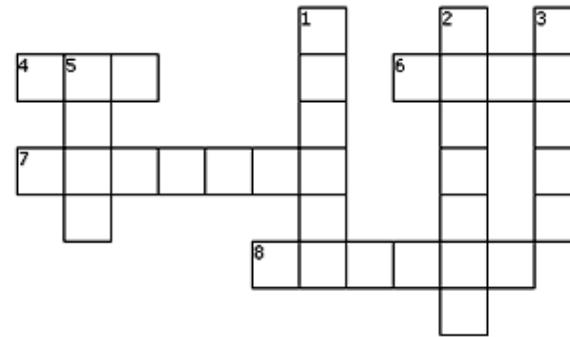
It is for Christ's sake that our sins are forgiven.

We are God's own people and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we become the living stones of God's own spiritual house.

This to the glory of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Love each other as  
I have loved you.*

John 15:12 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 4. A state of happiness or delight
- 6. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
- 7. Someone that performs duties for a master
- 8. A person that you like very much

**DOWN**

- 1. One who has authority over another person
- 2. An order which a person is expected to obey
- 3. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
- 5. To do what you are told; follow the rules

**Words Used**

love	command	friend	joy
obey	servant	master	learn



Answers: friends; master; love; servant; obey; life

Answers: love each other as I have loved you.

# The Sayings of Jesus

## Love Each Other

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.  
John 15:12 (NIV)



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for each number to solve the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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1. 22-8-6-9-16-26-1 \_\_\_\_\_ 4. 1-9-8-14-17-16-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. 7-17-1-19-9-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 5. 3-11-9-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. 24-3-14-9 \_\_\_\_\_ 6. 24-6-22-9 \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus command us to do?  
Use this code to find the answer.

★ = T	🏠 = V	⚓ = A	🌍 = O
👤 = R	👤 = E	🐟 = S	❤️ = L

" \_\_\_\_\_ CH \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ "

I H \_\_\_\_\_ D Y \_\_\_\_\_ U."

## Opening Hymn

## Amazing Grace

#779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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## Opening Litany

Jesus, you chose to come to earth to be with us.  
 And now you have chosen us to be with you for all eternity.  
**Thank you for making us your friends forever.**

Jesus, you sacrificed yourself on the cross for our sake.  
**Thank you for being a friend to us sinners  
 and the Savior of the world.**

Jesus, you spoke to the people around you about the kingdom to come.  
**Thank you for being our friend and sharing your words with us.**

Jesus, you took children into your arms and held them close.  
**Thank you for being our friend and always holding us close.**

Jesus, you listened to the plea of the people around you.  
**Thank you for being our friend  
 and always being there to listen to our prayers.**

Jesus, you have set a place aside for us at the heavenly banquet.  
**Thank you for being our friend and welcoming us into your midst.**

### Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### Kyrie

*ELW setting 8*

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-row share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

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### Dismissal

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
 Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Life-giving God,

**in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection**

**you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,**

**and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.**

**Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection**

**that we may show your glory to all the world;**

**through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

## Announcements

### Benediction

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,

and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,

bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

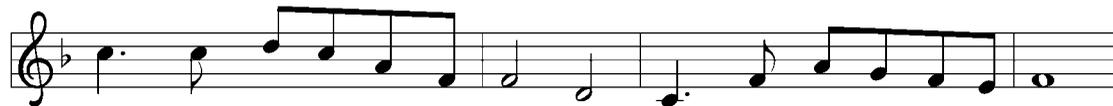
## Sending Hymn

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#742



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Hymn of Praise

*Father, I Adore You*

W&P #37



- 1 Fa - ther,
- 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
- 3 Spir - it,



fore you; how I love you.

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

O God,

**you have prepared for those who love you**

**joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you**

**that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises,**

**which exceed all we can desire;**

**through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✚ WORD ✚

**First Reading**

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98**

*Joy to the World*

#267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor-row grow nor thorns in-  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev-'ry heart pre-pare him  
 songs em-ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless-ings  
 na-tions prove the glo-ries of his righ-teous-



room and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n and na-ture  
 plains re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his

**Distribution Hymn**

*I Come with Joy*

#482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion  
 4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er  
 5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in  
 fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.  
 strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.  
 live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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**Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**



**Distribution Hymn**

*Jesus Loves Me*

#595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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**Second Reading**

1 John 5:1-6

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

*A reading from First John.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

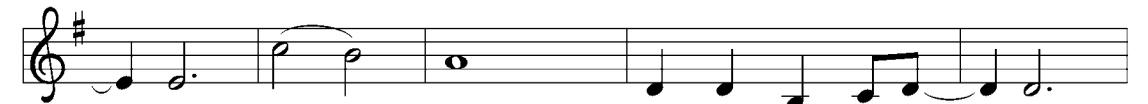
**Hallelujah Verse**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

#172



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



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### Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you.

<sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

<sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children’s Time Sermon



### Distribution Hymn

### *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

W&P #70



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## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

## Agnus Dei

## Lamb of God

*ELW setting 10*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

*The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.*



## Confirmation Hymn

## Here I Am, Lord

#574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

### Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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## Confirmation Litany

O Lord, on this day,  
as we celebrate the confirmation of these young people,  
**continue to confirm in them and in us  
what you are doing in our lives.**

As we celebrate the miracle of baptism  
that first made these young people your children,  
**continue to confirm in them and in us  
the cleansing and renewing power of the sacrament of baptism.**

As we celebrate the words of Scripture that are read  
to the confirmands and to all those gathered here today,  
**continue to confirm in them and in us  
the message of faith and hope revealed in your Word.**

As we pray for those confirmed today,  
**continue to confirm in them and in us  
the importance of prayer in the Christian life.**

And as the blessing is spoken to those who are confirmed,  
**continue to confirm in them and in us  
that you will bless all those who serve in your Church  
both now and evermore. Amen.**

## The Rite of Confirmation

Dear Friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of Baptism and for  
*Ella, Bristol, Colton, Kasey, Cale, Dalton, Alexis, Kollin, Reed, Ava,  
Chance, Tyson*, one with us in the body of Christ,  
who affirm their baptisms this day as a sign of their participation  
in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Ella Paige Gompert*,  
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Bristol Dallas Hardwick*,  
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parent & Sponsors: We present *Colton Ronald Juzenas*,  
who desires to affirm his baptism.

## Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

God of joys and surprises, your Son's apostles  
were astounded that you sent your Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles  
and that all the earth was awakening to the praise of your name.  
You invite us to join your company through baptism  
and sustain us in your fellowship  
through this meal of memory and hope.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon your church  
that it may bear the image of your crucified and resurrected Son.  
By the power of that same Spirit, bless this bread and this cup  
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;  
who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
*Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

After supper Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Overwhelming God,  
you give your children faith that celebrates your sovereignty.  
Renew that faith among any who see your Son's continuing crucifixion  
more evidently than his glorious resurrection.  
Restore and inspire all who, in the face of evil and suffering,  
feel less like conquerors and more like the conquered.  
Walk with those who find your commandments a burden  
rather than a gift.  
Hasten the day when all shall be  
drawn into the banquet of your kingdom,  
and you fill heaven and earth with the triumphs of your grace,  
ever one God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

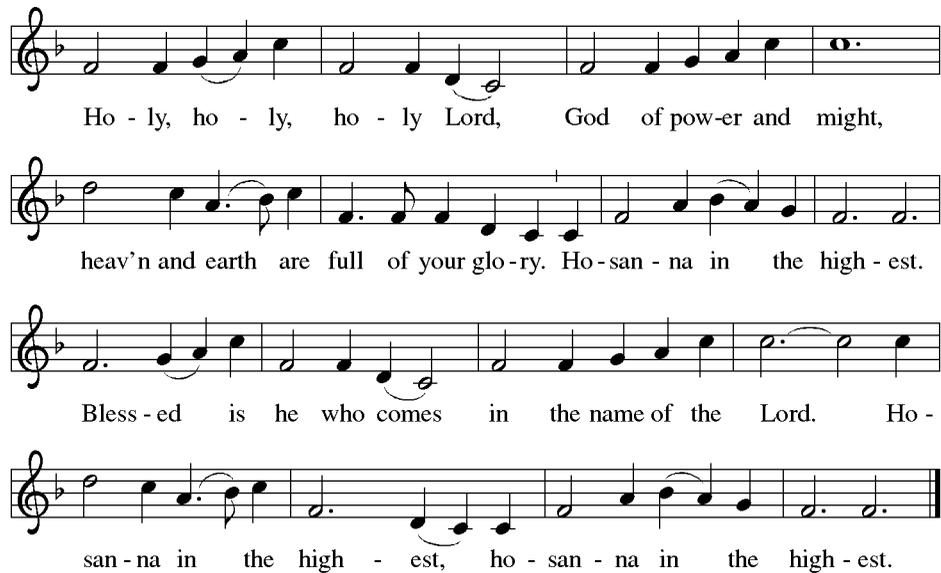
## Proper Preface

Wonderous and merciful God, we thank and praise you  
because we did not choose you but you chose us.  
You destined us to become your friends  
from before the foundation of the world.  
You showed steadfast love and faithfulness to your covenant people  
and remembered your promises in every generation.  
Greater love hath no one than you,  
because in Christ you laid down your life  
and turned us from servants into friends,  
and by your Spirit you raise us up  
to be your beloved companions forever.  
And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels,  
and all who with your risen and ascended Son,  
sit at your right hand on high,  
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

## Sanctus

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*ELW setting 10*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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who desires to affirm her baptism.

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who desires to affirm his baptism.

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Merciful God, we thank you for our confirmands, ***Ella, Bristol, Colton, Kasey, Cale, Dalton, Alexis, Kollin, Reed, Ava, Chance, and Tyson***,  
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 in 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. **Amen.**

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

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

**Confirmands: I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

**Confirmands: In faith I turn to Christ.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith.

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

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* #857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth  
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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✠ MEAL ✠

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



**Dalton James Olnes** *Joshua 1:9*  
*Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

**Alexis Elizabeth Pedro** *Lamentations 3:22-23*  
*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

**Kollin Cyrus Rasmussen** *John 3:16*  
*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.*

**Reed David Reinhart** *Joshua 1:9*  
*Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

**Ava Marie Tisthammer** *John 15:5*  
*I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,  
because apart from me you can do nothing.*

**Chance Michael Trollope** *Romans 12:19*  
*Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;  
for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*

**Tyson James Webster** *Matthew 7:7*  
*Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you.*

## Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these young people  
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*

We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,  
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in **Ella Paige, Bristol Dallas, Colton Ronald, Kasey Lynn,  
Cale William, Dalton James, Alexis Elizabeth, Kollin Cyrus,  
Reed David, Ava Marie, Chance Michael, Tyson James,**  
the gifts of your Holy Spirit:

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, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Holy God, on this day of confirmation,  
confirm **Ella's, Bristol's, Colton's, Kasey's, Cale's, Dalton's,  
Alexis', Kollin's, Reed's, Ava's, Chance's, Tyson's** 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. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**



## Prayers of the People

P 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.*

A Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word.  
Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit  
and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen  
our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P You speak and the face of the earth is renewed.  
Revive your creation,  
that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish.  
Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Your world is divided and the nations rage.  
Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders,  
that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all.  
Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Your children are in need.  
Comfort all those who suffer,  
especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness.  
Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another.  
We pray especially for . . . .  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Your work is done in this place with our hands.  
Bless the ministries of this congregation,  
that we may embody your love for the world.  
Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members,  
committee members, and volunteers.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Your blessed saints now rest in you.  
Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us.  
At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God,  
we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love;  
through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

## Confirmation Verses:

**Ella Paige Gompert**

**Psalm 23**

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.*

**Bristol Dallas Hardwick**

**Luke 1:45**

*<sup>45</sup>Blessed is she  
who believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her.*

**Colton Ronald Juzenas**

**Psalm 46:1**

*<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

**Kasey Lynn Krohn**

**Psalm 62:2**

*He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
I shall never be shaken.*

**Cale William Moser**

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.  
Let all that you do be done in love.*