**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** 

May 7, 2023



Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

# ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PROCESSION OF OUR NEWEST COMMUNICANTS

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-11

[Jesus said:] "Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know where I am going, and you know the way." Thomas replied:

5"Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said:

8"Lord, show us the Father, and that is enough for us."

<sup>9</sup>"Have I been with you so long," Jesus answered, "and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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## All sing stanzas one and two.

Pastor and all grade and high schoolers sing stanza three.

# All sing stanzas four and five.

Gentlemen sing stanza six. Ladies sing stanza seven.

# "Questions for Christians"

Pastor Boehringer

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

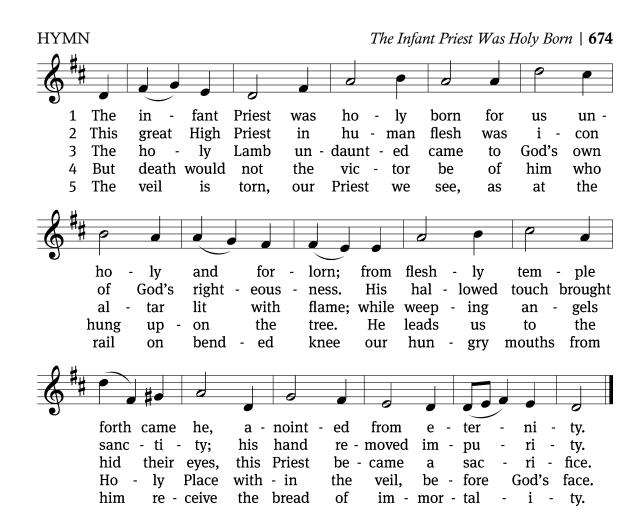
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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#### PUBLIC CONFESSION OF OUR NEW COMMUNICANTS

#### CLASS VERSE: 1 TIMOTHY 1:15-17

This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," of whom I am the worst. But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in him, resulting in eternal life. Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Chloe Caroline Boehning Wyatt Morgan Bump Jackson Jay Guell Lynlee Marie Jerabek Taylor Nichole LaRonge Jermaine Lee Lofton Kade Abraham Luedke Gabriel Garcia Luna Gavin Aricin Penn Braelyn Faith Purswell Wyatt Cole Smallish Aubrey Carolanne Stibb Noah Nathan Strutz Isabelle Grace Will Elijah Benjamin Zick Logan Dale Ziegler

#### OUR PRACTICE OF CLOSED COMMUNION



Our communion table is open to our members, that is, all those who are under the spiritual care of our pastor and elders and who are united by our common confession of faith according to the Holy Scriptures and our Evangelical Lutheran confessions. Those souls under the care of one of our sister congregations are also welcome to come forward to receive the very body and blood of Christ under bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

- If you have no pastor or church, or
- if you are a member of a congregation that is committed to another confession of faith, or
- if you're just not sure,

we are glad that you are here today, but we'd ask you to refrain from coming forward and communing today. Please contact our pastor with questions about this Scriptural practice. He'd love to talk to you about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

And members, please kindly remember to fill out a Communion card and hand it to your usher. Thank you!

#### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

## We lift them up to the Lord.

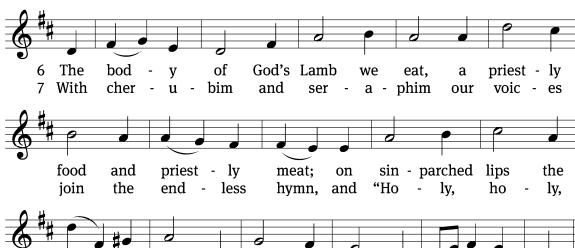
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sin of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

#### HYMN

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born | 674



chal - ice pours his quench - ing blood that life re - stores.
ho - ly" sing to Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

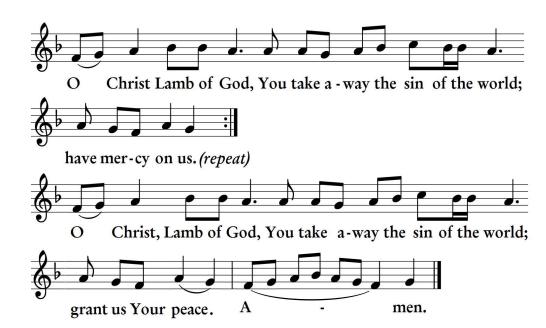
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 



#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured | 685 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | 675 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | 660

**BLESSING** 

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** 

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant | 951



Preacher: Rev. Luke Boehringer Organist: Laura Nolte

Please greet our newest communicant members along the Resurrection Wall in the narthex.

The special bulletin covers are given in thankfulness from one of our members having been confirmed in Christ 50 years ago in May.