### A Celebration of Confirmation

# "Acknowledge Me Before Others"

May 9, 2020 9:30 AM Service

#### As We Gather

Jesus said, "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges Me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God (Luke 12:8)." Every day, each of us is called upon to publicly acknowledge Jesus by what we say and what we do. Last Sunday afternoon ten young people publicly acknowledged Jesus as they were confirmed in their Christian faith. Because of our COVID restrictions, we held the Confirmation ceremony as a separate service in our Faith Chapel. But the confirmands' spoken faith statements as well as their blessings were recorded and will be part of our worship this morning. May God bless our confirmands in their confession and bless each of us in the confession of our lives.

#### Welcome

### "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LSB 790)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, The King of creation! O my soul, praise Him,

For He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear

Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,

Who o'er all things is wondrously reigning

And, as on wings of an eagle,

Uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen

All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,
Wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly
Falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord,

Who will prosper your work and defend you;

Surely His goodness and mercy

Shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do

As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in us adore him! All that has life and breath,

Come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore him!

#### Invocation

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

### "We Believe"

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

And He's coming back again We believe

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing In our weakness and temptations We believe we believe **Chorus** 

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade
Let the Church live loud our God we'll say
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe **Chorus** 

#### **Chorus**

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection

#### **Confirmation Verses and Faith Statements**

Patrick Wayne Yoder

You, LORD, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked.

Psalm 12:7

Colt Rush-Lawrence Maloney

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

\*Psalm 34:8\*

Grayson Quinn Cushing

I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. *Philippians 4:13* 

## Abigail Rose Munoz

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

## Charles Lucas Vaziri

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

# Tyler Allen Koen

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

## Samantha Maric Carcy

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

# Soren Edward Christian De Young

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

\*Proverbs 3:5-6\*

# Matteo Joseph Robertis

I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

\*Philippians 4:13\*\*

## Eva Marig Winkler

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

## "Praise God From Whom All blessings Flow" (LSB 805)

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

#### Offering

#### **Prayers**

Please add your prayer requests to the live chat

**Thanksgivings** 

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Petitions** 

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

## St. John's People and Families to Pray for This Week

Mark, Lindsey, Brooks, & Graham Albrecht

Nancy Gressinger Rebekah Kramer

Pastor Mike & Teresa Schmid Mia and Otto Wagner

Michael, Stacy, & Noah Bezmarevich

Alyssa and Jaxson Felsch

Greg Stacy, Emma, & Jack James Abe, Shayla, & Addison Newman Yusuf, Breanna, Jeyda, & Yasemin Topal

### The 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.

## **Blessing**

#### "This I Believe"

Our Father everlasting

The all creating One

God Almighty

You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

Chorus

Through Your Holy Spirit I believe in You

Conceiving Christ the Son I believe You rose again

Jesus our Savior I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in You

Chorus

I believe in God our Father

I believe You rose again

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord **Chorus**I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord **Chorus** 

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in One

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth

I believe in the resurrection

I believe in the saints' communion

That we will rise again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender

And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again

Suffered and crucified For I believe in the Name of Jesus Chorus

Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness

#### Offering

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## Memory Verse for This Week

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Luke 12:8

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