Our Savior Lutheran Church Mankato, Minnesota

The Fourth Sunday of Easter - Confirmation Sunday April 17, 2016

Greeting and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation: "Splendor and Honor"

- Splendor and honor, majesty and power Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing, For by Your bidding was the whole creation Called into being.
- Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption, By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people: A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations, Called to God's service.
- 3 To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor, And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd, Be adoration, praise, and glory given, Now and forever.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

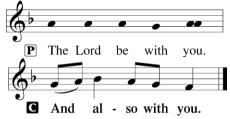
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- ☑ Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Forgiveness of our Sin (Absolution)

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.



Greeting and Prayer of the Day (Salutation and Collect)



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



New Testament Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

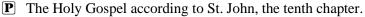
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel:

John 10:22-30





At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."





Hymn of the Day: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

1	 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
2	 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
3	 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
4	 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will; Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Confirmation	Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"I want to walk as a child of the light.I want to follow Jesus.God set the stars to give light to the world.The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain
ref	In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2	I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. Refrain
3	I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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[10:30] Rite of Confirmation

Confirmand	Child of	Verse
Alex Charles Hobbs	Timothy & Carmel Hobbs	Joshua 1:9
Emily Marie Landaas	Katherine & Ben Meyer	Jeremiah 29:11
Danica Rose Maus	Thomas & Debra Maus	Matthew 28:20
Ana Renae Melvin	Michael & Raynell Melvin	Isaiah 41:10
Christopher Milton Weihe	Larry & Gail Weihe	Matthew 6:33
Jacob Lee Wintheiser	David & Cindy Wintheiser	Joshua 1:9
Andrew John Zellmer	Steven & Lisa Zellmer	1 Peter 1:13
Thomas Jakob Zellmer	Steven & Lisa Zellmer	Isaiah 40:31
Kasota Marcia Zimmerman	Jessica & Brian Beckel	Proverbs 3:5-6

Offering: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

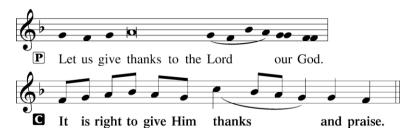
Mike Blomquist, violin



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

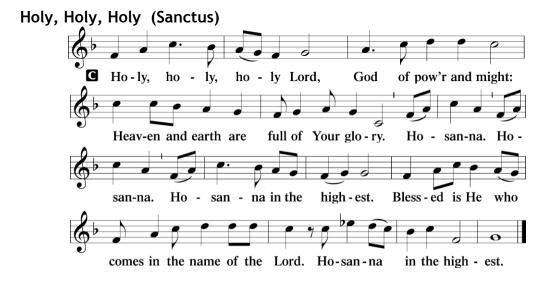
Preface





Proper Preface

▶ 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



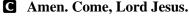
The Words of Our Lord

P 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, eat; this is My + → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

■ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Lord's Peace (Pax Domini)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)



Distribution Hymns:

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

 Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,
 The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.
 With healing balm our souls He fills
 And ev'ry faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right: To God all praise and glory!

3	We sought the Lord in our distress;O God, in mercy hear us.Our Savior saw our helplessnessAnd came with peace to cheer us.For this we thank and praise the Lord,Who is by one and all adored:		
	To God all praise and glory!		
4	He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation; He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation. As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band: To God all praise and glory!		
5	All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone: To God all praise and glory!		
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"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; 1 His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood." 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

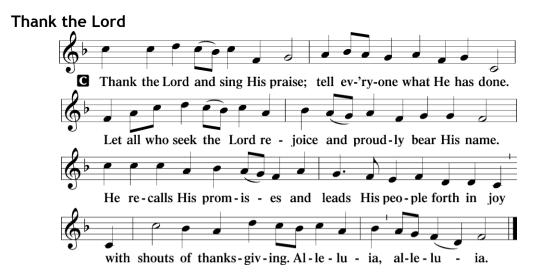
3	Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
	Alleluia! Here the sinful
	Flee to You from day to day.
	Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
	Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
	Where the songs of all the sinless
	Sweep across the crystal sea.
4	Alleluia! King eternal,
	Lord omnipotent we own;
	Alleluia! Born of Mary,
	Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
	As within the veil You entered,
	Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
	Here on earth both priest and victim
	In the eucharistic feast.
5	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
	His the scepter, His the throne;
	Alleluia! His the triumph,
	His the victory alone.
	Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
	Thunder like a mighty flood:
	"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
	Has redeemed us by His blood."
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"Children of the Heavenly Father"

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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Post-Communion Prayer (Collect)

A Let us pray.

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We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Lord's Blessing (Benediction)

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.



Closing Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
 His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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