

Sunday, September 13, 2020 1 p.m.
Service of Confirmation 2020

Prelude

Announcements *Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract & Middle School Ministries*

Welcome *Vicar Jason Christ*

Opening Hymn *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng* LSB Hymnal 813, verses 1, 3-5

(Stand)



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and
firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.
dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

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(Stand)

Invocation

Leader We worship this day in the name of the Living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Leader I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. *Psalm 18:1-2*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears. *Psalm 18:6*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. *Psalm 18:17-19*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?—the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. *Psalm 18:31-32*

People **The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.** *1 Kings 18:39b*

Leader The LORD, He is God. He is our rock and deliverer. He has overcome our enemies—sin, death, and the devil—and won forgiveness and eternal life for us. So let us come as His humble people and ask His forgiveness, that we may be made clean this day.

People **Almighty Father, we come before you this day as people who have not always walked in Your ways. We have listened to the voices of the world rather than You. We have worshiped false gods instead of You. We are sorry. For the sake of Christ our deliverer, forgive our sins and make us clean.** *(silence for reflection)*

Leader The LORD, He is God. He is our rock and deliverer. He has overcome sin, death, and the devil and has indeed forgiven our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ.

People **For this we will praise You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to Your name.** *Psalm 18:49*

Hymn of Praise *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng* LSB Hymnal 813, verse 7



△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

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Scripture Reading *(Sit)*

Reader God speaks to us through the Old Testament: 1 Kings 18:20–40

So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal’s prophets are 450 men. Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.” And all the people answered, “It is well spoken.” Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, “Israel shall be your name,” and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” And he said, “Do it a second time.” And they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time.” And they did it a third time. And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water. And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.” And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

Reader God speaks to us through the Gospel: John 19:29-37

A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Rite of Confirmation

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. *(Sit)*

Immediate Family *Please stand, mask, and say:*

We are happy and proud that you have made your public promise to continue to follow Jesus. We support you and will do our part to help you keep these promises. We pray that you will continue to grow in your faith for your whole life. We believe God has great things in store for you!

Congregation *Please stand, mask, and say:*

We are witnesses to your statement of faith. We believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior and we are glad to hear that you do, too. We will pray for you, asking God to be with you every day and give you His power and His love so that you may live your life knowing that He has chosen you. We believe God will do great things in this world through you! God bless you all! *(Sit)*

Preparation for Lord's Supper

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also 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.

People And also with you.

Songs During Communion

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

And I Love You

Verse 1

You reached out Your hand
And called us to listen
You stretched out Your arms
And showed us what love was

Chorus

You are the Way, the Truth and the Life
You are the final sacrifice
You are the Lord my God most high
And I love You, O Lord.

Verse 2

I reach out my hand
Please teach me to listen
I stretch out my arms
Fill me with Your vision *Chorus*

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Prayers of God's People *(Sit)*

The Lord's Prayer *(Stand)*

People 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. 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.

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Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Tag

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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Closing Hymn *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* LSB Hymnal 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Blessing

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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