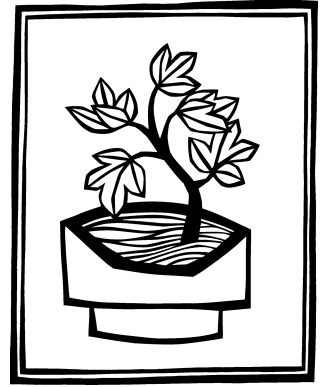


October 29, 2023
Confirmation and Reformation Sunday
Lord of Life Lutheran Church

WELCOME
MUSICAL OFFERING

Suzanne Bowen



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of the Triune God whose bounty abolishes need:

Oh God, we in fear we grumble in our time of need,

But your abundance and provision are sure.

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

But your abundance is limitless and without end.

Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,

But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.

Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.

Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

But your abundance fills us to overflowing.

Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.

Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.

Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.

Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

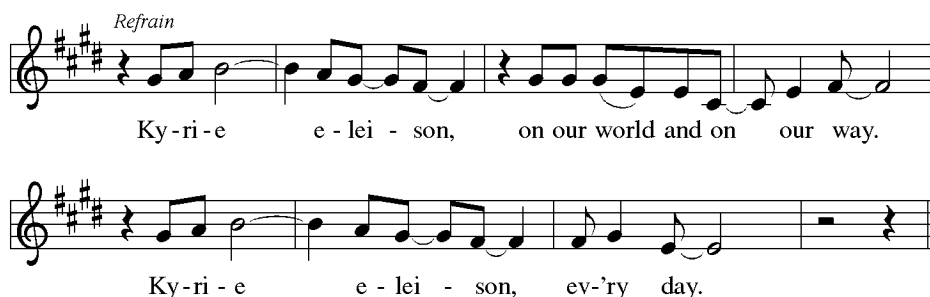
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GREETING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RITE OF CONFIRMATION – AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

KYRIE





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



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.

Refrain

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

Refrain



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, dear family, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

PSALM: Psalm 1:1-6

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" "?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

#181



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

Thy Strong Word

vss. 1, 3, 5

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Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia

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