

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 4th, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Theme: The Lord Be With You

## As We Gather

Today is a special day in the lives of those students who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and embark upon a special journey in the Church for the remainder of their lives. As important as this day is for them, this day can be a day of reflection for all of us. We can take this opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our own confirmation experience and how the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how He has guided us toward a more complete participation in this congregation and the Church at large.

## Prayer Before Worship

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits Thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen. *Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253) that inspired the song from Godspell “Day By Day.”*

## Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

## Opening Hymn

Lift High The Cross  
(Class hymn of the Confirmation Class of 2023)

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
‘Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

## Invocation

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

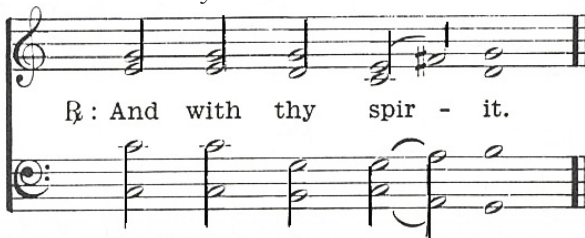
C: **Amen.**

P: *Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!*

C: **He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

## Salutation

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: 

## Collect

P: *Let us pray...one God, now and forever.*

C: 

## Gospel Announcement

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

*(The Great Commission)*

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Sermon Hymn

I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb

(Class hymn of the Confirmation Class of 2024)

1. I am Jesus’ little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same, even calls me by my name.
2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.
3. Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd’s lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

## Sermon

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

“May the 4th Be With You!”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## Prayer of the Church

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Rite of Confirmation

## Spiritual Preparation for Receiving the Eucharist

## Holy Communion for Confirmands and their Families

## Communion Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

1. I was there to hear your borne cry. I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well,  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on,  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. When you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk ‘till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borne cry, I’ll be there when you are old,  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

**Benediction and Response:** Amen! Amen! Amen!

## Easter Proclamation

P: *Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!*

C: **He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

## Closing Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
(Class hymn of the Confirmation Class of 2000)

1. Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you. You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children with My blessing, you are My own.

- Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story, here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sin forgiven, at peace and pure.
- Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you, here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

### Silent Prayer

### Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

*The offerings will be received at the door.*



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed in honor of our Confirmation Class of 2024. God bless their continued journey in the faith.

Audio/Video Operator  
David Hardoin


Elders Assisting with Communion  
Brad Baldner, David Mammel, Tim Springer

Ushers  
Jim Grove, Bruce Helmke, Keith Lewis

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| <b>Natalie Marie Appel</b>   | <b>Psalm 139:14</b>           |
| "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."   |                               |
| <b>Norah Lynn Baker</b>  | <b>Proverbs 16:16</b>         |
| "It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver."  |                               |
| <b>Hannah Marie Bienkowski</b>   | <b>Isaiah 41:10</b>           |
| "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."   |                               |
| <b>Noah William Eckert</b>   | <b>John 3:16</b>              |
| "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."   |                               |
| <b>Liam Everett Farrugia</b>   | <b>Psalm 27:1</b>             |
| "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"  |                               |
| <b>Elle Kathryn Gardner</b>  | <b>Psalm 23:1</b>             |
| "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."   |                               |
| <b>Brookelyn Grace Hugel</b>   | <b>Matthew 19:14</b>          |
| "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"  |                               |
| <b>Macklin James Lewis</b>   | <b>Exodus 14:14</b>           |
| "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."  |                               |
| <b>Peyton Edward Lewis</b>   | <b>1 Corinthians 16:13-14</b> |
| "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."  |                               |
| <b>Sofia Camille Maeder</b>  | <b>Psalm 32:8</b>             |
| "The Lord says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'"  |                               |
| <b>Theodore Douglas Miesel</b>   | <b>Matthew 6:34</b>           |
| "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."  |                               |
| <b>Katherine Grace Millichamp</b>  | <b>1 Peter 1:8-9</b>          |
| "Though you have not seen Christ you love Him and even though you do not see Him now you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." |                               |
| <b>Michael James O'Donnell, III</b>  | <b>2 Corinthians 12:9</b>     |
| "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness so that Christ's power may rest on me."   |                               |
| <b>Dylan Scott Reck</b>  | <b>Genesis 1:31</b>           |
| "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."  |                               |
| <b>Noelle Elizabeth Schneider</b>  | <b>2 Timothy 1:7</b>          |
| "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."   |                               |
| <b>Trevor Alan Schultz</b>   | <b>John 3:16</b>              |
| "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."   |                               |
| <b>Brady Alexander SeGraves</b>  | <b>Revelation 21:4</b>        |
| "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."   |                               |
| <b>Paul Edward Wiegand</b>   | <b>Psalm 118:24</b>           |
| "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."   |                               |

# MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU

THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES  
 OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN  
 THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF  
 THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
 AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY  
 EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU,  
 AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
 TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.  
**MATTHEW 28:19-20**



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### 2024

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