

Contemporary Worship

Confirmation Sunday

October 18, 2020

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, a meal of forgiveness. Our congregation observes the Sacrament in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus Christ offers us His true Body and Blood under the bread and wine. Forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through His words "Given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins". The person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words. (adapted from Luther's Small Catechism)

To our Guests: If you do not share our confession of what the Bible tells us about the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your wrists at the rail to signify that you are not partaking in the Sacrament.



Preservice Music Teach Me

-Leah Spisak

Welcome

Please stand as you are able

Opening Praise Shout for Joy

Verse 1 Pour out your fervent praise;
There's a song to raise
Like a banner high;
Lift up your grateful heart
To the Morning Star;
He's alive and here with us.

Verse 2 We stood on sinking sand;
He reached out His hand,
Pulled us to His side;
We turned our hearts away;
He was strong to save,
Now our Savior reigns in us.

Chorus Shout for joy,
For the Son of God is the Saving One;
He's the Saving One;
Shout for joy,
See what love has done;
He has come for us;
He's the Saving One.

Bridge There is no other God like You;
We sing the praises that You're due;
Jesus, You have saved us!
There is no other God who reigns;
You are the Name above all names;
Jesus, You have saved us!

Chorus

CCLI Song # 5808429 Jason Ingram | Lincoln Brewster | Paul Baloche © 2010 Integrity Worship Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)) Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)) Leadworship Songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)) So Essential Tunes (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) Spirit Nashville Three (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) Spirit Nashville Three (Admin. by Spirit Music Group) For use solely with the SongSelect®. Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 495092

Invocation

Leader: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Almighty and merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You and Your people around me. I have done and said things that dishonor You, and hurt others. I have left things undone and unsaid that would have helped others. I am sorry. Forgive me for the hurts that I have caused and the good that I have failed to do. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help me to use the gifts You have given to me to lift those around me by my words and actions.

Leader: Out of His great love and compassion, God has worked salvation for us through the suffering and death of His Son, Jesus Christ. For His sake, God forgives the sins of all who truly repent. I announce His grace to all of you. To those who believe, He sends His Holy Spirit, so that we might bring His love to others. May the Lord, Who has begun a good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Sermon Song

Knowing You

Verse 1 All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
Spent and worthless now compared to this:

Chorus Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You--
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.

Verse 2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Chorus

Verse 3 Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings,
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.

Chorus

Final Chorus Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You--
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.
Love You, Lord.

CCLI Song # 1045238 Graham Kendrick © 1993 Make Way Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) For use solely with the SongSelect®. Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 495092

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Please be seated

Sermon

"Joy. And Eddie." by Vicar Chris Ryan

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Statements of Faith by the Confirmands

Rite of Confirmation ~ Taylor Atwara, Taylor Deets, Ryan Dvorak, Cori Marsalis, Lori Marsalis

Pastor Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Pastor Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

Respondent Yes, I do.

Pastor Do you renounce the devil?

Respondent Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor Do you renounce all his works?
Respondent Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor Do you renounce all his ways?
Respondent Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
Respondent Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
Respondent Yes, I believe 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.

Pastor Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
Respondent Yes, 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.

Pastor Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
Respondent I do.

Pastor Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
Respondent I do.

Pastor Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
Respondent I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
Respondent I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
Respondent I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor *[Name]*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life
 † everlasting.
Respondent Amen.

Pastor Let us pray.
 Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Peace ☩ be with you.

Congregation Amen.

Prayers

Please stand as you are able

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Please be seated

To maintain social distance during communion, we will limit each side of the railing to one household unit, or two individuals spread out at a time, please follow the directions of the usher.

The ushers will direct you to the altar for communion. You may choose to use either an individual cup or wait for the common cup. If you are not communing, but coming up for a blessing, cross your wrists to indicate this. Children may also come up for a blessing. After dismissal, re-enter your pew at the opposite end.

Gluten free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic white wine is provided at the center of the tray of individual cups for those preferring it. Let us know if you have difficulty walking and wish to receive the sacrament as you sit in one of the front pews, or on the end of a pew.

| | | |
|---------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Distribution | Immortal, Invisible (Handbell Quartet) | -C. Maggs |
| | With All My Heart | -Babbie Mason |
| | Jesus, Draw Me Close | -Rick Founds |
| | Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus | LSB 685 |
| | Come, Thou Fount | -Robert Robinson, John Wyeth |
| | Refiner's Fire | -Brian Doerksen |
| | I Will Offer Up My Life | -Matt Redman |
| | Take My Life and Let It Be | LSB 783 |

Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us pray.

People: We thank You, almighty God, for the blessings You have given us through this sacrament. We pray that You would strengthen our faith, and increase our love for one another, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Closing Song There is Joy in the Lord

Chorus 1 There is joy in the Lord,
 There is love in His Spirit.
 There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
 There's a fountain that flows
 Like a river from heaven,
 Abounding in love to my soul.

Chorus 2 There is joy in the Lord,
 There is love in His Spirit.
 There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
 There's a fountain I know
 Ev'ry time I am near it,
 My heart overflows to the Lord.

Bridge All blessing and honor are His,
 All glory and power are His.
 Let all wisdom and strength
 Be the Lord's in this place.
 Let all glory be given to Him.

Bridge

Chorus 1 x2

CCLI Song # 1184209 Cheri Keaggy © 1992, 1993 Sparrow Song (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect®. Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 495092

Post Service My Lighthouse

-Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

Serving Us in Worship Today

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Preacher | Vicar Chris Ryan | Liturgist | Pastor Mark Matzke |
| Elder | Jim Burke | Praise Team Leader | Wendy Zimmerman |
| Ushers | Dwight Miller | Worship Tech | Sue Matzke |
| | Chris Turk | | Dakota Deets |

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
Permission to print and stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI, License B-20186455, and from ONE LICENSE, License A-70982.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2020

Taylor Atwara is the daughter of Michael and Frances Atwara. She was born on October 1, 2005 and baptized on January 8, 2006. Taylor's sponsors are Brian Isgro, Beth Dei, and Bonnie Halko. She is attending West Geauga High School and participates in volleyball, basketball, and is a student ambassador. Taylor is not sure what she wants to do after graduation, but she is working towards getting a high GPA. Taylor knows that Jesus is someone that she can talk to when she is down. He is her Savior, He is her map through life, guiding her in the right way.

Taylor's Confirmation Verse is Psalm 18:34 – ***He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.***

Taylor's Prayer Partner is Chris Meister.

Taylor Deets is the daughter of Jason and Tracy Deets. She was born on February 13, 2006 and baptized on July 23, 2006. Taylor's sponsors are Amy and Ryan Warren. She is attending West Geauga High School and participates in cross country and track. She is still deciding what she would like to do in the future, but she does know that she would like to study overseas for a semester. Taylor knows that Jesus is her best friend and Savior.

Taylor's Confirmation Verse is Psalm 62:6 – ***He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.***

Taylor's Prayer Partner is Marti Jacobson.

Ryan Dvorak is the son of Bill and Kathy Dvorak. He was born on November 3, 2005 and baptized on March 19, 2006. Ryan's sponsors are Tom Russ and Jennifer Tramte. He is attending Chardon High School and participates in marching band. After graduation, he would like to study forensics. Ryan knows that Jesus means a lot to him. Every day he is thankful for all Jesus has done for him. Because of Jesus, he knows that he is loved no matter what. He is thankful that Jesus died on the cross for him so that he can go to heaven and many other people can, too. In conclusion, Jesus means the world to him, after everything He has done.

Ryan's Confirmation Verse is Romans 8:38-39 – ***For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

Ryan's Prayer Partner is Virginia Burke.

Cori Marsalis is the daughter of Jeremy and Louise Marsalis. She was born on October 3, 2005 and baptized on April 30, 2006. She is attending Mayfield High School and is participating in basketball. After graduation, she would like to do something in the medical field. Cori knows that Jesus is the person that she goes to for any of her problems, her Creator, Savior, Friend, Father, Life and the most important thing in her life.

Cori's Confirmation Verse is Romans 8:31 – ***What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?***

Cori's Prayer Partner is Paula Holt.

Lori Marsalis is the daughter of Jeremy and Louise Marsalis. She was born on October 3, 2005 and baptized on April 30, 2006. She is attending Mayfield High School and is participating in basketball. After graduation, she would like to do something in the medical field. Lori knows that Jesus is someone who builds my heart and power, and she can look up to for anything.

Lori's Confirmation Verse is Ephesians 3:20 – ***Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.***

Lori's Prayer Partner is Janie Palmer.