



Confirmation Sunday

April 17, 2016

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE “In the Garden”

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “The Lord My God Be Praised” [LSB 794]

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, comfort and healing** to the family of Lori Acree-as they grieve; Jay Higdon (uncle of Mike and brother-in-law of Judy)-died Sunday, April 10.

•**Praise and Thanksgiving for** Ann Haesly-successful heart surgery; Bryson Thomas Eastepp (son of Craig and Kaylan)-born Wednesday, April 13.

•**Wisdom** and **courage** to our Elders and Shut-ins.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

ANTHEM “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17 [NIV 84]

⁹After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹²saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” ¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ 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 spread his tent over them. ¹⁶Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia” [p. 164]

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:24-31 [NIV 84]

²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SERMON HYMN “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” [LW 386, v. 1-2]

SERMON “SPROUTING THOMAS”

THE RITE of CONFIRMATION

8:30

*Isaac Amsden
Nyabiay Bichiok
Nyayop Bichiok
Kathryn Green
Morgan Lallande
Jaedon McMoy
Chudier Tang*

11:00

*Kaitlyn Brannon
Amber Gacnik
Hans Kohlmorgen
Nicholas Ludwig
Ivy Mueller
Mike Rodriguez
Luke Russell
Abby Weppelman*

BLESSING OVER THE CONFIRMANDS

RESPONSE “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” *[LW 368, v. 3-4]*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“What is This Bread” *[LSB 629]*

“In the Garden”

“Christ Be My Leader” *[LW 365]*

CLOSING HYMN “Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow” *[LW 461]*

CONNECT

- **College Card Shower | Grab a card @ Guest Connections**
- **Men’s Retreat | Meeting @ 4pm Today | Must Register in person (online closed)**
- **New Member Class | Starting May 1 | During Education Hour**
- **Spring Fling | Save the Date: Saturday, May 21 | Volunteer Meeting on May 1**
- **High School Youth Retreat | May 6-8 | Register Online @ PeaceChurch.org**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Thine is the Glory”

arr. Gordon Young

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

