

Confirmation

Christ Our Redeemer

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Opening

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad.**

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

CW 225

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

Act of Confession

P: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear his cross.

C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, the neglect of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness of Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service of love, and our imperfect stewardship of your many gifts.

C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in our condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your love. In your abundant mercy cleanse us from our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

P: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. As God's forgiven children, go in peace. Amen.

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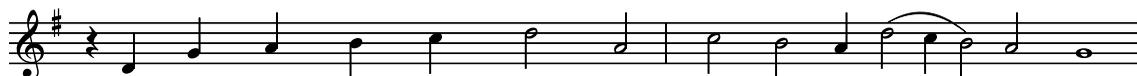
Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;
Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,



Let me for - sake you nev - er Nor wan - der from your Word.
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, To you I all re - sign,



Lord, do not let me wav - er But give me stead - fast - ness,
For you have dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.



And for such grace and fa - vor Your ho - ly name I'll bless.
Let me, since you have sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of teaching and confirming our youth. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Musical Selection
"You are Mine"

10:30a Service
COR Choir

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God's Word

Psalm 121

On page 112 in Christian Worship

Acts 16:11-15 – Lydia bears fruit by serving Paul

¹¹From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.



Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. Christ is risen. Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me he will bear much fruit. Alleluia.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are writ-ten that

we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia!

John 15:1-8 – Staying connected to Christ

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me,

he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Apostle's Creed (8a)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Sermon Hymn

CW 367

"Christ Be My Leader"

Connections in High Places

Based on the Gospel Lesson on Pages 3 and 4

Offering

Hymn of the Day

CW 597

"May God the Father of Our Lord"

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation (10:30a Service – See next page) *In keeping with the nature of a sacred worship service, we ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the service.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn

CW 332

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Introduction

Pastor: When you were little children, you were received into God's covenant of grace in holy baptism. Through instruction in the Word, you have learned of this covenant. On this Confirmation Sunday, you have the opportunity to publicly make profession of your faith in the Triune God and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to confirm that covenant with him, to dedicate yourself body and soul, for time and eternity, to our God and Lord. Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully give yourselves to him.

The Promise of Our Confirmands

Pastor: Do you this day, in the presence of God and this Christian congregation confirm the solemn covenant of your baptism?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil, and all his works and ways?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father:

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: 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. Amen.

Pastor: Do you desire to become a communicant member of the Wisconsin Synod and Christ Our Redeemer congregation?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe the sixty-six canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, and the teachings of the Wisconsin Synod, drawn from Scripture, to be the true and correct ones?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to be faithful in the confession of this Church, and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do so promise by the power of God.

Pastor: Do you promise to live your life by the guidance of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace, to walk as God's child, and in faith, word, and action, remain true to the Triune God, as long as you live?

Confirmands: I do so promise by the grace of God.

Prayer For Our Confirmands

The Promise of Our Parents, Sponsors and Congregation

All: Give us strength, O God, to set a good Christian example for our children by using your Word daily in our lives. worshiping regularly in church, and communing frequently. Give us the power to live a more spiritual life and by our example encourage these young Christians to grow in faith.

The Blessing From God

The confirmands, in turn, come forward and kneel. The pastor lays his hands on the head of each one and speaks a confirmation verse and blessing.

Confirmed in Christ

Confirmation is a church rite for those who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith. This ceremony includes the opportunity for confirmands to publicly confess their faith, receive supporting congregational prayers, and enjoy the benefits of the Lord's Supper.

Procession This is no ordinary walk into an ordinary building. It is an entrance into God's house and presence. Here the confirmands present themselves before God, confess him publicly, and swear allegiance to him (and Christ) alone, willing to suffer all, even death, rather than to forsake Christ and his gospel.

Robe The white robe is a symbol of the Christian's holiness and sinlessness in the sight of God because of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. Each believes "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses me from all sin."

Bended Knee When the confirmands kneel in the presence of God, they are saying before all the world that God is above them, and they are beneath God. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, the glory of God the Father."

Bible Verse and Blessing The pastor reads a Bible verse, which serves as the confirmation verse. The verse is intended to be a guide and encouragement through the life of each confirmand. He then lays his hand upon the head of the confirmand and speaks a blessing from God.

Handshake Loyalty to Christ, both in what a person believes and how a person lives, must be constant – even to death. The confirmands give their right hand as they join the fellowship of the Christian church in rejecting the devil and living as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Recessional Again, this is no ordinary walk out of an ordinary building. The recessional is symbolic of the confirmand's walk into the world and into the life of the congregation. Each is now a communicant member of the church and is ready to fight the good fight, serving Christ with his entire life. Each is walking heavenward and enjoying the companionship of fellow Christians.

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**Worship services Sundays
at 8 and 10:30a
(Summer Worship at 9a)
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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign our guest register.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the services, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website [corchurch.com](http://www.corchurch.com) and click on Video Streaming.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "*What We Believe*" in the Visitor Information kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.