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Redeemer Lutheran Church

Rite of Confirmation

Sunday, April 25, 2021 – 1:00 pm

Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage



Our Mission Statement: *“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”*

Values:

Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy

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MASK REMINDER: Please remember that masks are to be worn when singing.

+ We Come Into God’s Presence +

() Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.*

WELCOME and GREETINGS *(We welcome our fellow worshipers.)*

OPENING HYMN “Reckless Love”

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.**

Chorus: **O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus***

**There's no shadow You won't light up,
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down,
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me. *(Repeat)***

Chorus

(*) CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand.)*

P: We make our beginning in the triune name of God, the God of all generations,
the name spoken over us in our baptisms. In the Name of the Father and The Son
and The Holy Spirit. Amen!

ALL: **Lord, you have been our dwelling place from generation to generation. *(Psalm 90:1)***

P: Today we celebrate the passing on of faith. Households training up children in
the way they should go. Parents honoring their call to first and foremost tend to
the spiritual maturity of their children.

PARENTS: *Take to heart these words that I give you today. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you're at home or away....write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deut. 6:6-9)*

P: Today we celebrate the next generation owning their faith. Not only the faith of their parents or families but now their faith! Today we gather to hear these young adults confess their faith in You.

CONFIRMANDS: *Today we are sharing our sincere faith. A faith that first dwelt in many Christian models from generations before. A faith that dwells in our parents. And today a faith that we are excited to say dwells in us! (2 Tim 1:5)*

P: Today we celebrate our generational faith and Christ's church taking His words to heart to share this faith from generation to generation.

ALL: **O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those who are to come. (Psalm 71:17-18)**

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB 770, st. 1)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Reading for today is from the forty-third chapter of Isaiah.

¹ But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the

rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. *Isaiah 43:1-3 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Epistle reading is from Colossians, the third chapter.

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4 NIV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.** (*Please stand.*)

(*) RESPONSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(*) HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. *John 14:1-6 NIV*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

SERMON HYMN “We Believe”

**In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation: We believe, we believe
In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation; we believe we believe**

Chorus: **We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again
We believe.**

**So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe.**

Chorus

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised;
In the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud! Our God will save.
We believe! We believe!**

**And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
We believe! We believe!**

Chorus

**He's coming back again!
He's coming back again.
We believe, we believe!**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE "Eyes On Jesus: My Faith Matters Most"

+ We Respond To God's Word +

CONFIRMATION HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809, sts. 1 & 3

**1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain***

Refrain: **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

(*) PRAYERS OF SENDING *(Please stand.)*

(*) THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(*) BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(*) CLOSING HYMN "Lift High The Cross" LSB 837, sts. 1,2,5,6

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

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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