



Witnessing Service

*A Service of Witnessing & Praise
to God Our Father
2025 Student Confirmation Class*

April 12th, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.



3rd Year Confirmation Students - 2025

Prelude / Special Music

"MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER" - *ILS Chancel Chimes / Bell Ensemble*

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn (please rise and face the processional cross)

LSB #656 - "A Mighty Fortress"

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
he can harm us none, he's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Invocation & Response

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

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this, your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(Pastor leads in a time of prayer: "Let us pray...")

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EVEN AVERSANO, MARCUS BUDZISZ, OLIVIA CRUZ

KAELUM DRUMMOND, KATELYN FALK, LOGAN FOWLER

Response

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

[LSB #809...vs. 1 and 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.

Chorus: **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!**

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

***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!***

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**MYLES GODINEZ, ROBERT GREENHILL, BRAYDEN GRUMMER
LUCAS KYRIAZES, CARTER LAUDERDALE, DANIELLA LOMBARDO**

Epistle

- Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

- Mark 11:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The LORD has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it.

And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

And He entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when He had looked around at everything, as it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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ETHAN MCCORD, RIAH NAVA, MELINA NOMIKOUDIS

ALEXIS PALUCH, MADELINE PATE, FIONA PITLIK

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.**

**And 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**

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MICAH RANIERI, NATALIE RILL, CAITLIN ROSS

GRANT SCHILTZ, JOHN SCHROEDER, MARY SWIERAD

Hymn of the Day

"Lift High the Cross"

[LSB #837...vs. 1-4, and 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.
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

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

The Message

"JESUS ENDURED... WEAK / SUPERFICIAL HOSANNAS"

Receiving the Offering / Special Music Response

"HOSANNA" - ILS Chancel Chimes / Bell Ensemble

Prayer of the Church

after each portion of the prayers...

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer & Benediction

Recessional Hymn (please remain standing / facing the cross)

"Abide with Me" [LSB 878]

1. Abide with me, fast falls the even tide.
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
3. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph, still, if Thou abide with me.
4. Hold Thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



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