

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

*P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the promises God gave to you in Holy Baptism, to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
(I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.)*

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Blessing

Congregational Response

A: Let us rejoice with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of the Church

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

A: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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

A: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

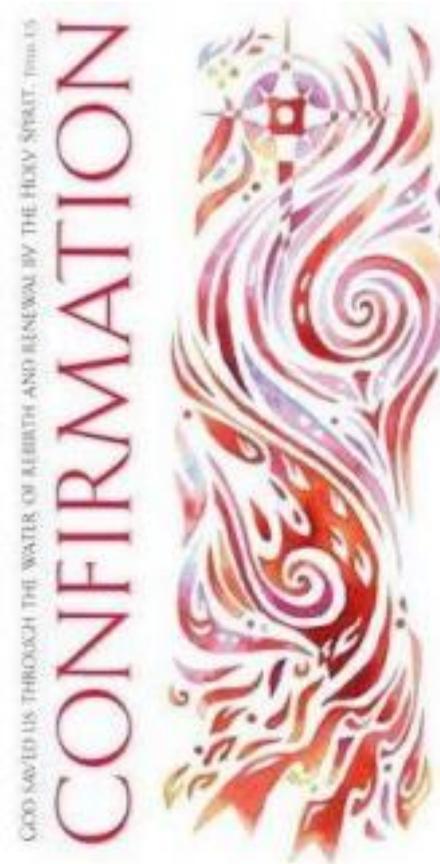
Hymn No. 856

“How Great Thou Art”

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Affirmation of Baptism

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Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Processional No. 504 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Recognition of Volunteers

Confession

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Forgiveness

Response

C. Amen.

Hymn No. 670

“Build Us Up, Lord”

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A: Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in him may live in your righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Joshua 1:1-9

Psalm

Psalm 46:1-3

A: God is our refuge and strength

C: a very present help in trouble.

A: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,

C: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

A: though its waters roar and foam

C: though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 8:22-29

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 669

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 660

“Lift High the Cross”

Affirmation of Baptism

A: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Axel Robert Andersen
Bladen Timothy Blecha
Page Elizabeth Engel
Aidan Patrick Leonard
Kennedy Sue Montague
Brogan Maddox Pfeil
Ryan Matthew Stritt

Rilee Jean Bates
Jersie Madeline Diecker
Alivia Ann Gerloff
Zander Alan Lockling
Makenzie Michelle Nollette
Ruby Renee Schardt
Brodey James Tinsman

Grayce Ann Beck
Elijah Jay Dooley
Jaret Alan Kiiker
Reece Aspen Mlady
Jack Elliot James Ortegren
Hallie Marie Schultz
William Kendell White

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**