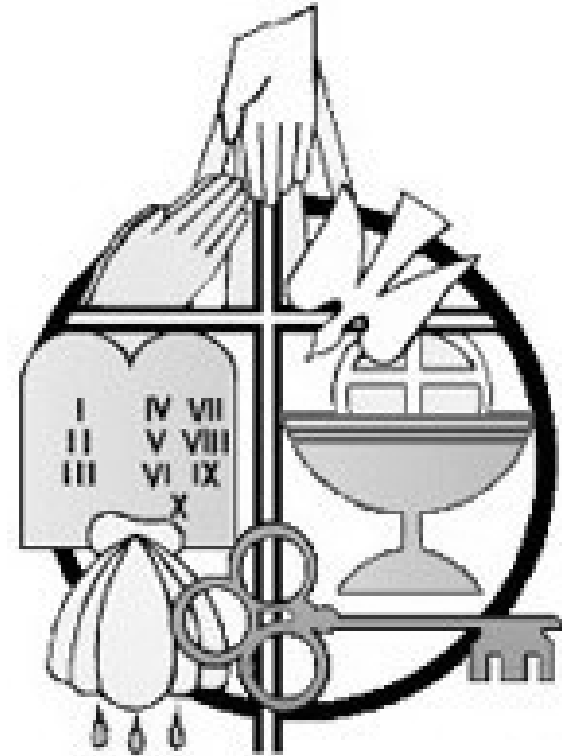


The Order of Matins with the
Public Questioning of Our

2011 Confirmands

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(As you enter the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

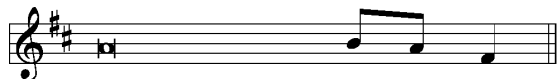
Preparatory Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

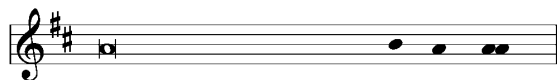
All Stand at the Ringing of the Bells



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God

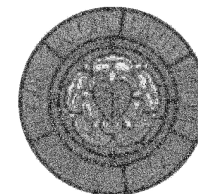


and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Prayer

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Salutation and Collects



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

P Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in Sierra and Aaron, our confirmands, and You have blessed their instruction and training in Your Word. We implore You to pour out Your Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds so that they will truly love and revere You, confess their faith with joy and boldness, endeavor to live according to Your commandments, and praise and glorify You as their faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Psalmody

Antiphon for Easter

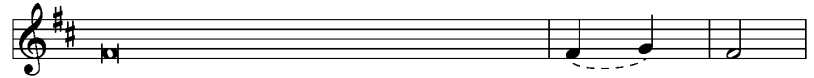


L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

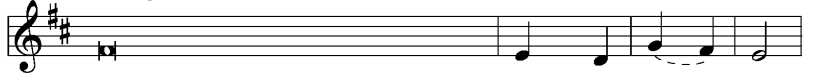


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



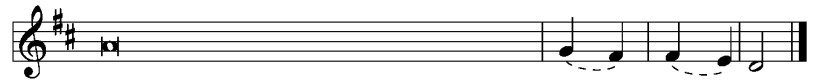
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



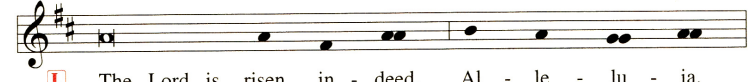
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Office Hymn: 865 “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's _____ doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Readings

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Again, Jesus said:

Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven. But he that denies Me before men, I will deny him before My Father in heaven (Matthew 10:32-33).

And finally, we are told by St. Peter, the blessed Apostle:

In your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord, and always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15).

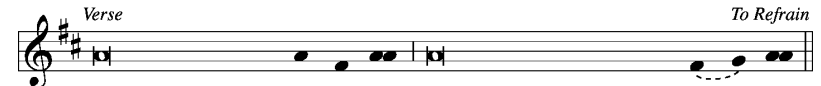
P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Responsory (Easter)



L 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the



hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Questioning of the Confirmands

Our confirmands, Sierra and Aaron, are called upon to confess their faith before the congregation by answering a series of questions based on Holy Scripture and the six chief parts of Christian doctrine as taught in Luther's Small Catechism.

The Proclamation of Readiness and Charge to the Confirmands

P By correctly answering the Scriptural and Catechetical questions asked of you this day, you have proven to the Lord and to your brothers and sisters in the faith of this congregation that you possess the basic knowledge of, and are ready to be confirmed in, the Christian faith. However, your Christian education is anything but complete and will only continue as you make use of the means of grace offered to you by the Lord Himself through His Holy Word and Sacraments in the Divine Service, and as you are strengthened in the Word through regular participation in Bible Study. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and as your pastor, I charge you to continue in the Christian education which you have only just begun by making regular attendance of the Divine Service and continuous study of the Lord's Holy Word a priority in your life, that you may remain steadfast in the one true faith, willing to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.

C Lord, may it be so with Sierra, Aaron, and also for us. Grant this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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