

## I KNOW YOU

### REMAIN IN ME

May 1, 2, and 5

*Remain in me. There could hardly be a more appropriate encouragement (or reminder, for the rest of us) on Confirmation Sunday. Yet, though remain in me sounds like a task we need to find the strength to carry out, Jesus reminds us that apart from him we can do nothing. He is the power source. He is the pruner. He is the one who makes us fruitful.*

#### MASKS AND SEATING

We continue to recommend the wearing of masks throughout the service if you are able. As attendance increases, it may be difficult to maintain our customary social distancing at all services. If you are comfortable with less social distancing, please sit on the right side of the sanctuary (as you face the altar). If you desire more social distancing, we recommend sitting on the left side of the sanctuary or attending the 7:45 or 10:45 am service, both of which normally have fewer people in attendance.

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING

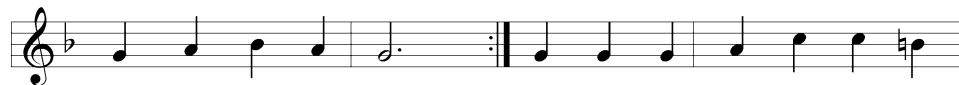
#### BELLS AND WELCOME

M In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit** (*John 3:5,6*).

M Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us (*Psalms 51:5*).

C **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*).

My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -  
 My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of

forth your child and heir.  
 all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort

me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
 Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and

sure - ly will en - dure.  
 deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -

filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it  
 Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me

all, O Lord, from me.  
 your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or

own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

O Lord, favorably receive the prayers of your Church, that being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, we may always make a pure confession of your saving truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## FIRST LESSON

**1 John 3:18-24**, Bible page 1230

*If our hearts condemn us and we do not think we're worthy of God's love or qualified to serve him, the truth of his gospel love sets us straight.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.  
Alleluia (*Acts 2:32*).

## GOSPEL

**John 15:1-8**, Bible page 1081

*The evidence of faith in Christ is a life dedicated to serving him. This "fruit" is produced solely through our connection to Jesus. Apart from him we can do nothing.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

1 **Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,**  
**As a servant to his lord.**  
**Let me show respect and honor**  
**To your holy, precious Word,**  
**That each day, my whole life through,**  
**I may serve and follow you.**  
**Let your Word e'er be my pleasure**  
**And my heart's most precious treasure.**

3 **Lord, your words are waters living**  
**Where I quench my thirsty needs.**  
**Lord, your words are bread life-giving;**  
**On your words my spirit feeds.**  
**Lord, your words will be my light**  
**Through death's cold and dreary night;**  
**Yes, they are my sword prevailing**  
**And my cup of joy unfailing.**

4 **As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;**  
**Let your words in me take root.**  
**May your Spirit e'er be near me**  
**That I bear abundant fruit.**  
**May I daily sing your praise,**  
**From my heart glad anthems raise,**  
**Till my highest praise is given**  
**In the endless joy of heaven.**

## SERMON

John 15:1-8, Bible page 1081

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins.
- C **We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting, and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.**
- M Lord God, heavenly father, in Holy Baptism you began your good work in those who are confirming their faith this weekend. You have also blessed their training and instruction in your Word, so that now they look forward to their confirmation and to receiving your Holy Communion.
- C **Pour out your Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds as they continue to grow in your Word, so that they may always fear, love, and trust in you above all things, confess their faith joyfully and boldly, and with their lips and their lives glorify you.**
- M Help us all to believe and trust in you, to love and serve you, all the days of our lives. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence.
- C **Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.**
- M Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need.
- C **Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.**  
*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.  
*Silent prayer.*
- M Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful, even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## 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.

CLOSING HYMN 461, vv. 1, 2, 4

From Eternity, O God

1 From eternity, O God,  
In your Son you did elect me.  
Therefore, Father, on life's road  
Graciously to heav'n direct me;  
Send to me your Holy Spirit  
That his gifts I may inherit.

2 Born alive but dead in sin,  
Lost to all good things by nature,  
I was found and changed within  
And became a new-born creature.  
Sinful flesh works ruination,  
But the Spirit works salvation.

4 As a branch upon a vine,  
In my blessed Lord implant me;  
Ever of my head divine  
To remain a member grant me.  
Oh, let him, my Lord and Savior,  
Be my life and love forever!

## CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS