

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Sermon Hymn

"As Surely As I Live", God Said"

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Sermon

"The Sum of Forgiveness: Confession and Absolution"

Hebrews 9:11-28

Pastor Squire

Apostles Creed (stand)

(back cover of Hymnal)

Canticle (stand)

Magnificat - Song of Mary

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Prayer

Litany / Responsive Prayer (Lent) / Collect

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The Lord's Prayer

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Benedicamus / Benediction

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Hymn

"Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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Public Questioning of Confirmands

The Rite of Confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Baptism, to make a public profession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of faithfulness to Christ. Confirmation students traditionally make a profession of their faith in a public ceremony, referred to in our church as "Public Questioning of the Confirmands".

Not something to fear, not something to take lightly, rather it should be regarded as an opportunity for classmates to witness to each other and to the congregation, that they have studied, learned - and will for a lifetime - cling to these Christian beliefs. May the Holy Spirit continue to nurture their faith.

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Mid-Week Lent Worship

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The Lutheran Service Book

Invocation (stand)

Psalm 97 (chanted)

Response: "Thanks be to God."

Exodus 24:1-8

And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Hebrews 9:11-28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.