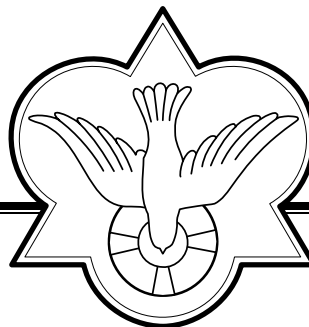


Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Confirmation Sunday

May 4, 2008

Pastor Mark Voss



Opening Service

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad.

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

8:00a CW225

“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

10:30a Grade School Choir

“I Am Jesus Little Lamb”

Act of Confession

P: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear his cross.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, the neglect of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness of Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service of love, our imperfect stewardship of your many gifts.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in our condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your love. In your abundant mercy cleanse us from our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

P: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. As God's forgiven children, go in peace. Amen.

Sing

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**Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe Jesus sinners does receive.**

Prayer for the Day C: (sing) Amen.

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 121 We will sing the psalm together as printed below.

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REFRAIN



Keep me, keep me as the ap-ple of youreye. Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

PSALM TONE



**I lift up my eyes 'to the hills.* Where does my help 'come from?
My help comes 'from the Lord,* the maker of heav'en and earth.
He will not let your 'foot slip,* he who watches over you will not 'slumber;
indeed, he who watches over 'Israel* will neither slum'ber nor sleep.**

REFRAIN

**The Lord watches 'over you,* the Lord is your shade at 'your right hand.
The Lord will keep you 'from all harm,* he will watch o'ver your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and 'going*
both now and for'evermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son* and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,* is now, and will be forever. 'Amen. REFRAIN**

Epistle Lesson - Ephesians 6:10-18 “Put On the Armor of God” Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Sing:

CW449 vv 1-2

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**Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish; In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; In his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.**

Gospel Lesson – John 17:20-26 “Jesus Is Praying For You” "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Musical Selection – (10:30a Service)

“Borning Cry”

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The Congregation joins in on the final verse as directed.

**I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized. To see your life unfold.**

Apostle's 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.

Sermon Hymn

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

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**I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.**

**I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me.
He takes my ev'ry fear away When Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.**

**My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.**

**GOD'S CHANGELESS LOVE
IN YOUR CHANGING LIVES**

¹In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. ²Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. ³Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. ⁴Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Offering and Prayer, 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.

Musical Selection – Sr. Choir (10:30am Service)

“May God the Father”

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Rite of Confirmation (10:30am Service – See Insert) In keeping with the nature of a sacred worship service, we ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the service.

Blessing 8:00a spoken

10:30a Sung by Junior Choir

“Go Now In Peace”

Closing Hymn

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

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**Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

