

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And as Jesus grew up, he increased in wisdom and in favor with God and people.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2013!
May God richly bless you as you continue on your faith journey.



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of Jules and Becky Traut and Larry and Arla Henthorn.

Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Techs: Connor and Zac Clausen, Confirmation Class of 2012

Greeters: (10:00) Tom and Jonathan Palmieri

Acolytes: (8:30) Genna Berryman, Grace Clausen **(10:00)** Allison Becker, Chris Randall

April Ushers: (8:30) John Aten, Carl Hartkopf, Larry Neal, Cathy O'Brien, Bob Spears

(10:00) Dan Bollinger, David Holliman, Wendy Holliman, David Natzke,

Bill Vanni, Ed Walters, Bill Wilson

Please join us at 9:30 for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall
and hosted by the Family Life Committee.

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Confirmation Sunday
April 21, 2013



Greetings and Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

Prelude "Meditation on Beautiful Savior" C. Moglebust
Heritage Bells with Jim Grace, Director

*** Call To Worship**

Leader God of the Ages, we come today as your people who have been called to rise up and follow you. We are pilgrims, travelers making our way.

People We sojourn on the ancient pathways of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

Leader Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes and heroines of a history yet to be made.

People We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Leader Today we celebrate a new generation of faith, your daughters and sons, drawn to the cross of Jesus Christ and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Let us welcome them into this church community, as we all worship God together and share God's love with the world! Amen.

*** Hymn of Celebration** "God of the Ages" No. 698

Unison Prayer

Wonderful, amazing God, we gather as those who have caught a glimpse of your glory and goodness. Your love has surrounded us from our birth and drawn us to yourself. Thank you for calling us into this community of faith. Help us to love you, one another and the world with the love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

First Scripture Reading Proverbs 4:1-9
Ben Hallett, Youth Pastor (8:30)
Lindsey Junk, Assistant Youth Pastor (10:00)

Anthem "Abide With Me" arr. Hogan
Adult Choir with Jeff Brown, Director

Words of Wisdom and Blessing for Our Confirmands

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Musical Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Second Scripture Reading Luke 2:41-52
Dolores Palmieri, Confirmation Class of 2012 (8:30)
Maddie Bollinger, Confirmation Class of 2012 (10:00)

Sermon "Taking Charge of Your Life" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

*** Hymns** "Majesty" & "He Is Lord" Nos. 176 & 177

A Celebration of Confirmation (10:00) (See insert)

Offering / Offertory "O God Beyond All Praising" L. Larson

*** Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Praise** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 160, verses 1, 3, & 5

*** Benediction** John Wesley's Rule

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can! Amen.*

Postlude "Trumpet Procession" R. Frey



* Those who are able are invited to stand.