

CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

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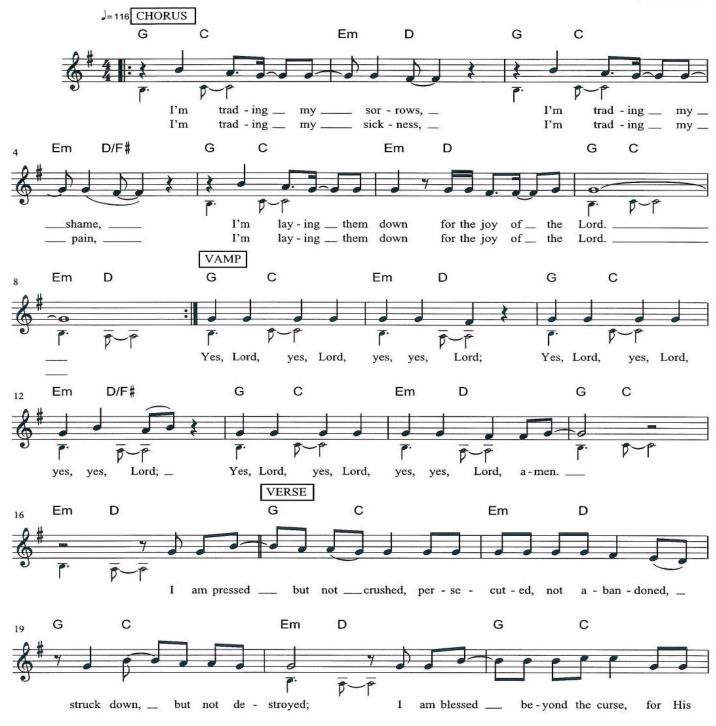
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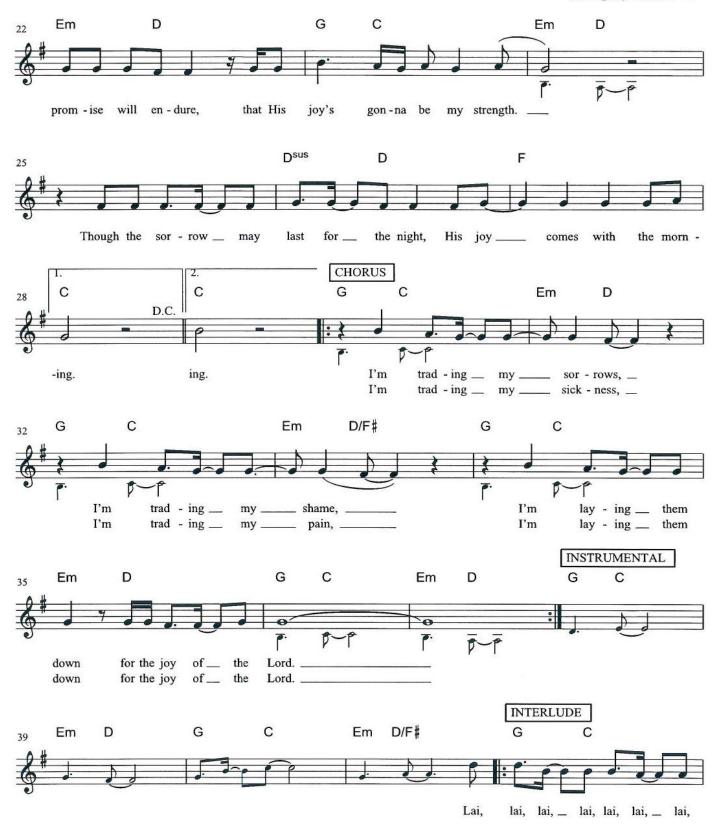
Gathering Songs "Trading My Sorrows" & "Fill My Cup"

Trading My Sorrows

Words and Music by Darrell Evans



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Fill My Cup F C F F C Fill my cup, let it overflow, who-o-oa C G C Fill my cup, let it overflow, who-oa yeah C F Fill my cup and let it overflow. F C G C Let it overflow with lo-ove.

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but He is strong. *(Chorus)*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see. Public Domain

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No Longer Strangers Prayer – Ainsley Thode

Let us pray together the no longer strangers prayer. Creator God, We are always looking for you, for your love and presence. Open our eyes to see you, already there, in one another; friends and strangers alike. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Worship Leader: Now is the time to practice this very dangerous prayer we just prayed – there are no strangers because of the love we know in Jesus. We simply can't afford to be afraid of each other, especially in this place of worship of the God who brings us together. Visitors, stay right where you are. It's our job, as River of Hope, to make ourselves a little bit uncomfortable and to come and say hello to you. So, go and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all.

"Fill My Cup" to bring people back together.

(Still Standing) Confession and Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit has brought us to this place today. **Amen.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, the strength of our ancestors, the hope of our children, the one who gives us the ability to "go out". **Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess to the world, to each other and to ourselves that God is God – and we are not.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found.

As a called and ordained minister in the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name + of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

Greeting Nic Reiwer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day – <mark>Charlie Hartman</mark> Let us pray, A brief silence is kept before the prayer. <mark>(Charlie, in your head, count to 5, then start the</mark> prayer with "God of promise.")

God of promise

You alone are enough for us. Bring us back when we wander off along fruitless paths and follow ways which don't give life. Bear us home like our savior Jesus, in whose name we pray, amen.

(Please Be Seated)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS -- All Saints' Day Litany

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe. **We remember. We are sisters and brothers.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the ways of God.

We remember. We are sisters and brothers.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our life on earth.

We remember. We are sisters and brothers.

We remember children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon.

We remember. We are sisters and brothers.

Today we remember those from our River of Hope family who continue their eternal life not here with us but in the life to come. We miss them so much. We love them. We are awash with them in the waters of baptism.

Today we remember one with family connections to River of Hope, Betty Brandt's husband, Eugene "Gene" Brandt. We remember Eugene Gene Brandt. (Light candle)

We remember those dear ones we love and miss from our families, our community, and our world:

We remember...You are invited to whisper or say out loud the names of those you remember.

We remember the promises God makes in baptism – they are waters that never dry up or run out. These waters connects us, living and dead and yet to be born. These waters join us together, wrap us up in eternal grace. These waters claim us and make us who we are by the power of God's Holy Spirit. We remember and celebrate with those who have entered the body of Christ through baptism this year:

Welcome Child of God, Clara Kay Huseby	
Welcome Child of God, Henry Aaron Weikle	
Welcome Child of God, Malcolm Dean Weikle	

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Gracious God, it is your love, your love that never ends, that joins us together as sinner/saints, living here and now and alive in eternal life in you. Your gift of the Holy Spirit goes out with us, into the storms and the deafening silence whispering to us again and again that we are never alone. Let us rest in this promise. **Amen.**

Borning Cry



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THE STORY

Pastor Janine: Today, our story and God's story is found in the scriptures chosen by the confirmation youth.

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

My name is Charlie Hartman and the scripture I chose is Matthew 5:3-10

My name is <u>Justin Jaeger</u> and the scripture I chose is Psalm 139:1-2; 13-14

My name is Nic Riewer and the scripture I chose is Proverbs 3:5-6

My name is <u>Ainsley Thode</u> and the scripture I chose is Joshua 1:9

My name is Keira Young and the scripture I chose is John 15:9

Sermon

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:

Parents/sponsors and all those who are here to support this particular youth will simply stand up from where they are seated and present their loved one. The names will be in alphabetic order and will appear on the power point slide.

We present <u>name</u>, who desires to make public affirmation of <u>her/his</u> baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen. Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe; help my unbelief. (from Mark 9:24)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe; help my unbelief. (from Mark 9:24)

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe; help my unbelief. (from Mark 9:24)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**During the time of the blessing all are invited to the designated table and light candles in prayer for the confirmation students and for those you wish to lift up on this All Saints Day.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

A chair will be placed in the center. The youth will sit in the chair and be surrounded by family, Godparents, mentors and others who want to bless.

We you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in ______ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen

THANKSGIVING FOR MENTORS -

Let us pray - Dear God of relationship,

Thank you for the gifts of friendship, faith in the family of Christ. We thank you for the gifts of prayer, support, and love given by Kristi Morris, Nichole Plath, Jerry Lindberg, Jim Schaefer, and Dale Brandsoy as they mentored students. We thank you, God for these good and faithful witnesses to a life of faith. Amen.

MENTORS BLESS THEIR MENTEE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

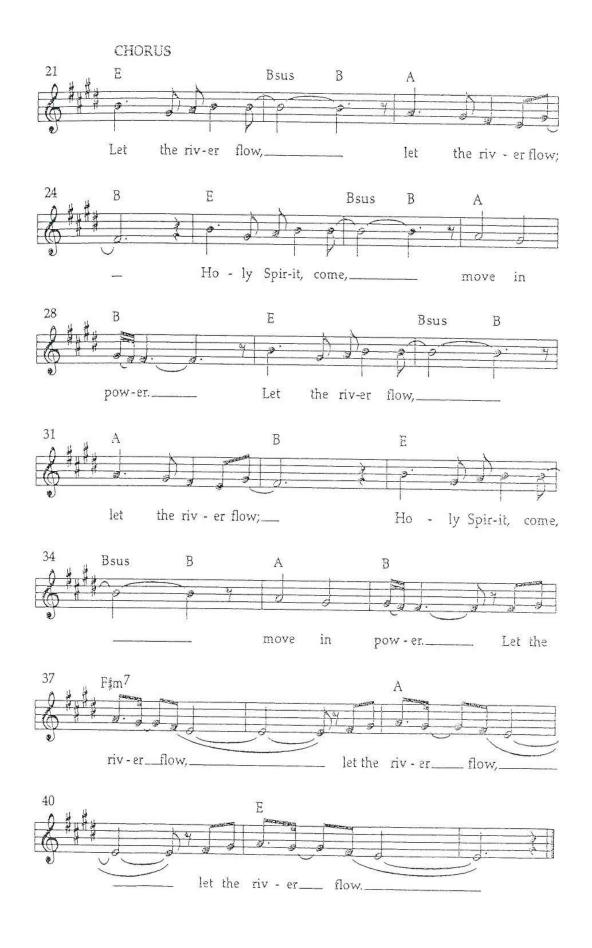
Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Alleluia!

Song/Hymn "Let the River Flow" As we sing together, the confirmands will remind the congregation of their baptism by sprinkling them with water from the fount.

Whoseever believes in me...streams of living water will flow from within him. (John 7:38)

143 Let the River Flow



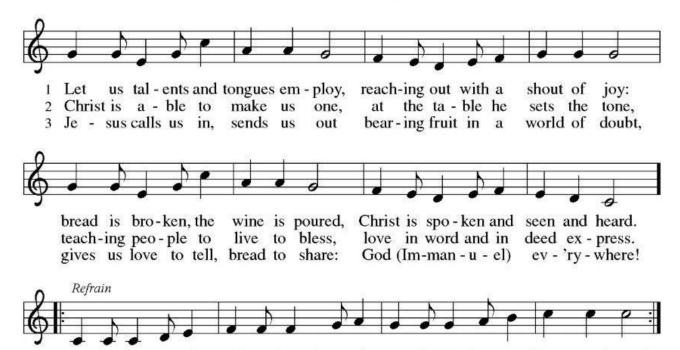


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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table holding hands and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

<mark>(Stay Standing)</mark>

Great Thanksgiving The Lord is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Risen Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name



Text: Argentine traditional Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Worship Leader: You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the handholding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free, and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs "Down to the River to Pray, You Are Mine, Blest Are They"

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

CHORUS F As I went down to the river to pray Studyin' about the good ol' way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way

C F Oh, sister let's go down, Let's go down, come on down Come on sisters let's go down Down to the river to pray (Chorus)

Oh, brother let's go down, Let's go down, come on down Come on brothers let's go down Down to the river to pray (Chorus)

Oh, sinner let's go down, Let's go down, come on down Come on sinners let's go down Down to the river to pray (Chorus)

You Are Mine



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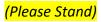
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Blest Are They



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Blessing after Communion – Justin Jaeger

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion – Keira Young

Let us pray: Gracious God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you:

Wherever he may send you may he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm;

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you;

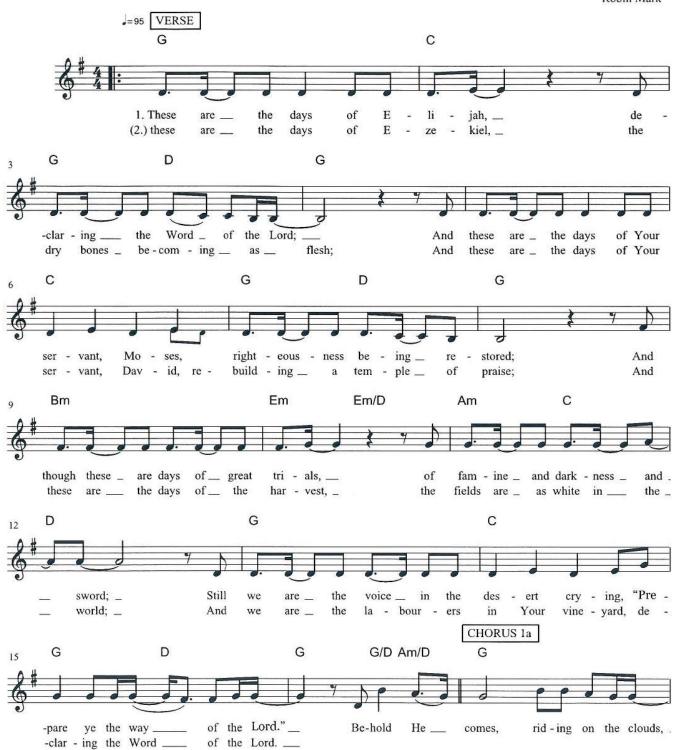
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Amen.

Sending Song "Days of Elijah" – all kids, youth, and newly confirmed – come play a rhythm instrument!

Days Of Elijah





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Music to Send You Out

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