



CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023



www.riverofhopehutchinson.org

GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Song "Your River O God"

YOUR RIVER O GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 2)

Refrain

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -
live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it
flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry
time and place.

Verse

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the
Come and hear all who fear, you are
As we grow may we know waves of
mys - ter - y.
not a - lone.
hope sur - round.

from the start, light for all to see.
be set free, rest here in your home.
may we give love that has no bounds.

Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day -

Let us pray. Almighty God,

you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Chorus of "Your River O God"

THE STORY

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

Faith Statement – Andy Shorter

My Bible verse is Genesis 1:31 “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day,”

I believe in God the father and the mother, creator and caretaker of all. I believe in a consciousness in the universe that loves unconditionally, and that always watches over us.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who was brought into this world to absolve us of our sins and who died at the hands of those just like us, but still chooses to forgive. I believe in a son of God who calls us his sheep, his siblings, his followers.

I believe in the holy spirit, a force for good and bad, the very balancing act that is life. The thing that keeps our spirits afloat even through hardship. I believe in life.

Faith Statement – Chase Picha

My Bible verse is Galatians 5:22-23. “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”

I was born 1/31/08 and baptized in the summer of 2008 in Hutchinson at Christ the King. Things I am interested in are Video Games and Legos. The Lord's Creed means to me is that God will always love and be there for you, The 10 Comandments are the laws God set for us and I try to live by. The Lord's Prayer means to me that God will always love and forgive us. I plan to continue to be involved in church with attending, helping with Headwaters, and playing my Euphonium in Church.

EVERYONE IS A CHILD OF GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

G D/F# Em Cadd9 G

We are wait - ing, we are
You are good - ness, you are

D/F# Em Cadd9

watch - ing, we are hop - ing in the
mer - cy, you are deep mys - ter - y. In the

G D/F# Em

dis - tance, in the dark - ness a light that sets us free.
si - lence you have spo - ken a love that sets us free.

Cadd9 G D/F# Cadd9

To see ev' - ry - one, ev' - ry - one is a child of God.

D G D/F# Cadd9 3rd time to Coda

See ev' - ry - one, ev' - ry - one, is a child, a

D G 2. D/F# Em Cadd9 G

beau - ti - ful child of God. Set us free.

Em Cadd9 D D.S. al Coda

Set us free to see ev' - ry - one,

D G D/F# Em Cadd9 G

beau - ti - ful child of God.
opt. vocal tag: We are wait - ing. We are watch - ing.

Faith Statement – Chris Lindstrand

My Bible verse is Psalm 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

I believe in God. God is there. He is with me. I feel closest to God when I am down.

Faith Statement – Jillian MeiMing Gasser

I'm Jillian MeiMing Gasser. My parents are Steve and Beth. I was baptized on April 26, 2009, in Hutchinson at Faith Lutheran Church. My sponsors are John and Cindy Haugland. My confirmation mentor is my aunt Sara who takes the time to drive here from the cities twice a month just to be here for confirmation, and my friend Karlie who has been an important person in my life too. She has always been there to support me and cheer me on, even when it meant she unexpectedly had to run with me to keep motivating me to finish my first marathon. I'm interested in flowers and taking photos of flowers. Photos capture memories that are important to people. I like going to the Arboretum with my grandparents and helping them with their garden, which helped me learn to appreciate nature. I created the floral arrangement for today's service to celebrate today.

My Bible verse is Galatians 5:22-25. “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

I believe faith is a journey, and it will change for me as I get older. Writing a faith statement is hard because I'm not sure exactly what I believe, but I know that I believe I need to live my life by the characteristics I value most which remind me of how Jesus lived his

life and showed us all how to do. True Christians will live their lives and focus their faith journey the way we see Jesus in the Bible living a life of love, compassion, and forgiveness. I believe church should be a safe place for all. I believe in kindness, equality, curiosity, truth, honesty, and respect for all people. I believe that nobody is perfect, but should live their lives by taking care of others as God asked us to do in the 10 commandments. In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul shares a list of nine characteristics that come to fruition in the lives of Christians when they are full of the Spirit of God: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Song of the Day – “Forever Emmanuel”

FOREVER EMMANUEL

Larry Olson

(guitar: capo 3)

F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) C (A) F (D)

We are not a - lone, we are not a - lone, with
 Fill us with your love, fill us with your love, with
 Lead us to your peace, lead us to your peace, where

F (D) C (A) Am7 (F \sharp m7) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) C (A) F (D)

eve - ry breath, through eve - ry storm, we are not a - lone
 hearts of grace for eve - ry - one, fill us with your love. Sing
 hun - ger and op - pres - sion cease, lead us to your peace.

Am7 (F \sharp m7) Dm7 (Bm7) Gm7 (Em7) C (A)

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for - ev - er Em-man - u - el. Sing

Am7 (F \sharp m7) Dm7 (Bm7) Gm7 (Em7) C (A)

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for - ev - er Em-man - u -

Dm (Bm) C (A) B \flat (G) C (A) Dm (Bm) *last time Fine*

el.

(Jillian): Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy:

*Congregational response: **Hear our prayer.***

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 Andy Shorter who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

We present Chase Picha who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

We present Chris Lindstrand who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

We present Jillian MeiMing Gasser who desires to make public affirmation of her 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 in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 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.

Those making affirmation may sit. 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 give 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 Louis Bedard, Ron Johnson, Sara Carothers and Jenny Tillmann 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.

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

143 Let the River Flow

Darrell Evans

2x

$\text{♩} = 92$

VERSE

E



Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him," _____ let the

3

A2



lost man say, "I am found in Him," _____ and

6

E



let the riv - er flow; _____ Let the

9



blind man say, "I can see a-gain," _____ let the dead man say, "I am

12

A2

E



born a-gain," _____ and let the riv - er flow, _____

16

A2

Bsus

B



_____ let the riv - er flow. _____

CHORUS

21 E Bsus B A

Let the riv-er flow, _____ let the riv - er flow;

24 B E Bsus B A

— Ho - ly Spir-it, come, _____ move in

28 B E Bsus B

pow-er. _____ Let the riv-er flow, _____

31 A B E

let the riv - er flow; _____ Ho - ly Spir-it, come,

34 Bsus B A B

_____ move in pow - er. _____ Let the

37 F#m7 A

riv - er flow, _____ let the riv - er flow, _____

40 E

_____ let the riv - er flow. _____

Offering

Worship Leader: *Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.*

Offering Song "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing together:*

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Thanksgiving at the Table

We gather as a community, around this table of plenty, trusting in the Spirit to nourish us as we share God's love with our neighbors.

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that 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."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
forever and forever. Amen.**

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing.

(Leader): The gifts of God are... **(ALL): Free**

(Leader): Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs "Borning Cry" and "On Eagle's Wings"

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

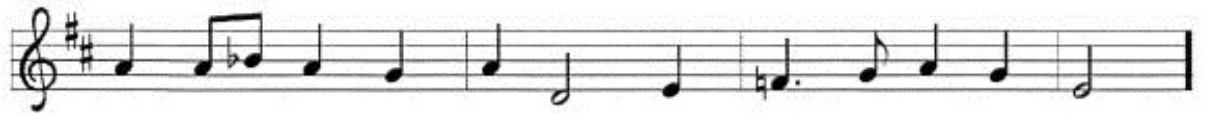
Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
Text and music © 1985 John Ylvisaker.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

On Eagle's Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

Text and music © 1979 OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Blessing after Communion - Hans

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

Prayer After Communion – (Andy)

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

THE SENDING

(Chase): Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?
We go out to transform lives through Jesus **Christ.**

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! – “You Never Let Go” Chorus

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

17 **CHORUS** A

Oh no, You nev - er let go, through the calm and through the storm. _

19 F#m⁷ E^{sus} Last time to Coda ☼

Oh no, You nev-er let go in ev - 'ry high and ev - 'ry low. _ Oh no, You nev-er let go,

22 1. D² A E^{sus} D²

Lord, You nev-er let go of _ me. _ 2. And I can see a

Blessing - Hans

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 "Go Now With God" – *all kids, youth, and newly confirmed – come play a rhythm instrument!*

(guitar: capo 5)

GO NOW WITH GOD

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to*
vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger go now with God,
vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us *va - mos con Dios,*
vs. 4 Cross-ing ev' - ry bound'-ry, ev' - ry na - tion



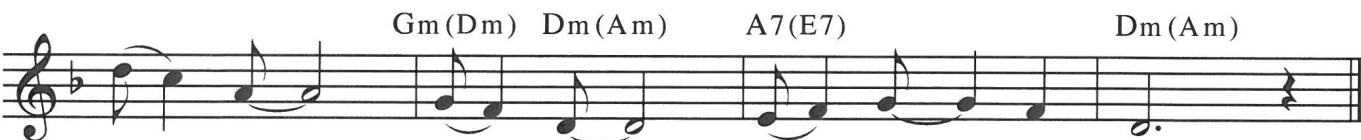
go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En-tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
Trust-ing in the ris - en sav - ior
Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
Danc-ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,
va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios. Va - mos,



go now, go now with God.
va - - - mos, va - mos con Dios.



Go now, go now, go now with God.
Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.

alt. *Las aguas de piedad nos acogen*
vs. 3 *La gracia del Senor nos acompaña*

Spanish translation
Jim Trelstad-Porter

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Music to Send You Out

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2005 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS023086. CCLI License # 3277748. OneLicense.net license # A-726070

