



Sunday, May 18, 2025  
Youth-led Worship & Confirmation  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

## **Prelude – “10,000 Reasons”**

Deeya Akshintala, Violin

Ewa Soluch, Piano

## **Welcome & Gathering Prayer**

### **\*Song 1 – “The Lion and the Lamb” (insert)**

Youth Band

### **Testimony 1**

Elena Kleimenova

### **Prayer of Confession (silent)**

### **Assurance of Pardon (Acts 10:43)**

**People: All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

### **God’s Will for Our Lives (Based on Matthew 5:14-16)**

Leader: We are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

**People: In the same way, our light should shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven.**

### **\*Song 2 – “Such an Awesome God” (insert)**

Youth Band

### **Testimony 2**

Jolene Blesson

### **Prayer of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

“When I Fall” by Katy Nichole

Claire & Heather Altermatt, Vocals

Youth Band

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Testimony 3**

Tessa Henne

## **Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:17-19**

### **King James Version**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

<sup>18</sup> And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

<sup>19</sup> To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

### **New International Version**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

<sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

### **GenZ Paraphrase**

If you're locked in with Christ, you ain't the same.

Old you? Eliminated. New you? Respawned, XP maxed, soul upgraded.

That glow-up? All God. He squashed the beef through Jesus, then handed us the quest: spread the peace, no Ls.

Our Divine Father fixed the world thru our King J. Christ —no cap.

Didn't log our sins. Didn't post the fails.

He wiped the record, full reset.

Now He gave us the mission:

Drop the dub message. Heal the squad. Bring 'em back.

We carry that W like it's legendary loot.

### **Confirmation**

Nathan Wannemacher

Johan Blesson  
Zaara Cherukara  
Elena Kleimenova

Jolene Blesson  
Tessa Henne  
Valerie Meer

Joshua Brawand  
Nara Johnson

### **Charge to the Confirmands**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

## Welcoming of Guests

## Announcements

## Greeting

**\*Song 3 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (insert)**

Ewa Soluch, Piano

## Benediction

**Postlude – “River” by Joth Hunt**

Youth Band

*Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.*

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***\*Please stand if you are able.***

*Today’s bulletin cover artwork is by Stephen Chintapalli.*

## Youth Band

Vocals	Alina Henne, Claire Altermatt, Elena Kleimenova
Keyboard	Aaron Cherukara, Noemi Soluch
Piano	Aaron Cherukara, Noemi Soluch
Oboe	Tessa Henne
Electric Guitar	Prashan Richard

Youth Band Helpers: Ewa Soluch, Jonathan Gan, Jonah Bagajo, Charlie Thomsen