



Sunday, May 17, 2026

Confirmation

10:00 a.m.



Pastor Erik Allen

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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Preservice Music Salt and Light

Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship We Will Glorify

The Invitation to Worship *based on Psalm 68*

P: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

C: **We come to worship the One who rides upon the clouds and leads with power and mercy.**

P: Father of orphans and protector of widows, God gives the desolate a home and leads the captives into freedom.

C: **We come trusting the God who provides, restores, and sets people free.**

P: O People of the earth, sing to God; ascribe power to the One whose majesty is over the land and whose strength is in the skies.

C: **We come to praise the God who gives power and strength to the people. Blessed be God!**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song Let Us Adore

Call to Confession

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed be God, who chose us in Christ. Let us come to the fountain of mercy.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Almighty God,

C: **In raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin and death. Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Grant us the radiant power of your grace. Forgive us, heal us, and renew us, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

P: In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

please be seated

WORD

Lesson Acts 1:6-14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: Word of God Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Faith Statements by Confirmands

Hymn

I Come With Joy

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for those who are making public affirmation of their baptism today.

E: I present Amelia Bruckner, Elise Bruckner, Zoey Hetrick, Emma Hulse, Gabe Krug, Everly Lamoureaux, and Lisey Lamoureaux who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and this brother, 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.

C: **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

P: 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?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as handed down from generation to generation:

(congregation stands)

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Congregation:

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Congregation:

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.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to live 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 Jesus through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus Christ,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands (Individually): I do and I ask God to help and guide me!

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

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

please be seated

P: Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God...the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **AMEN!**

Confirmands turn and face the congregation

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and this brother in Christ.

C: **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.**

Offering

Special Music

“In His Steps”

R. Kevin Boesiger

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code
or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.



Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of the Church : *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members: Amy, Sylvia, Marion, Kelly, Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: Anna, Richard, Kathy, Jessie, Adelyn, Kipp, Dale, Melanie,
Charles, Chuck, Mary, Carol, Bob

Announcements

Sharing Place - Peanut Butter Needed

Our immediate goal is to collect 30 jars of Peanut Butter for the Sharing Place. If you shop at Kroger, Jiff is \$1.99 when you buy 5 items that qualify (you could just buy 5 jars of Jiff). Please bring your items and place them in the wagon across from the Nursery. Thank you!

Please Join the Youth Group Mission Trip Envelope Fundraiser!

It's easy. Simply stop by the bulletin board near the entrance and take an envelope with a number on it. The number matches the monetary donation you will give, example...envelope 7 is a \$7 donation. You are welcome to give more than the total on the envelope!

The money is used to support the youth mission trip costs, including supplementing the registration cost, vans, gas, construction supplies, food, and the community gift to the people of Mt Gilead, OH. Please return all donations by June 1st. If giving online (<https://kogcarmel.org/give>), please note "Youth Envelope Fundraiser and include your envelope number". We ask that you use the numbered envelope or ensure the number is indicated so we can account for all envelopes. Thank you for your support of our youth mission trip!

Thank you to those who have already contributed!!

Carmel Marathon

How is it possible the Indy 500 is NEXT weekend?!! And the following weekend is the rescheduled Carmel Marathon. It is on Sunday, May 31 (werid, right?) but the good news is, we are early on the route so not only do we get to help cheer on the runners at the water stop that is just west of our parking lot, but we also get to worship at 10:00!!

If you are interested in participating at our Water Stop, please checkout the signup link below. Questions? See Jeff Boldt.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/IN/Carmel/13thAnnualCarmelMarathon-Weekend>

Courtyard

We're planning to turn the coutyard into a completely grassy lawn, as for quite some time it's primary use has been a play area for the preschool. It will also be far easier to maintain so it looks nice from spring through fall. There are several plants and shrubs that need a new home. If you care to take any of them, please dig them up and take them by Memorial Day weekend. Questions? See Greg Frazier or Kim Peterson.