# confirmed in CHRIST



# **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

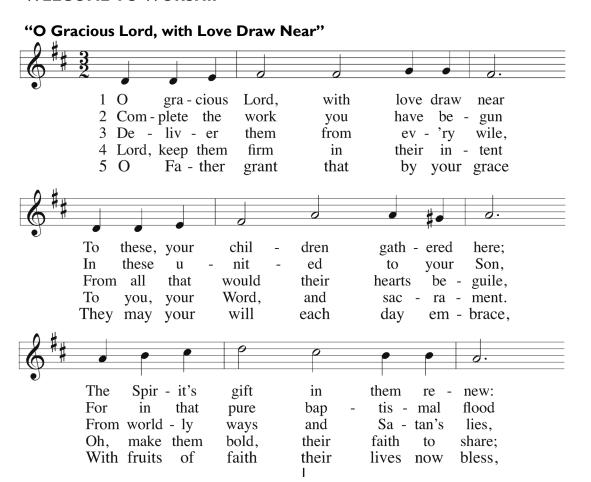
Saturday, May 18, 2024, 2:00 pm

Worship Leader: Pastor Richard Krause

**Preacher: Pastor Timothy Gerbing** 

**Prayer:** This day brings joy into our hearts and homes, dear Lord. We thank you for the covenant you made with us and our children in Holy Baptism. You have brought our sons and daughters through the study of your Word, to know the meaning of their baptism, to stand before the world and confess your name as the only true God, in whom we have life eternal. You have blessed us with Christian homes. For all of this we thank you. We are grateful also for our church, our congregation, the pastors and teachers who have helped us in teaching our children your Word. Equip us all our days for the demands of a bold and constant Christian witness. Renew us each day, along with our children, in our baptismal grace, so that we honor your holy name and praise it forever, O Holy Trinity. Amen.

#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**





Stand

#### INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.
- C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)
- P: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)
- C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (I Corinthians 6:11)
- P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25-27) Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

#### **PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received us as your own dear children and have made us members of Christ's body, the Church. Look with special favor on these confirmands who stand before you today. Give them a rich measure of your Spirit, that they may grow in faith and godly living all the days of their lives through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

Be seated

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Joshua 24: 15-18

"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

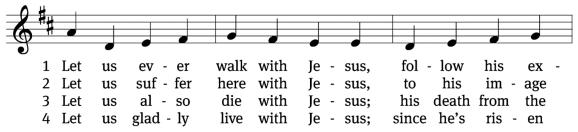
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

# **EPISTLE LESSON** 1 John 1: 4-6

We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

# HYMN 704 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"





am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to e'er con-form; heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, sun-shine sec - ond death, from our soul's de - struc-tion, frees us, quick - ens from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,



souls al - lure. foot - steps tread - ing, Ev - er in his sin our fol - low the storm. Though we of on sow in tears sor - row. us with life's glad breath. Let mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing, us tru - ly thine own mem-bers. We thou art now our head. are



bod - y here, yet we shall reap in flesh and blood and where thou liv - est, soul a - bove, heav'n - ly joy, die to sin, there live we: full of faith and and the fears that and the grave that take and own us



hope and love, let us do the now an - noy shall be laugh - ter shuts us in shall but prove the con-stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as

Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful on the mor - row. Christ, I gate to heav - en. Je - sus, thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,



Lord, a - bide with me; suf - fer here with thee; here I die to thee, here I live to thee. Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee. there, O share thy joy with me. there to live e - ter - nal - ly. al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

#### **SERMON TEXT** Colossians 1: 3-5

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel.

#### SERMON THEME We've HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

#### RITE OF CONFIRMATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation? (I do.)

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? (I do.)

Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

(spoken by the confirmands)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? (I do.)

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? (I do.)

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? (I do, and I ask God to help me.)

Do you intend to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live? (I do, and I ask God to help me.)

Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us pray.

P: Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined these brothers and sisters to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Transform them by the renewing of their minds so that they will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help all of us live in love and harmony with one another and to work together in serving you. Keep us united in Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **CONFIRMATION RITE**

Samuel Phillip Barnekow Psalm 25:5

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Sydney Noelle Brewster John 8:31,32

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Parker David Chao Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Alex Scott Ehlke Colossians 2:6,7

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Tristan Daniel Hahn 2 Peter 3:18

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!

Ian Paul Hesprich John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Jacob Christopher LeBombard Matthew 6:33

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## Laina Isabelle Sue Myhre Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

# Kinley Emerald Van Landeghem Ephesians 2:8,9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

P: Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you. Amen.

#### **PRAYER**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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#### **CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for bringing us to the knowledge of your Son Jesus through the precious gospel revealed in the Scriptures. Continue to enlighten and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may daily increase in faith, in true knowledge of you, and in all things profitable for our salvation. Bring us at last to the everlasting joys of heaven, where we will live in holiness with you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

## HYMN 811 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal va ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im part strength to my faint ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. my zeal in - spire! be thou my guide. shall o'er me roll. Now hear me while I pray; all take mv thou hast died oh, As for me, may my Bid dark-ness turn wipe sor-row's to day. blest Say - ior, then, in love, fear and dis-



me from this day be whol - lv guilt a - wav; 0 let thine! to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, love a liv - ing fire! let ev - er strav from thee a - side. nor me tears a - way, bear safe a - bove. trust re-move: O me a ran-somed soul!

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Reception for our Confirmands will be held after this service in the grand hall.

All are invited to attend, to welcome and encourage our confirmands,

and to enjoy some refreshments.

# Welcome!

If you are visiting, please sign a guest card (found in the gathering area) and come back and worship with us soon! We are happy to have you worship with us today.

Today Is Confirmation! This year nine students were examined in the fundamental teachings of Scripture on May 16. Today they make vows of faithfulness to their Savior and receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. The students confirmed this year are: Samuel Barnekow, Sydney Brewster, Parker Chao, Alex Ehlke, Tristan Hahn, Ian Hesprich, Jacob LeBombard, Laina Myhre, and Kinley Van Landeghem. Take the time to encourage our students and welcome them as newly confirmed members of our church. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

The Lord's Supper: Friends, you are welcome in the name of the Lord, who has done great things for us! One of those great things is the giving of his body and blood in Holy Communion. Because of the Bible's witness that true faith in Christ is central to its common reception, we kindly ask that visitors who desire to commune speak with one of the pastors before the service.



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Available Services: Our ushers are glad to provide large print bulletins for those who need them. Our hearing induction loop system is functional throughout the sanctuary and works through the T coil function of hearing aid apparatuses. **Restrooms** are in the coatroom area and the parents' room. Parents are welcome to use the parents' room in the corner of our sanctuary. You can hear and view the service there. You will find a diaper changing station in the parents' room and in both restrooms located in the coatroom area.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Judy Hasse in memory of their mothers and by the Chao Family for those who were confirmed this weekend.

Call Updates: On April 7 we called Pastor Matthew Westra of Living Promise Lutheran Church, Morristown, TN to be our outreach pastor. Please pray for him in the coming weeks as he continues to deliberate our call. The next call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 at 11:45 am in the chapel. Questions can be addressed to Pastor Richard Krause.

# This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday New Member Welcome Week

Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am

Teen Brat Fry 9:00 & 11:30 am Christian Education Classes 9:10-10:10 am

Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am

Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Monday IFC English Classes 8:30 am

Board of Directors 6:00 pm

Preschool Operations Committee 6:00 pm

**Tuesday** Early Risers Bible Class 8:00 am

"Jesus and Me" Playgroup 8:30 am

Piecemakers 9:00 am

Kelly Harrington Visitation 9:00-11:00 am

Funeral Service 11:00 am Reception Meal 11:50 am

IFC English Classes Closing Banquet 6:30 pm

Wednesday Worship Services with Lord's Supper 12:00 & 6:30 pm

**Thursday** Enduring Word Bible Class 9:00 am

Lambs of Christ Summer Staff Orientation 6:00 pm

Friday Newsletter Collating 10:00 am

**Saturday** Worship Service with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm

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Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Monday Memorial Day

Church Office & Lambs of Christ CLOSED

# An Explanation of a Lutheran Confirmation Service

The Procession: The confirmands walking down the aisle at the beginning of the service is symbolic. They are not walking into an ordinary building. They are entering a place where, in a few minutes, they will confess their faith in God. They are entering into God's infinitely holy presence. Their actions show respect and humility.

The White Robe: The white robes worn by the confirmands are symbolic. They are a reminder of Christian holiness and sinlessness in the sight of our Creator. Every Lutheran confirmand knows that such sinlessness is not obtained by anything that he or she does. The confirmands know from personal experience, as well as from Scripture, that every imagination of the thoughts of their hearts is only evil. They know there is no natural goodness within them. They cannot become sinless. But, by God's grace and mercy, they learned that Christ bore their sins in his own body on the cross; that he was wounded for their transgressions; that he was bruised for their iniquities; that the chastisement, which produced their peace, was upon him; and that with his stripes they are healed (Isaiah 53). Those who believe that Jesus Christ is their Savior, who cleansed them from all their sins, realize that the white robe is a symbol of their righteousness before God.

**The Bended Knee:** When the confirmands kneel in the presence of God, they are thereby proclaiming before all the world that God is above them, that they are his own, and that his precepts are the principles by which he wishes to direct their lives.

The Laying on of the Hands (The Blessing): The pastor lays his hand upon each confirmand's head and solemnly blesses each. Then, he proclaims a Scripture passage for each confirmand, which is designed to guide the individual Christian through the future. Thus, the confirmand is graced with both a general and a specific blessing pronounced by the pastor in the name of the church

The Handclasp (The Promise): Such loyalty to Christ, both in what a person believes and in the way he or she lives, must remain constant, even unto death. The individual is already a Christian at the time of her Confirmation. But this means nothing unless she remains a Christian until her life is finished here on earth. Only those, "who stand firm to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13). This is what the handclasp symbolizes in the presence of God and the assembled witnesses. It is a pledge of her promise to renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways, to remain true to the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and to live as it becomes the Gospel of Christ all the days of her life.

# **Announcements & Events**

Kelly Harrington (our church's business manager) and Janis Kuhn died last week. Kelly's Christian Funeral will be held here at our Pewaukee Campus on Tuesday, May 21 at 11:00 am preceded by a visitation starting at 9:00 am and followed by a reception meal starting at 11:50 am. Janis' Christian Funeral was held earlier today at our Wauwatosa Campus. Pray that their families will be strengthened and comforted through the resurrection promise of our Savior, "Because I live, you will live also."

Help Our Teens Attend the 2024 WELS International Youth Rally! This year's Rally will be held in Fort Collins, CO with more than 2,000 teens attending for three days. Youth and youth leaders from across the synod will experience large-scale worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service opportunities that will deepen their commitment to Christ and his church. In order to help our teens defray their costs, please consider donating to their fundraiser here at church. On Sunday, May 19 the teens will host a brat fry following both church services. Our Teen Group thanks you in advance for your help and support!

Save the Date for the Annual Outdoor Service & Church Picnic: We will offer an outdoor worship service, weather permitting, in our lower level entrance area at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 9, followed by our church picnic. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, and to bring food. Please sign up on the sheets in the gathering area to attend and help out in the gathering area.

**Library Table:** Check out the quick devotions for couples, teens and families. Spend some quality time with your Lord each day!



Vacation Bible School at our Pewaukee Campus will be held on July 15-18, 2024, 9:00-11:30 am. Children age 3 through 6th grade are welcome to attend VBS! (Children MUST be fully potty trained and at least 3 years old.) The theme is "Celebrate the Savior—Jesus Gives Us Joy." Register online with the QR code or at www.christpewaukee.org/.

Basketball Camps: We are offering Path to Victory Basketball Camps on July 29-31 (Monday-Wednesday) in our gym. Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 2 will meet from 12:15-2:15 pm and children entering Grades 3-5 will meet from 2:30-4:30 pm. Cost is \$20 per player (or \$25 after June 20), payable online with PayPal. Learn more and register your children with the QR code or at www.christpewaukee.org/sports-camps.



**Gardening Help Is Wanted!** We are in need of volunteers to help keep our flower beds and plantings looking beautiful this summer. This requires a small time commitment of about an hour a month from mid-May to mid-September and can be done at your convenience. You would only be responsible for one of the plantings to maintain. This can be a single or family activity, and hand garden tools will be supplied. Please use the signup sheet in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Gall at rgall I @wi.rr.com or 262-527-9899.

# **International Friendship Center**

On Tuesday, May 21 the IFC is hosting its English Classes' concluding banquet. Everyone is invited to this potluck meal in Christ's grand hall at 6:30 pm. Our theme is "Easter Blessings All Year Long." You can meet the English

Class students, enjoy great food from around the world, and watch a skit and a presentation. If you would like to join us in this celebration, please sign up at the kiosk in the church's gathering area or contact Sibylle Krause at skrause@christpewaukee.org.



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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

2024 General Fund 2022-2024 Building on Faith

Last Week: \$20,683 Last Week: \$4,541

Fund to Date: \$578,949 Fund to Date: \$1,631,631

Membership: 1676

Church Attendance: 678

Education: 159

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If we can be of service to you, please feel free to contact one of the people listed below:

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Rev. Daniel Krause, Wauwatosa Campus Pastor

Rev. Lawrence R. Gates, Visitation Pastor

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