



ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Confirmation
Sunday

MAY 1, 2022

WELCOME TO CONFIRMATION

The word, confirmation, means strengthening in the Christian faith and life. The young people who will be confirmed today have been strengthened by God's Word by being instructed in that Word for the past two years in confirmation classes. The main purpose of these classes has been to teach God's way of salvation and His will for our daily lives. The main purpose of the Confirmation ceremony, which we celebrate today, is to publicly show that God has strengthened these young people through His Word, the Bible. This strengthening of faith will help them as they walk with God in their lives.

Today, we also welcome these young people into communicant membership in our congregation. We invite them to join us in receiving the blessings the Lord gives us through the Lord's Supper. Today, these young people will also promise before God to remain faithful to God and His Word. May the Lord give each of them the strength that they need to remain faithful to God and His Word. May the Lord give each of them the strength that they need to remain faithful to that promise. May the Lord continue to bless each of them as they continue to serve their Lord with their lives.

My Confirmation Pledge Renewed Today!

- ✓ To make diligent use of the Bible in private and public worship 
- ✓ To attend the Lord's Supper frequently for the strengthening of my faith in the forgiveness of my sins
- ✓ To witness for Christ in all I do or say, because He called me out of darkness into His marvelous light
- ✓ To seek the company and companionship of my fellow Christians and work with them in the holy task of spreading the Gospel
- ✓ To pray regularly for myself, for my fellow Christians, and for all mankind
- ✓ To live every day as though Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow
- ✓ To lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, and daily repent of the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do
- ✓ To look forward in faith to my Lord's return, when He shall take me and all believers to Himself in heaven.



Opening Hymn

181 | “Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit”

STAND

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When we come into God’s house and God’s presence, we remember that he is glorious beyond our imagination and holy in all he is and does.

He requires that same holiness of us through perfect obedience to his law.

Since we can’t do everything God demands, we stand before him in silence, conscious of our failure to live according to his will – conscious of our sins.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been revealed to us. God’s righteousness is given to us through faith in Jesus.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory and perfection of God,

But God declares all people to be holy through the payment Jesus made for all sin.

So come into God’s presence in holy joy, knowing your sins are forgiven through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Let us praise his name forever, for his amazing kindness and faithfulness!

Congregational Response

240 vv 1&4 | "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight.



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O An - cient of Days,
Our prais - es we ren - der; oh, lead us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise!
The light of your splen - dor, your love's maj - es - ty!

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BE SEATED

First Lesson

Acts 9:1-19 EHV

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

³ As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."

⁷ The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.

⁸ They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

¹⁰ There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight."

¹³ Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. ¹⁶ Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁸ Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ And after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14 EHV

¹¹ And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. ¹² With a loud voice they were saying:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive
power and riches and
wisdom and strength and
honor and glory and blessing.

¹³ I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

STAND

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-14 EHV

After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing."

They replied, "We'll go with you."

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus called to them, "Boys, don't you have any fish?"
"No!" they answered.

⁶ He told them, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish.

⁷The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard, “It is the Lord!” he tied his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. ⁹When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.”

¹¹So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, “Come, eat breakfast.”

None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

BE SEATED

Hymn

380 | “Lord, ‘Tis Not that I Did Choose You”

Sermon

John 21:1-14

STAND

Apostles Creed

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.

BE SEATED

Offering

During this time, you are encouraged to fill out the Connect Card/Friendship Registers located in your pew. Please give it to an usher at the end of the service or place it in a designated basket in the back of church. Online giving is available on our app and website for St. John's Church. Also, please take this time to greet those sitting around you. After the pianist finishes the musical selection, please stand and sing the hymn verse while the ushers bring the plates forward.

STAND

Offering Hymn

CW21 752 v1 l "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

Gracious God, you send great blessings

New each morning all our days.

For your mercies never ending, for your love we offer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, your people who your gifts unnumbered claim,

Through the sharing of your blessings may bring glory to your name.

BE SEATED

Confirmation

Fourteen of our youth will participate in the Rite of Confirmation today. Confirmation gives these young adults the opportunity to make their own public profession of faith in Christ. Through this rite, our congregation also affirms that they have been instructed in the true teachings of the Scriptures and have been properly prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Vows

Confirmation Verse / Blessing

Alexis Ann Bingen

Psalm 86:11

*Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.*

Pearl Elizabeth Brandt

John 16:33 NIV

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

Lilly Allison Giroux

Philippians 4:13 EHV

I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

Eric Maxwell Mohr

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

Eve Noel Nelson

Ephesians 2:8-9 EHV

*Indeed, 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.*

Haily James Niemuth

Joshua 1:9 EHV

*Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

Angelina Jordan Prill

Psalm 119:105 NIV

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.*

Jayden Ashley Rabehl

Psalm 55:22 EHV

*Place your burden on the Lord, and he will support you.
He will never allow the righteous to fall.*

Colten Robert Schultz

Psalm 34:8 NIV

*Taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.*

Hayden Jean Schultz

Psalm 23:1-2 EHV

*The LORD is my shepherd I lack nothing.
He causes me to lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside quiet waters.*

Oscar Roy Stowell

Proverbs 16:24 NIV

*Pleasant words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.*

Abigail Joy Tolkinen

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Wade Michael Winter

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Slade Austin Yuenger

2 Samuel 22:31 NIV

*As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.
He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.*

STAND

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

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; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

Amen.

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn CW21 762 | “Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young”

Tune: “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

Lord, bless your Word to all the young;
let them, your truth possessing,
declare your praise with heart and tongue,
their faith in Christ confessing.
From birth your firm embrace has held them in your grace.
Baptized into your name, redeemed and free from blame,
as your dear children keep them.

When faced with pressure, grief, or pain,
When Satan comes alluring,
may their baptismal grace remain a refuge reassuring.
God’s promises are sure; his mercy will endure.
They shall not be undone who trust Christ alone;
God is their mighty Father!

God’s richest blessings to our 14 young adults who promise today to remain faithful to our Lord all the days of their lives. Please keep these young Christians in your prayers as they face the challenges this world has to offer and pray that they never lose their faith in Jesus. Please encourage them to continue spending time in God’s Word and to use it as a source of hope and comfort to guide them today and always.

Preacher: David Brandt

Liturgist: Paul Schupmann

Organist: Dale Grulke / Becky Schultz

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Announcements

New Sunday morning Bible study topic begins Sunday, May 8

The book of 1 Kings

Highlighted events include:

- Solomon becomes king and builds the temple
- The nation of Israel splits into northern and southern kingdoms
- God sends the prophet Elijah

Sunday mornings in Lowell 8:15, Juneau 9:30

Youth Group: The youth group Bible study will be meeting at a new time and place for the final two classes. **On Sundays May 1st and May 15th**, the youth group will be meeting in the Juneau campus basement from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. All are welcome! Sign up for youth group notifications on the St. John's app to receive updates and other important information.

Spring Painting Party – Join us for a fun, artsy morning of painting on Saturday, May 7th at 9:30 am. We'll be doing a Spring Christian theme on canvas (12"x12"). Cost is \$35 for expert instruction and all painting materials. No experience necessary, children welcome with an adult. Be sure to wear your painting apron or appropriate clothes for painting. Location is St. John's Juneau, fellowship hall lower level. Please sign up in the narthex or text/call Karen 920-386-2419.



Calls: At our Voter's Meeting this past Sunday, our congregation extended a 1-year ¼ time call to Pastor Joel Luetke to continue his ministry at St. John's. We also extended a ½ time call to Rachel Christie (wife of our next senior assistant, Karl Christie) during the

next school year to serve in our Early Childhood Program. Pastor Paul Schupmann, Teachers Suzi Colantonio and Matthew Lober have received various calls to serve our Lord in other congregations. Please keep our called workers and their families in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve our Savior. Pastor David Brandt, Principal Richard Cody, and Teacher Michel Krebs have returned their calls to the other congregations, and they will remain at St. John's.

Walking K-Group

Spring is here and it's time to get outdoors! Join us for our Walking K-Group. We will meet in the church parking lot and do a "walk-about" in Juneau and on the Wild Goose Trail. All ages and activity levels welcome. We'll plan on an hour walk so wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

The schedule is as follows: Sundays: May 1st, May 8th @ 6:00pm
If needed, the K-Group will be cancelled due to inclement weather.



VOLUNTEERS April 28-May 1

GREETERS (4/28-5/1)

6:30 PM Bob, Jody and Lydia Papham
8:00 AM Deb Wolter, Becky Zimmerman, Bev Weinheimer
10:30 AM Tiffany Cina, Mark and Ruth Ockerlander and Family

USHERS (4/28-5/1)

6:30 PM Neil Foch and Bob Gerbitz
8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Shawn Affeld
9:30 AM Don Gibson and Dan Becker
10:30AM Tom Selchert, Marty Weinheimer, Royce Cox,
Wayne Braunschweig, Connor Recklau

LAWN MOWING (Week of May 2nd)

Juneau	Team 1	Stan Smith and Chuck Wolfram
Salem-Lowell	Team 1	Darris and Jill Wasmund

This Week at St. John's

Confirmation Sunday (5/1)

Worship 8:00 AM – J, 9:30 AM – SL

Confirmation Worship 10:30 AM - J

NO Bible Class

Sunday School 8:30 AM – SL & 9:15 AM – J

Walking K-Group 6:00 PM – J

Youth Group 7:30 PM - J

Monday (5/2)

Readings Bible Study 6:30 PM – J

Tuesday (5/3)

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM – C

Wednesday (5/4)

NO Ladies Bible Study

Catechism 5:00 PM – J

Choir 7:00 PM – J

Thursday (5/5)

Worship 6:30 PM – J

Ladies Aid 6:45 PM – J

Saturday (5/7)

Worship 5:00 PM - H

Sunday (5/8)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 – J, 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL, 9:30 AM - J

Sunday School 8:30 AM – SL & 9:15 AM – J

Walking K-Group 6:00 PM – J

Elders 6:30 PM - J

Statistics for 4/14-4/17

Offerings given to our Lord

General \$22,891.43

Improvement \$210.00

Lakeside \$70.00

Missions \$2,519.90

Total \$25,691.33

Attendance:

Maundy Thursday 234 (152, 82)

Good Friday 494 (364, 130)

Easter Vigil 31

Easter Sunday 631 (274, 251, 106)

Statistics for 4/21-4/24

Offerings given to our Lord

General \$15,106.93

Improvement \$145.00

Lakeside \$112.45

Missions \$669.40

Total \$16,033.78

Attendance 4/21-4/24

346 (25, 31, 138, 76, 76)

At our January Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$19,490 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$71,500 from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS IN HAITI?

God has given us five schools on this earthquake-shaken Caribbean Island which are teaching hundreds of students in God's Word and staffed by almost 40 teachers. Yes, WELS affiliated schools in Haiti, where it is commonly said that the country is "70% Catholic, 30% Protestant, and 100% Vodou." Emily Helmen from "The Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti" will be here to give an update at the next OWLS meeting on **May 17th at 1:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran**

Church Salem-Lowell Campus. Salem-Lowell Campus is being served by Pastors Brandt and Schupmann and the Salem-Lowell ladies provide refreshments. All are welcome. Those age 55+ and/or retired are encouraged to become members and help support our European Chaplaincy Ministry. Rock River Area OWLS is one of many WELS chapters across our country that gives Seniors an opportunity to keep learning and socializing among fellow believers. The Lowell congregation at 105 Juneau Street has recently joined our OWLS circuit and this will be our first meeting in Lowell. Salem-Lowell Campus is located just a short block off County Hwy G on the north side of Lowell. For more information you may contact dplocher@msn.com (920-478-7337), your local pastor, or those who attend from your congregation.

St. John's needs help serving food on this day and we are also looking for volunteers to bring snacks. If you are willing to help in anyway, please signup in the narthex. Thank you!



Welcome to St. John's

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am Juneau

9:30am Lowell

10:30am Juneau

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15-9:00 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Wednesday

Juneau Campus

9:00 AM (Ladies Bible Study)

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