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Holy Father, keep them in Your name



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10:30 a.m. in person
& Facebook live

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



In consideration of your fellow worshipers, please be sure to turn off your cell phone.

Theme for Worship: This morning 8 of our young adults will “confirm their faith” in the Rite of Confirmation. They will affirm the gifts God granted them in Baptism and join the congregation as members who have committed themselves to Christ and our Christian family at Immanuel. This is a special day for the youth, their families and also the congregation as a whole, as many of us remember the time when we too acknowledged God’s goodness to us and committed ourselves to serving Him through His Church.

Pre-Service Music 🎵

--*Spiritwind*

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Processional Hymn 🎵 “We Believe”

**1 We believe in God the Father
Maker of the universe
And in Christ His Son our Saviour
Come to us by virgin birth
We believe He died to save us
Bore our sins was crucified
Then from death He rose victorious
Ascended to the Father’s side**

Chorus **Jesus Lord of all Lord of all
Jesus Lord of all Lord of all
Jesus Lord of all Lord of all
Jesus Lord of all Lord of all**

**2 We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power
God His word of truth affirming
Sends us to the nations now
He will come again in glory
Judge the living and the dead
Every knee shall bow before Him
Then must every tongue confess**

Chorus: **Jesus Lord of all Lord of all
Jesus Lord of all, Lord of all
Jesus Lord of all Lord of all,
Jesus Lord of all, Lord of all, Lord of all**

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

1 John 5:9–15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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The Sermon Texts

Mia Ashley Siddall

“Be on your Guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” *1 Corinthians 16:13*

Cody Matthew Allen

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” *Philippians 4:13*

Hayden Grace Sorenson

“Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.” *Psalms 55:22*

Kaiden Thomas VonSchnase

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave nor forsake you.” *Deuteronomy 31:6*

Ella Katherine Mathison

“But as for me, I trust in you.” *Psalms 55:23*

Carter Jack Dehlin Marks

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight” *Phillipians 1:9*

Piper Phoebe Schiola-Williams

“Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called children of God.” *Matthew 5:9*

Kelly Anna Gratschmayr

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” *Matthew 28:20*

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Sermon Hymn “When You Call My Name”

**1 There’s a hunger in this wilderness
For Your revelation
To hear the words of life
That strengthen me
Come and show
What You’ve prepared for me
Speak Your confirmation
Show me how I fit
Into Your plan**

Chorus **For when You call my name**

**I can see again
Who You are
And who I’m meant to be
And as You beckon me
I am free to see
Who You are
And who I’m sent to be**

**2 I am seeking true identity
In the light of Your presence
I am longing to know
How You see me
In the time
That You have given me
Release the strength to follow
And the grace to be who
You say I am**

Ending **Who You are and who I’m sent to be
Who You are and who I’m sent to be**

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Sermon: “Confirming One’s Faith”

--Rev Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

Announcements

The Rite of Confirmation and Reaffirmation of Faith

P Beloved in the Lord...

P Do you this day in the presence of God and this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

C **Yes, I do.**

P Do you renounce the devil, all of his works and all of his ways?

C **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, 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.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

C I do.

P Confirmands, do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Confirmands: I do.

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to live according to the word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you desire to continue and affirm your membership in Immanuel Lutheran Church and Student Center?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

The 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

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)

☐ The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

☐ & ☩ Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive

Distribution Songs ♪

“Your Everlasting Love”

- 1 Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky.
Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky, higher than the sky.
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is higher than the sky.**

Chorus: **Higher than the heavens above is the glory of Your wonderful love.
I’m lost in the mystery of Your everlasting love, Your everlasting love.**

- 2 Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea.
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea. Deeper than the sea.
Oh, the wonder of your everlasting love is deeper than the sea. *Chorus***

- 3 Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me.
Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me, reaching out to me.
Oh, the wonder of your everlasting love is reaching out to me. *End***

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“Wherever You Lead”

Chorus: **Wherever You lead; I want to follow
Whatever You say, I want to do.
You are my God and I am Your servant
So I’m giving myself to You.**

- 1 Give us ears now to listen Lord;
give us eyes now to see.
Give us hearts with the strength to say,
“Lord here I am send me.” (*chorus*)**

**2 As You lead us in the steps ahead
Help us overcome our fears.
So we move into the great unknown
knowing that You are near. *Chorus***

“Because of Your Love”

**1 As we come into Your presence
We remember ev'ry blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we've come to give You thanks
For all You've done**

Chorus: **Because of Your love we're forgiven
Because of Your love our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed because of Your love**

Interlude **Yeah, Yeah**

Ending **Yeah,Yeah, Yeah (3X)**

**The Benediction
Silent Prayers
Postlude**

--Spiritwind

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – May 16, 2021		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians/Vocalists	Linda Conrad; <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>pianist, vocalist</i>	Angela Pringnitz, <i>Spiritwind</i> <i>coordinator</i>
Acolyte	---	Heather Allen
Lay Reader	Donna Boldt	Riley Marks
Preacher	Rev. Marty Marks	
Children's Message	Rev. Marty Marks	---
Crucifer	---	Emily Banks
Radio Narrator	Chris Ewald	---
Sound Operator	Glenn Fuchs	Doug Nelson
Slide Operator	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
Videographer	Ted Stone	Sadie Marks
Usher	Dan Lohmeier	

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “To the glory of God in celebration of the confirmation of the class of 2021.”

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God in celebration of the confirmation of the class of 2021.”

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Cost: \$45 Flowers.

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