

Rite of Confirmation

May 19, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We Welcome All who are worshipping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Alex Gensch in memory of Daddy.

THE PULPIT FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Ken & Joan Holdmann in celebration of the 68th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Ken & Joan!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

May 19, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Family, friends and guests: Today is a special day in the lives of those who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and embark upon a special journey in the Church for the remainder of their lives. As important as this day is for them, this day can be a day of reflection for all of us. We can take this opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our own confirmation experience and how the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how He has guided us toward a more complete participation in this congregation and the Church at large.

CALL TO WORSHIP “Holy Manna” (arr. Raney) Choir

WELCOME

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? *John 14:1-2*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507 (Chosen by Russell Klein)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Drawn from the Six Chief Parts; Exodus 20)

Pastor: For the times we have had other gods in our lives...

People: **and for the times we have trusted in things other than You, forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have misused the name of the Lord...

People: **and for the times we have failed to call upon You in prayer, forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have forgotten the Sabbath day...

People: **and for the times we have despised the preaching of Your Word, forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have not honored father or mother...

People: **and for the times we have failed to respect others in authority, forgive us good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have murdered...

People: **by hurting people in thought, word, and deed, forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have committed adultery...

People: **with thoughts and actions unbecoming to Your design for love and marriage, forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have stolen...

People: **and for the times we have acted dishonestly, forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have given false testimony...

People: **and for the times we have hurt someone's good name, forgive us, good Lord.**

Pastor: For the times we have coveted our neighbors' possessions or family members...

People: and for the times we have tried to acquire things not belonging to us, forgive us, good Lord.

ABSOLUTION and THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS *(Drawn from the Six Chief Parts)*

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN “On Eagles’ Wings” LSB 727 (Chosen by Gaige Marien)

COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit You have made us Your own. You have forgiven us all our sins and brought us to newness of life. Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in us Your gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Acts 11:1–18 (What God has made clean do not call common.)

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Revelation 21:1–7 (The vision of the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, is described.)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall

there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another" (Choplin) Choir

HOLY GOSPEL *John 13:31–35*

(A new commandment do I give to you that you love one another as I have loved you.)

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" LSB 720 (Chosen by Krystal Kasmarek)

SERMON "How Will They Know?" John 13:31-35

NICENE CREED Early Service only (*Creed can be found on the back cover of the hymnal.*)

OFFERING “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” (arr. Manz) Organ

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord,

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

Early Service – Please continue with the Sacrament

+RITE OF CONFIRMATION+

CREED and AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM *(Drawn from the Six Chief Parts)*

Pastor: What is Baptism?

Confirmands: *Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.*

People: **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.** *Matthew 28:19*

Pastor: What benefits does Baptism give?

Confirmands: *It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this.*

People: **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.** *Mark 16:16*

Pastor: How can water do such great things?

Confirmands: *Baptism is a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.*

People: **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.** *Titus 3:5-8*

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

Confirmands: *The Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*

People: **We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.** *Romans 6:4*

Pastor: In Holy Baptism we are forgiven our sins and granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: *I do renounce them.*

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Confirmands: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

Confirmands: **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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: **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.**

THE SOLEMN VOWS

The Solemn Vows of the Parents

Pastor: These promises which you have heard from the lips of your children need your continued guidance and support. Therefore, I ask you, will you continue to guide and direct, support and encourage your child in your words, in your deeds and in your example?

Parents: **Yes, with the help of God!**

The Solemn Vows of the Sponsors

Pastor: Years ago, you were chosen to serve as sponsors for these confirmands when they were baptized. Through the years you have assisted the parents in bringing up their children in the Christian faith. We commend you for carrying out your responsibility so faithfully. However, these young people need your continued support. Therefore, I ask you, will you continue to encourage, strengthen, and pray for these confirmands, that they may continue to grow in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: **Yes, with the help of God!**

The Solemn Vows of the Congregation

Pastor: The promises made by these youth and parents, these adults and sponsors, are difficult to fulfill. They need God's help, and our prayers and encouragement. Since the best encouragement is a good example, let us join together as we stand and pray:

People: **Give us strength, O God, to set a good example for these confirmands by using God's Word daily in our homes, by worshiping regularly in church, and by receiving Holy Communion frequently. Give us the power to live a more spiritual life, that we may grow more and more like Christ. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

SONG "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" LSB 717 (Chosen by Hunter Behnke)

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER *(based on John 14:6)*

Pastor: Lord, stay with us this day and all the days of our life until our final day of this turmoil when we shall see You face to face. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live our lives thoughtfully and carefully, that we may diligently walk in Your way, live by Your truth, and boldly confess Your saving truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN "How Great Thou Art" LSB 801

POSTLUDE "Hornpipe" (Handel) Organ

+ SACRAMENT+

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

"Change My Heart O God" (Espinosa, arr. Raney) Choir

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" LSB 685

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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People: **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN “How Great Thou Art” LSB 801

POSTLUDE “Hornpipe” (Handel) Organ

Thank you to the confirmands of 2019 for choosing the hymns included in our worship today.

Confirmation Class for 2019

Hunter Austin Behnke

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. *Colossians 3:12-13*

Parents: Rich & Candice Behnke

Grandparents: Glen & Doris Barth, Joe & Deb Lassa, Rich Behnke Sr.

Place of Birth: Woodruff, Wisconsin

Date of Birth: April 5, 2005

Date of Baptism: June 5, 2005

Siblings: Mariah Jacobson

Activities and Interests: Hockey, running, fishing, hunting

Pets: None

Favorite Foods: Fish tacos, tacos, spaghetti, fish, tater-tot nachos

Krystal Joyce Victoria Kasmarek

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. *John 14:27*

Parents: Paul & Jennifer Kasmarek

Grandparents: Debbie Fritz

Place of Birth: Marshfield, Wisconsin

Date of Birth: April 12, 2005

Date of Baptism: July 17, 2005

Siblings: PJ, Eric

Activities and Interests: Four wheeling, snowmobiling

Pets: Solitaire (dog)

Favorite Foods: Carrots

Russell Francis Klein

(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) *Hebrews 3:4*

Parents: Kirk & Stacey Klein

Grandparents: Pam Richardson

Place of Birth: Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Date of Birth: October 15, 2004

Date of Baptism: February 6, 2005

Siblings: Matthew, Kaylynn

Activities and Interests: Fishing, gaming

Pets: Lily (dog)

Favorite Foods: Tacos

Gaige Daniel Marien

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? *Romans 8:31*

Parents: Dan & Jannette Marien

Grandparents: Tom & Ria Marien, Dan Smestad

Place of Birth: Mequon, Wisconsin

Date of Birth: May 12, 2005

Date of Baptism: June 11, 2005

Siblings: Harmon, Danny

Activities and Interests: ATV, snowmobiling, hunting

Pets: Deke (dog)

Favorite Foods: Watermelon



IN HIS SERVICE

<u>Elder/Helper</u>	Early – Dick Cherney, Pat Crum Late – Brad Anderson
<u>Ushers</u>	Early – Marv Jarvis, Sue Frank, Mark Olson, Dave Kopanski Late – Andy Ellenberger, Gerhard Becker, Bill Reckling, Gerald Yetter
<u>Greeters</u>	Early – Don & Kris Secord Late – Hilde Becker
<u>Readers</u>	Early – Sue Frank Late – Marianne Braun
<u>Acolytes</u>	Early – Cameron Birchbauer Late –
<u>Media Operators</u>	Early – Jackie Kolling Late – Dave Parker
<u>Altar Care</u>	– Marianne Braun, Carol Johnson
<u>Nursery</u>	- Education Hour – Marilynn Collins Late Service – Marilynn Collins

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 20 | 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due |
| Tuesday | 21 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters |
| Wednesday | 22 | 6:30 pm Youth Group |
| Thursday | 23 | |
| Friday | 24 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 25 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation
7:00 pm Worship |
| Sunday | 26 | 9:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 117, Late: 178, Communion: 140, Sunday Bible Study: 22, Sunday School: 32,
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 3, Tuesday Bible Study: NA

ACTUAL to DATE (as of April 30, 2019)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 128,676.67 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 100,311.95 |
| BALANCE | \$ 28,364.72 |

God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

20 – Robert Voss **21 – Nancy Hoelz, Robert Bauer** **22 – Steve Kolling**

Anniversaries:

19 – Ken & Joan Holdmann 22 – Daryl & Mary George, Gerhard & Hilde Becker

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Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions’ tab.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Vacation Bible School 2019 - It is time to register for Splash Canyon! Children, ages 3 (potty trained) to age 12, are invited to dive into God's Word and fun, July 29th-August 2nd, 9 am to noon. We will have a Camp Luther Fun Day on Wednesday, July 31st, from 9 am to 3 pm. Go to www.oursavioreagleriver.org to register.

VBS Volunteers Needed - Please let Marlene Rieck know if you would like to serve on our VBS team. There are many ways you can help with this great outreach event!

Many Hands Lighten the Load - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. We are looking to form a Kitchen Committee and someone to head the committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

Mission Possible - The Martha Society will be hosting the Mission Possible fundraiser event at the Eagle River VFW/American Legion Saturday, June 1 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are for sale at the Welcome Center for \$10.

Praise & Worship - Our next praise and worship rehearsal is Tuesday, May 28th, in preparation for worship on June 1st & 2nd. New vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome!

Outdoor Worship & Fun in the Park - Join us as we gather at Riverview Park in Eagle River on Saturday, June 15th, from 4:30 to 7 pm for lots of fun and an opportunity to worship outdoors. Kid games & prizes, a bounce obstacle course, face painting and music will add to the fun. Delicious food is available for purchase from Jessica's Cucina food truck. Worship will be held from 5 to 5:30 pm (Note: No 7 pm worship service that evening). Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. Come and go as you wish! Please invite friends! Sponsored by the Board of Evangelism and Board of Christian Education.

Greeting Cards - The Martha Society has an assortment of Confirmation, Graduation and Father's Day cards for sale in the fellowship hall.

Soon we will resume our ***Monday Evening Bible studies***. Hope you will join our study group. If you know someone who may wish to join us, please invite them. The following will help you mark your calendars:

When: Every Monday evening, *June 3rd thru. Sept. 30th*. I will bring exceptions to your attention as they occur.

Time: 6 PM to 7 PM (Please be on time)

Where: Our Savior's Fellowship Hall

What you will need: a standard 3-ring binder for the study material and your Bible, there are a few Bibles available if you forget yours.

Our First Study: *"SPIRITUAL GIFTS"*

Facilitator: Don Secord 715-479-5879 or 715-891-3112

We traditionally stopped for pizza on the last Monday of each month, don't feel as if you must join, it's totally voluntary, but it is a great fellowship opportunity. Have questions? Call me.