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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Welcome: We are delighted to be able to once again worship together in larger groups. We also thank God for those watching our service online. We pray that you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. Please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack these can be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

A Little Luther: Today's quote is from an Ascension Day sermon. "Christian doctrine will not permit you to believe in Christ and at the same time to live in sin. For this text says that if you really believe in Christ, you also believe that He ascended up on high and led captivity (that is, your sins) captive (Eph. 4:8) But how did He lead your sins captive: He did it in this way that they are no longer to frighten and accuse you before God and that, if they wanted to do so, you snap your finger at them and say: Sin, I care nothing whatever for your accusations. I believe in Him who sits above at the right hand of God and has taken you captive.... But He has taken sin captive also in this way that it is no longer to charm and lure you and that, though it do so, you are not to follow and adhere to it but to say: Sin, you are playing a pleasant tune and want me to do evil...but I will not follow you." WLS ¶ 756

The Lord's Supper: As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today.

Order of Worship
Ascension Day Observed
Divine Service, Setting Four *LSB 203*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪Opening Hymn: “Up through Endless Ranks of Angels” *LSB 491*

- 1 Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,
To His heav’nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.**

- 2 Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!**

- 3 To our lives of wanton wand’ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow’r and love abide;
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.**

Stand

- Δ4 Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit’s grace!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father’s face!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son’s embrace!**

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

Ⓒ **Amen.**

Ⓟ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Ⓒ **who made heaven and earth.**

Ⓟ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Ⓒ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Ⓟ Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that

we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

♫ **Kyrie**

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

♫ **Entrance Hymn: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”**

LSB 493 sts. 1, 6,

1 **A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 **O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Essays by the Confirmands – 10:30 a.m.

Jersi Jensen – The Lord’s Prayer

Kortney Rees – The Apostles’ Creed

Parker Kesting – The Lord’s Supper

Patrick Young – The Ten Commandments

Apostles' Creed 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

LSB 207

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

And 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.

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.

Sit

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “On Christ's Ascension I Now Build”**

LSB 492

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.**

- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.**

- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.**

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Sermon “Jesus Rules”

Pastor Buchhorn

The Rite of Confirmation – 10:30 a.m.

♪ **Confirmation Hymn: “Thine Forever, God of Love”**

LSB 687 v. 1, 4

- 1 Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!**

- 4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep These Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care, Let us all Thy goodness share.**

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The Rite of Confirmation

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

C 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 Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Communion Distribution

- *The sacrament will be served from the floor of the nave in a continuous stream.*
- *Please notify the pastor or elder if you would prefer to receive communion at your pew. Those with mobility issues will be communed at their pew at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.*
- *Communicants are asked to approach the altar using the side aisles and to maintain social distancing between household groups. Please return to your pew via the center aisle.*
- *Communicants will be invited to pick up their cup from the individual cup tray. Baskets to receive used cups are available at the altar area.*

Sit

Distribution Hymns

♪ “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525

1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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♪“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

**4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.**

**5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."**

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Stand

♪ **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 211

**☩ O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P 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 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.

☩ Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☩ Amen.

♪Closing Hymn: “Draw Us to Thee”

LSB 701

- 1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.
- 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly; Let us depart with gladness
That we may be Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.
- 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.
- 4 Draw us to Thee That also we Thy heav’nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.
- 5 Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us fore’er Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Betty Heithold, Ray Jensen, Dave Zach, Cindy Lubberstedt, Rod Tompkins, Braxton Biermann, Braydon Biermann, Loree Echtenkamp, Bryn Tiedtke, Myles Tiedtke, Izabelle Ruwe, Ralph Beiermann, Skip Kinslow, Lacey Blohm, Kevin Heithold, Amanda Jareske, Megan Jensen, Duane Suehl, Connor Cross, Alivia Kesting & Erin Olson

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Delores Rebensdorf, Michael & Leann Centrone, Trey & FayeMarie Wheeler, Galen & Kathy Wisner, David & Melodie Longe, Alan & Tammy Nissen, Dana & Sonya Tompkins and Doug & Mary Temme

LUTHERAN HOUR: -- "Jesus Doesn't Babble" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison -- Jesus brings the Word of peace to those who have grown weary of all the babble. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

LAST WEEK: Our offerings were \$11,367.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have started a new Sunday School video series on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ssgracewayne. Each week one of our Sunday School teachers will present a lesson for you to follow at home. Links to additional resources and activities will be included as needed. We are also still encouraging you as a family to utilize the free resources provided by CPH at cph.org. New content is frequently being added including videos, streaming music, activity sheets, devotions, weekly children's bulletins, and much, much more!

PASTORAL CARE: During this time of anxiety and uncertainty please don't hesitate to let your pastors know how we can be of service to you. Whether it is through our private prayers, a word of encouragement or simply someone to talk with. We can be reached via phone at the church 402-375-1905 or cell phone Pastor Buchhorn 979-540-7917 or Pastor Erik 979-204-0752.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Our small group adult Bible Study on the book of Ezekiel has been continuing to meet at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of the class online please contact Pastor Buchhorn.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Cheryl Lessmann, Dan, Laura & Abby Mitchell in memory of Leona Lessmann.

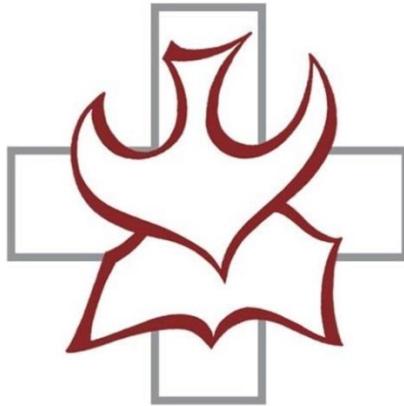
THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Worship/Communion
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion/Rite of Confirmation
MONDAY		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:00 pm.	Family Communion
	7:30 pm.	Jr. High Zoom Meeting
	8:15 pm.	High School Zoom Meeting
THURSDAY	5:15 pm.	Young Adult Bible Study
SATURDAY	6:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Worship
	10:30 am.	Worship/High School Graduate Recognition

COVID precautions. As we gather for worship we remain mindful of the continuing need to take measures to mitigate the potential spread of the corona virus.

- Online services are still available, please make use of these services particularly if you are ill or part of a vulnerable population.
- Cloth masks are available. Please take and keep one.
- Hand Sanitizing stations are available at each door.
- Please observe social distancing while in the sanctuary. Skip every other pew as indicated and allow 6 feet between household groups in the same pew.
- While not needed for the service, hymnals are available on tables by the door, please put any used hymnal in the appropriate bin for sanitizing.
- Children's book/activity bags have temporarily been replaced with take home bags with Happy Times Devotionals. Bags and their contents are not reusable, so take them along with you.

We delight that you are here and pray you find your time in God's house gives you peace and encouragement.



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Several of our young people will be received into the communicant membership of our church today through the Rite of Confirmation. Confirmation marks the opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal, public confession of the faith and lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ. Such confession following a period of diligent study of God's Word indicates that the individual has been sufficiently instructed to be able to examine himself and worthily receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, the confirmand is invited to share in the celebration of Holy Communion and to assume greater responsibility for his faith. Confirmation is not an end to Christian instruction. However, it does mark a significant milestone in the fulfillment of the Lord's command to make disciples by "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." In their baptisms, the Holy Spirit made our confirmands members of the Holy Christian Church by giving them the gift of faith in Christ according to his promise. After their baptisms, these young people were nurtured in the Word of God by their parents and church, and today they make public confession of their faith. We welcome them into communicant membership and the beginning of adult Christian life. It is our prayer that they and all who have been thus confirmed will stand firm in their Baptismal faith even unto death and finally receive the crown of life in heaven.

OUR CONFIRMANDS

Jersi Jo Jensen is the daughter of Darin and Jessi Jensen. She has two siblings Dylan and Dreu. Jersi was born June 28, 2006 in Sioux City, Iowa. She was baptized in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. Her baptismal sponsors are Dusty Jensen and Devanne Auel. When asked about the most important thing she learned in confirmation she replied: “I think it is important to remember that God sent his only son to die on a cross for our sins.” Jersi attends Wayne Community School and her hobbies are playing with her dog and playing sports. Her favorite subject is math and some day she hopes to become a photographer. Jersi’s confirmation verse is Psalm 27:1 *“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”*

Parker Lynn Thomas Kesting is the son of Brian and Jennifer Kesting. He is the brother of Alivia, Aiden and Walter. Parker was born August 23, 2005 in Norfolk, Nebraska. Parker was baptized November 13, 2005 at Grace Lutheran Church by Rev. Carl Lilienkamp. His baptismal sponsors are Jeff Kesting, Pete Olson, Scott & Michele Jurgensmeir. Parker reports that the most important thing he has learned in Junior Confirmation is “that if you believe in God you will have eternal life. I feel this is important because if you have faith you will go to heaven.” Parker attends school at Wayne Junior High School. He is active in band, cross country, basketball, science quiz bowl, track and speech. His favorite subject is science. He eventually hopes to become a children’s doctor. He was selected to the Central Honors Institute, WSC honor band 2 years in a row, placed 5th out of 42 teams at the greater Nebraska Science Quiz Bowl, was selected to the Pierce Honor Band and won second place in the Wayne County Spelling Bee in 2020. Parker’s confirmation verse is Revelation 2:10 *“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

Kortney Ann Rees is the daughter of Angie & Jason Beiermann and Koinn & Ashley Rees. She is the sister of Kadence Rees and Baylen Beiermann. Kortney was born July 14, 2005 at Norfolk, Nebraska. She was baptized November 9, 2005 by Rev. Glen Kietzmann. Her baptismal sponsor is Sarah Boelter. When asked about the most important thing she learned in Junior Confirmation, Kortney replied, “The Apostles’ Creed” particularly the first article “because it is about God the Father and his works of creation. “ Kortney attends Wayne Junior High School. She participates in track and choir. Her favorite subject is math. She hopes to eventually become a dental assistant. Kortney’s confirmation verse is John 14:6 “*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

Patrick Erving Young is the son of Chad and Krista Young. He is the brother to Freya and Cloey. Patrick was born April 28, 2005 at Norfolk, Nebraska. He was baptized May 31, 2005 at Grace Lutheran Church by Rev. Carl Lilienkamp. His baptismal sponsors are Heath and Mandy Sudbeck. Patrick feels the most important thing he has learned in Junior Confirmation classes are the Ten Commandments. He attends school at Coleridge Middle School where his favorite subject is Physical Education. He hopes to eventually become the manager of a business. Patrick’s confirmation verse is Genesis 15:1 “*Do not be afraid, I am your shield, your very great reward.*”

A prayer for faithfulness

Lord God, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts that You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness and be comforted in life and death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.