

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation

May 9, 2021—10am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

Prelude

Hymn: #904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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The Invocation

Matthew 28:19

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

C: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

The Word of Absolution

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to him glorious praise! Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

♪P: Glory be to God on high:

♪C: **And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, The only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with Thy Spirit.**

The Collect for the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: **O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: **Amen.**

Special Music: "This is my Father's World" *Hand Bells*

First Reading – Acts 10:34-48

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

All: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle Reading – 1 John 5:1-8

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn: #730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon - "Love: Fruit from the vine" John 15:9-17

I. Begins with Christ's command to "love" each other.

A. Who is commanded to love?

1. Servants?
2. Friends?

B. What kind of love?

1. Distinguishing characteristics of agape love.

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:21-22

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. Matthew 5:38-42

2. How is this standard of love different from media, society, homes and our hearts?

II. We are unable to love as God commands.

A. Our sinful nature brings failure to perfectly love.

B. Give thanks that Christ demonstrates God's love for us.

1. He shows us.
2. His love fills in the blanks of our imperfect love.

III. Trust in God to create love in our hearts so that as friends we have the fruit of loving others.

The Prayers

Successful surgery & healing for Sara Plumb

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and putting in basket on the way out.)

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmand Parents and Relatives: While this is a very special occasion for your child, we also want to keep the sense of this being a worship service giving all glory and honor to God. We request that you refrain from any filming or photography during the service. Please remember we are doing this out of respect and reverence for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After Communion please go out to the breezeway and when everyone has left the Sanctuary you may come in and take pictures.

Confirmation Vows

Blessing of the Confirmands

*Nicole McLane Drake
Drew Thomas DeBrocke
Hailey Brooke Thomson
Christopher William Webb*

Pastor will invite the Confirmands up to the Altar for Confirmation Confession, then Parents, Godparents & Grandparents will be invited up to stand behind them.

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 the 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 cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Wait for Ushers to excuse you. Please leave nothing in the pews. Place pencils, attendance card and offering in the basket in front of the Baptismal Font. Please quietly return to your cars.

Communion Distribution (during final hymn)

The Closing Hymn #461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Verses 1-5, 7, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in honor of our Confirmands

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments

Continued Prayers

Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church and
Its congregation

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing

Marilyn Wessel

Christal Trlak

Valentina Cespedes

Desiree and strength for Tammi, her mother and caregiver, friends of Sandy Goode

Joe, husband of Ellen, friend of Kim Blomquist

Russell Cauley, father of Christal Trlak

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Anona, friend of Susan Tumlin

Jim Nichols, father of Cathy Wilson

Carol, sister of Trish Smith

Don & Bev Cook, brother of Steve Cook

Chad Pry, boyfriend of Cheryl, daughter of Joan Crouse

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Walt Braudis

Barbara LaVere

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

Kevin Eads, brother of Karri Funk

Kathy, daughter of Walt Braudis

Keith Stallings

Alan Sparks

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Paul Braudis, brother of Walt

Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel

Cheryl Ford

David Parkinson, brother of Betty Loraamm

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, son of Kerry Drake

Xander Ritter stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, (USMC)

Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers

Logan Crouse as he is undergoing Army air borne training, great-nephew of Joan Crouse

Carson Crouse, (army) great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed in Georgia

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Larry & Gala Habeck
Monday: Sue Hague
Tuesday: Jacquelyn Hahn
Wed: Ciera Hall, Jeremy, Lynn, Ryan, Derek, Erika
Thursday: Donna Hall
Friday: Troy & Crystal Hall
Saturday: Jeff & Kori Hamilton, Zachary, Jackson

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Peyton Vasilakos
Monday: John-Luke Visnovec
Tuesday: Omari Ware
Wed: Christopher Webb
Thursday Wyn Westfall
Friday: Rylee & Rhett Whidden
Saturday Taylor Winn

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out in to the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.