



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Confirmation Sunday  
Public Affirmation of Baptism and Faith  
May 5, 2019

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**This is a very special day at St. John:** we celebrate our youth who will participate in the Rite of Confirmation, also called a “Public Affirmation of Baptism and Faith.” *What does this mean?* In Baptism God the Father brings us into His family through Jesus Christ. We are now His children and given the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit. Most are baptized as an infant through the loving authority of their parents. The rite of confirmation then is the opportunity for an individual to publicly confess, with their own voice, that Jesus is their Lord and Savior and, with the help of God, commit to following Christ—even unto death. After confessing Jesus as their Lord and Savior, our youth are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive, with all believers, the body and blood of Christ that will continue to nurture and sustain their faith. Today is also an opportunity for each us to renew our faith and join together in the ongoing ministry of the Body of Christ. “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)

## PRELUDE:

“Lift High the Cross” *Organ*  
“Canon in D” *Handbells*

## WELCOME & GREETING

*Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card*

## OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

- P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 145(selected verses)*

- P** All Your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
**C** and all Your saints shall bless You!  
**P** One generation shall commend Your works to another,  
**C** and shall declare Your mighty acts.  
**P** On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
**C** and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
**P** They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
**C** and I will declare Your greatness.  
**P** They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness  
**C** and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.  
**P** The LORD is good to all,  
**C** and His mercy is over all that He has made.

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till  
all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*  
Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*


### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** God's Word tells us, "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."
- 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

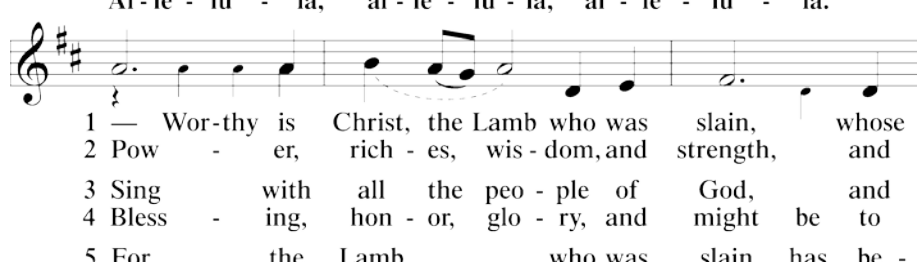
# THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9 LSB 155

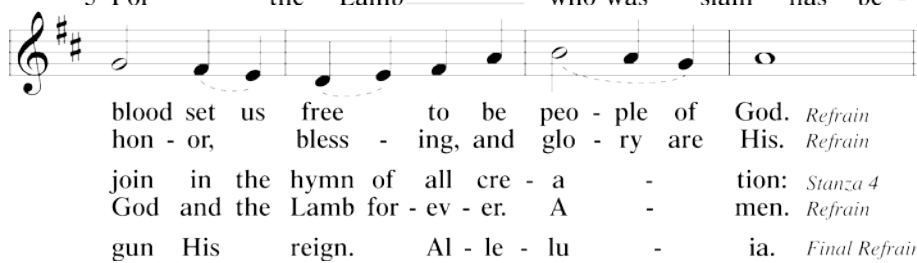
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.




1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## SECOND READING

*Revelation 5:8–14*

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in 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!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*John 6:68 LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 21:1–19*

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

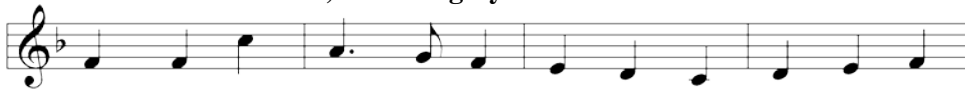
When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ!

**HYMN: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

*LSB 790*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

**TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD**

“I’m Going Fishing.”: *John 21:15-19*

## ✠ RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠

*Our confirmands come forward to profess the faith given to them through Baptism, by the Holy Spirit, and now confessed with their own voice before the congregation.*

- P** Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord:

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil, all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- R** *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?
- R** *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?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the teachings of the Lutheran Church, as you have learned them from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true to God’s Word?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?
- R** *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?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in the Christian faith and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

## BLESSING

*Confirmand Kneeling*

- P** \_\_\_\_\_, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. Amen

**Dante James Calvaneso**  
Matthew 28:19–20

**Dylan Ellman**  
Philippians 4:13

**Levi Richard Siegmann**  
Deuteronomy 31:6

**Daniel Matthew Stolzenfels**  
John 14:6

**Luke Jeremiah Sutherland**  
Proverbs 3:5–6

## WELCOME OF GOD'S PEOPLE

- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Today you have publicly confessed with your own voice that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ here at St John, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **We welcome you in the name of the Lord!**



**OFFERING:** "Speak, O Lord" by Stuart Townend

Sung by Diane Stoelting

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**To our visitors:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. If this is your first time at St John or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper we ask that you speak to the Pastor before communing with us.

**For those who wish to take communion in their pew, please notify an usher or elder, and be seated on the center aisle at the end of any pew. We offer either individual or common cup for the wine.**

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

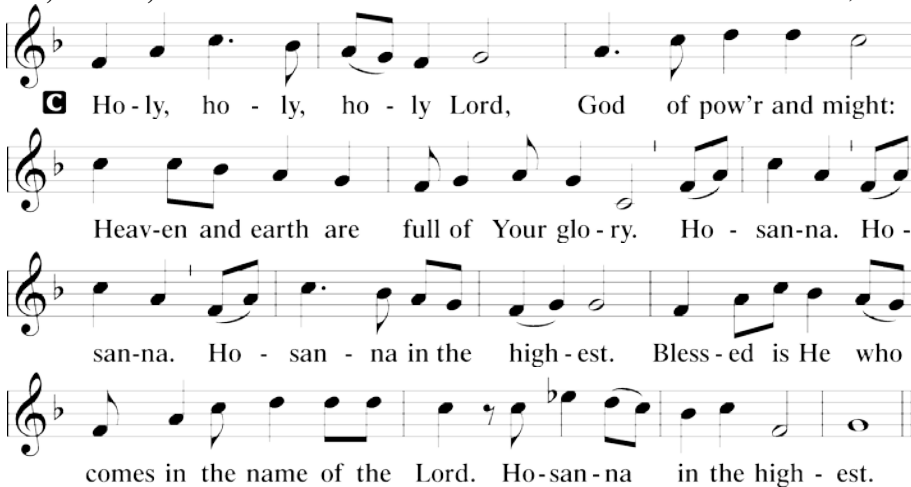
*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

- 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** Glorious Father in heaven, we, Your children, who are filled with Your Spirit and guided by Your Word of truth, lift Your name on high and sing Your praises this day. You have redeemed us from hell, death, and the devil through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Your forgiven children, we come to Your throne of grace to receive the gift You provide for us, the true body and blood of our Savior. Nurture our faith in Christ as we stand united as one holy people, lifting our voice and singing:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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

*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PEACE OF THE LORD - Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**



# LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

John 1:29 LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION:** *Each Confirmand and their family will commune first followed by the congregation.*

“Borning Cry” by Suzanne M. Hibbard

*Handbells*

“Your Table I Approach”

*LSB 628*

“At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

*LSB 633*

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

*LSB 643*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.

**C** Amen.



# HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

“Go, My Children” *Organ*

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## SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	David Werth
<b>Elders for May:</b>	Frank Cornell, Frank Wendt		
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Morgan Shively	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Luke Sutherland
<b>Reader:</b>	Frank Cornell	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Roger Carr
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening		
<b>Altar Guild for May:</b>	Lori & Rita Argo		
<b>Lawn Mowing:</b>	Don Proefrock, Dennis Kaus		



**Message Notes**

**Main Points:**

**Bible Passages:**

**What can I apply to my life?**



Ichthys: Greek word for “fish”  
**Jesus Christ God’s Son Savior**

As a Christian, given the gift of faith in our baptism, we are called by God to share with the world the story of Jesus and how He has changed our lives.

- What are some ways you can share your faith with others today?
- Sometimes we don’t know what to say or how to say it when asked about our faith in Jesus. What can help is to prepare our “story” of Jesus in our lives before we are asked.
  - Think of a time in your life that you felt the presence of God or saw Him at work in your life.
  - We all have favorite Bible verses – is there one that goes with your story?
  - Put these together can come up with an “elevator speech” – something you can share in 1-2 minutes that tells of your faith in Jesus.



### ***Dante James Calvaneso***

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19–20*

Born: July 6, 2005      Baptized: April 1, 2018  
Parents: Gloria-Lynn Calvaneso  
Sponsors: Sarah-Jane Calvaneso Morales, Gene Calvaneso

### ***Dylan Joseph Ellman***

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

Born: May 6, 2005      Baptized: July 3, 2005  
Parents: Douglas & Lisa Ellman  
Sponsors: Timothy Lee, Lisa Lee, Antoinette Dewiel Galyen, Shawn Galyen

### ***Levi Richard Siegmann***

*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6*

Born: June 2, 2005      Baptized: August 28, 2005  
Parents: Paul & Jacqueline Siegmann  
Sponsors: Cindy Jones, Delmar Jones, Timothy Siegmann

### ***Daniel Matthew Stolzenfels***

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*

Born: September 21, 2005      Baptized: October 1, 2005  
Parents: Matthew & Nicole Stolzenfels  
Sponsors: Jeremiah Keleher  
Witness: Briana Geddis

### ***Luke Jeremiah Sutherland***

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5–6*

Born: November 5, 2005      Baptized: January 1, 2006  
Parents: Bruce & Doreen Sutherland  
Sponsors: Scott Sutherland, Susan Sutherland, Jan Werth,  
Donna Carney, Dennis Stoelting