

# The Day of Pentecost

## Youth Confirmation Sunday - 2020 & 2021

### May 22-23, 2021



Pentecost was a major Jewish holiday that celebrated the harvest of grains and took this opportunity to remember God for His care of creation. Many godly Jews who were scattered throughout the Roman Empire went back to Jerusalem to worship the Lord at the temple. However, this Old Testament feast became significant also for the Christian Church, recast, ironically, into a day for the harvest of souls. Christ had prayed His high priestly prayer to God to protect His followers and to unify them as one. The Father responded by sending the Holy Spirit, the promised Paraclete. Father and Son, in fact, sent the Spirit of Jesus among the pilgrims to transform them into God's messengers. What a great day! A great day for you who are being confirmed—a day for which you have studied, waited, and prayed. A great day for you parents and family members—a day you have looked forward to for years. A great day for the pastor—a day anticipated and planned for through hours of instruction. A great day for the entire congregation—a day to welcome these young members into fuller participation and responsibilities in this congregation. A great day, most importantly of all, because this is a day when the Holy Spirit will breathe on us!

*"Breathe on me, breath of God; Fill me with life anew, that I may love all that you love and do what you would do."*

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*Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we  
**KNOW** Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and  
**SOW** His love in Word and deed.*



# Weekend Worship Services

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

## “I Will Put My Spirit in You” - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Jesus promised His disciples before He left that the Advocate was coming from the Father, and He would guide them into all truth. As heirs of Pentecost, we too, have indeed received the promise and presence of the Holy Spirit just as those first disciples did many years ago, and we can breathe in the comfort, encouragement, truth, and joy as we abide in Him. We celebrate today the journey from Baptism to Confirmation in the lives of our Confirmands by the power of the Holy Spirit!

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### OPENING HYMN

## “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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## INVOCATION

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8*

P: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

P: I say to the LORD, You are my God;

**C: give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

***The Spirit of the Lord took the prophet Ezekiel to a valley of dry bones and told him to prophesy that the bones would come to life. Ezekiel prophesied and it was so. This vast army of once dry bones represented hopeless Israel, who would be returned, restored, and revived by the Lord.***

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of

man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** Acts 2:1-21

***As the apostles were in the upper room, the Holy Spirit suddenly filled the whole house and poured Himself out on them and they began speaking in other tongues. Jews from every nation were staying in Jerusalem at the time and heard their own languages being spoken. Peter and the Eleven addressed the crowd and quoted the words from the prophet Joel that signs like these would take place in the last days.***

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

***Jesus promised His disciples before He left that the Advocate was coming from the Father, and He would guide them into all truth. As heirs of Pentecost, we too, have indeed received the promise and presence of the Holy Spirit just as those first disciples did many years ago.***

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

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . . "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON MESSAGE: "I Will Put My Spirit in You" - Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*(Sat. 6 p.m. Only)* **APOSTLES CREED**

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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Sat. 6 p.m. & Sun. 9 a.m. Only)* **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*(Sun. 9 a.m.)* **2020 CONFIRMATION HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!  
 Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;  
 All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;  
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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(Sun. 11 a.m.) **2021 CONFIRMATION HYMN: "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" LSB 766**

1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -

live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly  
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name  
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day  
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey

And pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no  
 We walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false  
 With gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's  
 Through - out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and

thought - less words to say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
 teach - ing us per - vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
 pow'r, de - feat his rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
 blood and ev - 'ry ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

- 5 Give us this day our daily bread, and let us all be clothed and fed.  
 Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life,  
 that we in honest peace may live, to care and greed no entrance give.

- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, that they may trouble us no more; We, too, will gladly those forgive who hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our community to serve each other willingly.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord, where our grim foe and all his horde would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand firm in the faith, a mighty host, through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us; the times and days are perilous. Redeem us from eternal death, and, when we yield our dying breath, console us, grant us calm release, and take our souls to You in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we may doubt not but with trust believe that what we ask we shall receive. Thus in Your name and at Your Word we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

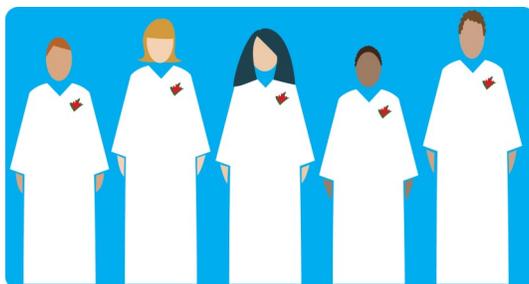
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*(Sun. 9 & 11 a.m. Only)* **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES**

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.

*(Sun. 9 & 11 a.m. Only)* **CONFIRMATION AWARDS**



**Kudos to Our Confirmands**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

*(Sun. 9 & 11 a.m. Only)*

**PREFACE**

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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

# COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

### “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



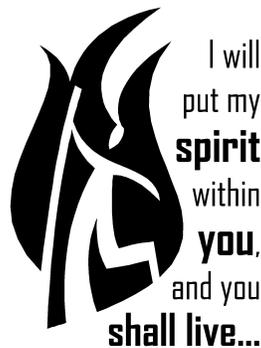
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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I will  
put my  
spirit  
within  
you,  
and you  
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

# NOTES AND NEWS

## REVISED: Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines

Special guidelines will be followed to help assure the safety of everyone attending church, but we know the coronavirus is still active among us. We know that God desires us all to be together in worship again, but we are also sure He wants us to use good judgement in protecting our health.

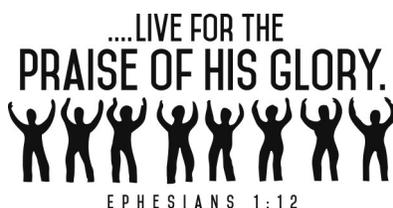
- Many members who were considered “at-risk” and felt uncomfortable sitting inside the church have now been vaccinated. If you now feel comfortable coming back inside, please do so. We still ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. The pews are sanitized after each service and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. **However, if you have a symptomatic health condition, please check with your doctor to see if it is advisable to return at this time.**
- **Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is REQUIRED.** If you don't have one, masks are available at the door, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God's Word.
- To comply with 6' social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every other pew. Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6' in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 180 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars.
- Ushers and Elders will assist with entry and dismissal to maintain social distancing. Do not sit in the taped off pews and follow the Ushers/Elders directions. We will be seating front to back upon entry and dismissing from back to front.
- Ushers (wearing gloves & masks) will hand out bulletins with the service liturgy and hymns (please take these home; they can't be reused). Hymnals, Bibles and attendance books have been removed from the pews.
- Offerings are collected at the sanctuary doorways while exiting the service.

These guidelines are based on current Federal, State and County Health requirements and the recommendations of the LCMS to provide for your well-being. Although, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 or other infectious agents, the ultimate responsibility for preventative measures belongs to whomever comes to join us at St. John's. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging time.

### Additional Worship Service Information: (all 3 services are traditional worship services)

- By Radio - You can join our worship service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM at 8:00 a.m. airtime.
- Join us in the parking lot by tuning your car radio to 92.1 FM at any of our sanctuary services.
- Join us on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. for our “live streaming” service, or after on Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

**Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary:** We will use single file format by alternating release from the pews starting with the front pews. Those in the parking lot and those with difficulty walking up front will be served first. After receiving communion you will be dismissed using the left aisle. Do not return back to your seats. This will open the Marie Pfarr Room back up for some fellowship time, keeping in mind social distancing and masks are still in effect.



## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

**Welcome to St. John's.** Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. If you are a guest or visitor we hope we have the chance to say hello. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5549.

**The Lutheran Hour** is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) for more information and channels. Jim Vandrey, LHM Ambassador.

**St. John's Radio Program** airs Sunday mornings at **8:30am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

**Altar Flowers:** To the Glory of God and in celebration of today's **11 Youth Confirmands** from the **2020 Class** and **8 Youth Confirmands** from the **2021 Class**, flowers have been placed on the altar by their families.

**Chancel Flowers:** Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 30th wedding anniversary of **Ron and Cheryl Leeds** on May 25.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MAY 23-30, 2021

We continue to review events based on the Covid-19 health protocol.

**TODAY** **PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
 05/23 **9:00 am 2020 Class Rite of Confirmation/Communion**  
**\*\*\*Youth Confirmation Reception: 8:00 - 10:45 am\*\*\***  
**10:00 am All Sunday School Classes are cancelled**  
**today in recognition of Youth Confirmation**  
**11:00 am 2021 Class Rite of Confirmation/Communion**  
**Both the 9:00 & 11:00 Services on May 23 will be "Live Streamed."**

**TUESDAY** **11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting**  
**7:00 pm SJS 8th Grade Graduation**  
**7:00 pm All Boards Meetings/Heritage House**

**WEDNESDAY** **Last Day of School**  
**1:00 pm ACES/Heritage House**

**THURSDAY** **12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting**

**SATURDAY** **6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service**

**SUNDAY** **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 05/30 **9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service**  
**10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/**  
**Youth & Children Sunday School**  
**11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service & "Live Streaming"**

### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

**3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement**

**1st-6th Grades—Teacher Nichol Nicol's School Classroom**

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Completed for**  
 this year. Welcome to join the High School Youth through  
 summer.

**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth**  
 House

**Women's Bible Study—School Loft**

**Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria**

**All Sunday School Classes are cancelled TODAY,**  
**Sunday, May 23 in recognition of Youth Confirmation.**

If you have questions, please contact  
 Sunday School Superintendent,  
 Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com)

### Congregational Tithes Fourth Quarter Mission

#### Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2020-21

Ohio District LCMS - 50%, Member Mission  
 Outreach (MMO) - 10%, Food Pantries - 10%,  
 International Fellowship Center - 10%,  
 LWML - 10%, Clothes Closet - 10%



### Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday**  
 5/15 & 5/16: 204

**Mobile Version of Online Giving:** St. John's offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give by credit or debit card anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader! You may also go to [stjohnsmarysville.org](http://stjohnsmarysville.org) and click on the "Electronic Giving" button and follow the easy directions.



### Weekly Worship Bible Readings

For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.

**May 29-30, 2021**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

**Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

**Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17**

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### 2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES

Available dates for altar flowers in June through October are as follows:

June 20	September 5	October 3
July 4	September 12	October 10
July 11	September 19	October 17
July 18	September 26	October 31

**There are also many dates available for altar flowers throughout the remaining months.** Please call Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve any special dates for flowers in church. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. **The Flower Committee thanks you for your continued support.**

### News from the Board of Properties...

#### Stained Glass Window Repairs

The next large upkeep and maintenance project; our stained glass windows. These windows were made in Germany and are original to the church in the year 1900. Now is the time that we need to invest in these sentimental and historically important parts of our church. The work will include the removal, historic restoration and reinstallation of the window behind the organ. Fix bulges, install new steel supports and re-cement the large window on the North side, and cover the front windows with storm windows. The estimate for this work is \$117,000. Thanks to the carry over from the roof project and other donations we have about \$75,000 in hand. There is a Window Restoration fund on the Give Plus app and on the Vanco website to contribute by credit or debit card. Checks may be placed in the offering box during services or mailed to the office with Windows in the memo line. Thank you for your consideration in helping out with this important undertaking.

#### Portals of Prayer

If you haven't already received it, you should be receiving your quarterly Portals of Prayer devotional booklet by direct mail. The church is now providing a subscription for each member family through Concordia Publishing House. If you have any questions or do not receive your Portals of Prayer by July 1, please contact the church office. May God bless your daily Bible reading and devotional time!

**Sunday School Teacher's Needed:** We are in need of Sunday School Teacher's for Grades 1-6. Right now we have the entire age group in one classroom and we really think it would benefit all the children if we could split up into different age ranges. We would love your help if you enjoy sharing God's Love with children. If we can get enough teacher's we could rotate and you would not have the commitment for every single week. We love having so many children and hope that we can get more help to make it a great experience for everyone! We have a great group of kids and we have great, easy-to-follow curriculum. We would love for you to prayerfully consider this opportunity. Please reach out to Lisa Arnold if you are interested or have any questions at 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com)

**LYF News: LYF Mission Trip** - LYF is excited and planning on serving in Imperial, PA this summer from June 20-26th! While many of our youth signed up for last summer are planning on attending, we do have a few open spots for youth who were not previously committed. The mission trip is a fantastic experience, where our youth and adults will shine Christ's light on a deserving community through home repair projects. We will also attend daily devotions and worship sessions to grow in our faith and relationships with one another. There are many COVID-19 precautions in place on this year's trip, such as mask-wearing, our group lodging together, only outdoor home repairs, and increased worship/devotional/dining sessions to assist with physical distancing. Eligible youth are those entering 9th grade in fall 2021-college. We have 1 remaining youth spot still available, as well as 2 adult spots that need filled before we head to Imperial, PA! If you are interested in being an adult chaperone on the trip, please reach out to [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com) with any questions and interest. It's sure to be a remarkable experience!

**Weekly N&N Schedule:** Please submit articles and announcements to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, by calling directly at 937-240-3004, dropping them in the black lockbox outside the office doors, mailing or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON.** **Thank you.**

## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



**On behalf of the family of Leona Blumenschein** we would like share a note of thanks to Pastor Jack for his visits to mom at The Bluebird, his thoughtful words and for everything that he does. We would like to thank Pastor Kudart for delivering the wonderful sermon message, and to Dale Scheiderer for playing the hymns on the organ so beautifully. Thanks to the congregation for all the kind words, cards, phone calls, and memorials, and thanks to the Ladies Aid Friendship Committee for serving the funeral luncheon. God's blessings.

May God Bless each and every one—as my church family standing by me for five months, and I received “blessings” from your cards and prayers. I'm humbled with your loving kindness and will treasure the cards always! God Bless each of you. **Beth Brown**

**Thanks from College Graduates to St. John's Catechism Classes and Congregation...**

Thank you so much for the goodie box! There are so many treats in it, and I've been using them for studying motivation in the last few weeks of my final semester (scary). I hope you are all doing well and staying well. I wish you all the luck in your next steps and upcoming adventures. Thank you and God Bless.

**Maria Eley**

Thank you all! It was an amazing surprise to receive a care package full of the best goodies! I am very thankful for my St. John's family. Thank you.

**Brooklyn Kleiber**

Thank you for the college care package. I am glad to know that you are keeping me in your prayers.

**Nathan Vollrath**



### VBS Updates!

#### The Latest and Greatest!

We are only about 4 weeks away from VBS, and we are finally ready for 'all hands on deck' help :-). Here's the latest:

- **Registration for kids and volunteers is open** on both the church and school websites. There is a "Treasured VBS Registration" and "Treasured Volunteers" link - feel free to sign up anytime!
- Even if you have told Amanda you are helping, please sign up on the volunteer link anyway - she has a questionable memory! :-)
- We will be doing a family night on Wednesday this year for 'bring your own picnic' dinner. Once you register your kids, we will communicate all those details to you via email as it gets closer.
- So sorry for the mix up - we do NOT need paper towel tubes.
- 'Work day' on Saturday 6/5 - the Sign up Genius for the workday is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4FACAF29A7FC1-vbswork>

Amanda's contact info: 937-243-7471  
AmandaDavisand2littles@gmail.com/  
vbs@sjsmarysville.org

#### NPPRC Baby Bottle Campaign – 2021

New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, a Christian, pro-life ministry, is holding its annual Baby Bottle Campaign now through Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>. They are asking you to “Spare Some Change to Help Spare a Life”. We encourage everyone to participate in this vital ministry. Pick up a bottle for your spare change in the Marie Pfarr Room.



**ACES** will start back up on May 26 at 1:00 pm in the Heritage House. Masks are required and temperature checks are taken upon entering. Cost is \$1. We will play Euchre from 1-3:30.

**Bibles for Africa 2021:** Ingathering of gently used Bibles and Christian books/media through May for Global Outreach Day. There are boxes in the Marie Pfarr Room, the entrance to the school cafeteria and church office where you can drop off items until May 27.

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:** All graduates will be recognized at the service of their choice on **Saturday, June 5** at 6 pm and **Sunday, June 6** at 9 or 11 am. We encourage you to wear your graduation robes, but it is optional. Pews will be reserved for graduate seating during the services. If you are graduating from High School or College, please let us know by **Tuesday, June 1 by noon**, where you are graduating from and what your plans are for the future by emailing Regina Bullerman at [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org)



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### Neudettesau Nostalgia – Display

The display in the Marie Pfarr room includes two recent donations from the Baker family by Carol Baker Hehemann as well as previous donations by our members.

The first Baker/Hehemann gift is a Bradley and Hubbard embossed brass kerosene lamp, an original furnishing of the present 1900 church building. The lamp is identical to one previously donated by the W. J. Wulff family. They reportedly sat on shelves along the walls across the back of the sanctuary. The lamps provided additional lighting under the balcony and the shelves additionally held personal hymnals of the congregants. In the same display are the altar lamps (once taller) also donated by the Wulff family. The single lamp is one of many that were positioned in three chandeliers that hung in the sanctuary and above the balcony. This lamp was donated by the Robert and Caroline Rausch family. All of these lights burned kerosene oil and were used until 1930 when the church was electrified.



The gilded star once graced the top of the sanctuary Christmas tree. It was discovered in the church attic by Jeff and Grant Barnhorst.

The matching floral altar vases were donated to the congregation by Pastor Werfelman's wife; he served as pastor from 1879-1898.

The second donation by the Baker family is the Johann Georg, Jr. and Maria Margaretha (Gase) Rausch family Bible. Johann Georg, Jr. was the firstborn of Johann Georg Rausch, Sr. who was among the first German Lutherans to settle in this area. The Rausch and Goesz/Gase families immigrated to this country in 1830 and 1836 respectively, and were charter members of St. John's. The Bible family register contains the genealogy of their family. The leather bound, beautifully illustrated German Bible is Martin Luther's translation and was printed in Philadelphia in 1855.

We are very grateful to our generous donors and their gifts of historical significance.

**Note:** The lamp and Bible were originally offered at the Lloyd Baker estate auction and secured with historical preservation funds. Through the generosity of Carol Baker Hehemann, the funds expended have been restored by her generous reimbursement donation to the preservation account.

### Position Available for Church & School Business Administrator

The Board of Finance is looking forward to finding our next Business Administrator in this exciting time of growth of our Church and School ministries! This position will provide fiscal oversight, fiscal planning for our future and provide support in Human Resource related areas. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please check out the job posting on our website! Deadline is June 4th!

4TH ANNUAL  
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JULY 17TH, 2021

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SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM

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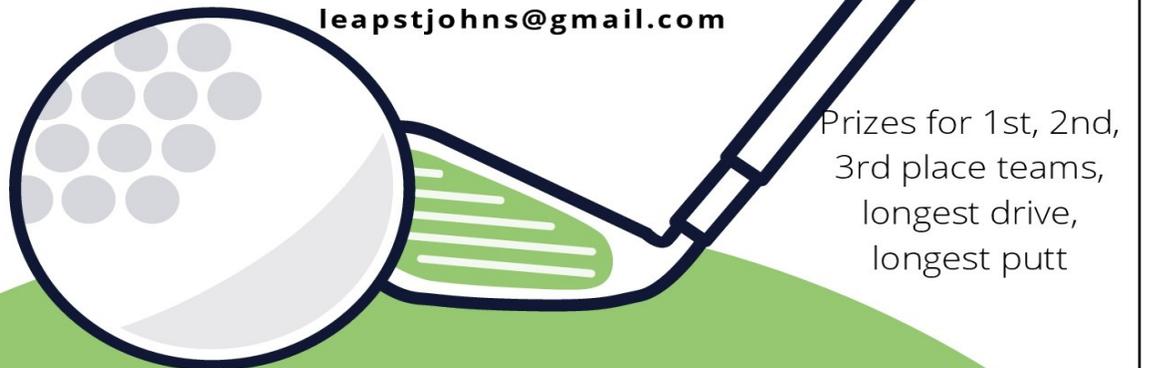
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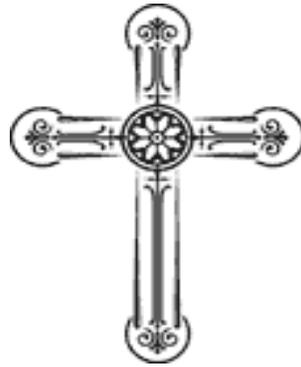


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# 2020 & 2021 Youth Confirmation Classes

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021



Jesus promises:

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

(Revelation 2:10b)

## 2020 Youth Confirmation Class

Mya Paige Nicole Balderson  
Hailey Renee Burnham  
Lauren Grace Eizensmits  
Grace Carolina Gorton  
Julianne Mary Headings  
Madison Nicole Lucas

Morgan Leighanne Lucas  
Anna Marie Lynch  
Leo Ryan Rausch  
Zachary Richard Vollrath  
Olivia Grace Warner

## 2021 Youth Confirmation Class

Nathaniel Charles Fisher  
James Matthew Foster  
Blake Frederick Gorton  
Katherine Lili Hahn

Karsyn Olivia Maynard  
Joseph Atlee Rausch  
Jackson Ryan Sloan  
Lily Hope Vollrath

Our 2020 & 2021 Youth Confirmands have expressed their desire to become God’s workers here at St. John’s Lutheran Church. They have participated in two years of Catechism study; including Bible Study, Catechism workbooks, Catechism and Bible memory, community and/or church and school service projects, and an Interview with the Pastor and Church Elder.

# 2020 Confirmation Class

## *Mya Paige Nicole Balderson*

Daughter of Joseph & Amy Balderson

Born: November 8, 2005

Baptized: December 11, 2005

Baptismal Sponsors: Christi Cross and Jacque Jobe



Confirmation Verse: “For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.” Isaiah 54:10 (KJV)

I chose this verse because it was my great-grandmother’s confirmation verse, and I’m the only great-grandchild she won’t get to see confirmed. Also I like that it reminds me that the Lord’s kindness and mercy will never leave me no matter what.

Confirmation Blessing: *Mya*, one of the wonderful things of faith is the legacy that it can create from one person to another as they share the love of Jesus. May the legacy of the faith of your great-grandmother continue to grow in your heart and life. Amen.

*Mya is recognized for her “Exemplary Christian Commitment.”*



## *Hailey Renee Burnham*

Daughter of Laura & Matthew Hutchins and Anthony Burnham

Born: January 5, 2006

Baptized: February 26, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Tracy Collier and Josh Hollar



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

I chose this verse because I know there will be many challenges in my life. I need to keep my faith and believe that God will help me and will always be with me.

Confirmation Blessing: *Hailey*, strength and courage are one of the great by-products of a follower of Jesus being constant in the Word of God. May the Holy Spirit fill you with the constant desire to study and grow in the scriptures. Amen.

*Hailey is recognized for her “Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance.”*

## *Lauren Grace Eizensmits*

Daughter of Jennifer Evoy & Brian Eizensmits

Born: November 20, 2005

Baptized: November 19, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: John and Carol Freimuth



Confirmation Verse: *“Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” Proverbs 19:20-21 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because when I was little everything seemed so simple. I practically had my whole life planned out, but now I constantly stress about being an adult someday and what I will do in the future. This verse takes some of those stresses away, and reminds me that the Lord will guide me.

Confirmation Blessing: *Lauren*, maturity in life and faith can be challenging and sometimes stressful. May God’s good plans for your life fill you with confidence and the assurance of His presence in your life. Amen.



## *Grace Carolina Gorton*

Daughter of Todd & Allison Gorton

Born: August 21, 2005

Baptized: September 25, 2005

Baptismal Sponsors: Adam Boerger and Brad Gorton



Confirmation Verse: *“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because the truth leads to salvation, and the truth will set you free from sin, death, and the devil. If I hold to God’s teachings it will lead me to a life of salvation.

Confirmation Blessing: *Grace*, Jesus is the TRUTH in the Bible. Jesus embodies, proclaims and ultimately shares His truth with the whole world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, hold on to the “truth-teaching” scriptures as you lead others to the salvation you yourself have received by GRACE. Amen.

## *Julianne Mary Headings*

Daughter of Dennis & Rebekah Headings

Born: July 25, 2006

Baptized: August 13, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Martha Powers-Jones, Ken Rausch and Michelle Thomas



Confirmation Verses: “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.” *Psalms 37:5 (ESV)*

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” *Romans 5:1 (ESV)*

I have chosen two confirmation verses to remind me of both my Lutheran faith and my Lutheran heritage.

My first verse is my great-great-grandmother’s confirmation verse. Her name was Helena Julianne Otte Rolfs. She was confirmed on April 14, 1901 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millard, Nebraska.

My second verse is my great-great-grandmother, Anna Barbara Nicol Gaulke’s confirmation verse. She was confirmed here at St. John’s Lutheran Church on March 29, 1885.

My confirmation verses remind me that I am saved by my faith alone and that I cannot go wrong in life by remaining committed to the Lord.

Confirmation Blessing: *Julianne*, Christ Alone – Grace Alone – Faith Alone – Scripture Alone – To the Glory of God Alone, known as the 5 Sola’s, is our faith and heritage that has been passed to you. In the midst of both good and bad in your life experience, these 5 Alone’s will root your life in Jesus. Amen.

*Julianne is recognized for her “Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance.”*

## *Madison Nicole Lucas*

Daughter of Jason & Shannon Lucas

Born: January 31, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Ken and Jackie Rausch

Baptized: March 19, 2006



Confirmation Verse: *“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it states that God loved us even before we existed. He showed us what TRUE love is by sending Jesus to die for us and save us and that true love comes from God. So, as Christians, we should do good works in His name and share God’s love with others.

Confirmation Blessing: *Madison, His Love – Our Response* is a great way to remember the root and reason for your Confirmation Verse choice. The balance between His Love and our Response, and similarly the Law and the Gospel, will certainly keep your good works on track to share God’s love with others. Amen.

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## *Morgan Leighanne Lucas*

Daughter of Jason & Shannon Lucas

Born: January 31, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Ken and Jackie Rausch

Baptized: March 19, 2006



Confirmation Verse: *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because I believe it states that we should love everyone as God wishes us to do. It also states that since we are born of God and know God’s true love, we are Christians and are saved. So, we should share this true love of God with everyone around us.

Confirmation Blessing: *Morgan, love is the root of the Great Commission* which calls us to share the Love of God with our family and friends, as well as the people with whom we work and play! May the love of God, so evident in you, continue to grow and bless your life and the lives of those around you. Amen.

## *Anna Marie Lynch*

Daughter of Jim & Rebecca Andrews and the late John Rowe "J.R." Lynch

Born: October 3, 2005

Baptized: December 4, 2005

Baptismal Sponsors: Susie Kocsis and Rick Burchett



Confirmation Verse: *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because I have had a lot of highs and lows in my life, and this verse has taught me to stay strong. It has also taught me in sports to not be afraid or terrified of anyone bigger or better than me. Finally, this verse has taught me that no matter what I do in life, God will never leave me.

Confirmation Blessing: *Anna*, it is wonderful to see God active in a person's life, as we all see in yours. May God continue to fill you with His presence no matter what you do or where you go in the treasured life He has given you. Jesus will never leave you! Amen.

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## *Leo Ryan Rausch*

Son of Richard & Kristine Rausch

Born: January 21, 2006

Baptized: April 2, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Rachel Jones and Jennifer Williamson



Confirmation Verse: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because the Bible teaches us to trust in the Lord with our whole heart. However, this is the start of my journey with Christ. Learning through school and catechism class to trust and follow God's Word. Leaning on Him for all things. He will set my path straight.

Confirmation Blessing: *Leo*, you have made a great start of your journey in Christ! May you always be a "learner" – a "disciple" of Jesus with the cross and resurrection of Jesus always ahead of you as your guide and compass. Amen.

*Leo is recognized for his "Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance" and "Exemplary Christian Commitment."*

## *Zachary Richard Vollrath*

Son of Mark & Christen Vollrath

Born: February 7, 2006

Baptized: March 26, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Michael and Lynn Vollrath



Confirmation Verse: *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because I know that if you try hard enough God will be there for you. And throughout my life I will experience hardship, and I know that God will walk with me.

Confirmation Blessing: *Zachary*, as you well know life can bring some really hard and scary times, as well as tremendous joy and relief. Throughout your life may your experience and your faith continue to keep you solidly on the solid rock of Jesus. Amen.

*Zachary is recognized for his “Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance.”*

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## *Olivia Grace Warner*

Daughter of Abigail Larimore & Chad Warner

Born: March 30, 2006

Baptized: May 14, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Chad and Samantha Sloan



Confirmation Verse: *“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” Psalms 25:5 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because it tells me that God will teach me and guide me to make the right decision. I know that when I fall, through faith, God will be there to catch me.

Confirmation Blessing: *Olivia*, you are a great listener and a fine learner. These two traits will serve you well in your Christian life. May God continue to guide you according to His promise so that you truly have hope in Christ all day long. Amen.

# 2021 Confirmation Class

## *Nathaniel Charles Fisher*

Son of Charles & Christine Fisher

Born: April 23, 2007

Baptismal Sponsor: Alissa Maschke

Baptized: May 20, 2007



Confirmation Verse: *“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because I know that the road ahead isn’t always going to be steady. In this verse, I know that the road ahead won’t be filled with darkness and despair, but light and life. These words that Jesus said to the Pharisees reassure me that He is always there.

Confirmation Blessing: *Nathaniel*, there is great confidence in the promise of God to “give us our daily bread”. May the Lord continue to strengthen your evident faith and lead you forward in the best ways to serve Him each day. Amen.

*Nathaniel is recognized for his “Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance” and “Exemplary Christian Commitment.”*



## *James Matthew Foster*

Son of Mark & Catherine Foster

Born: June 6, 2006

Baptized: July 27, 2006



Confirmation Verse: *“Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.” 1 Chronicles 16:11 (KJV)*

I chose this verse because it will help me in everyday life and serves as a good reminder that He is always there for me.

Confirmation Blessing: *James*, it is so wonderful to see a young man who has the confidence of Christ in his life! Continue to seek and serve the Lord as He assures you of His constant presence. Amen.

## ***Blake Frederick Gorton***

Son of Todd & Allison Gorton

Born: March 25, 2007

Baptized: May 27, 2007

Baptismal Sponsors: Adam Boerger and Brad Gorton



Confirmation Verse: *“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”  
Philippians 4:13 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because I truly believe God makes all things possible. This verse shows me that no other force can overpower our God’s love. It is a reminder to lean on God’s strength and guidance in both good times and bad times.

Confirmation Blessing: *Blake, you have worked hard and have a firm foundation in the teachings found in the catechism. May you continue to find new and forceful ways to grow in faith! Amen.*

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## ***Katherine Lili Hahn***

Daughter of Gilbert “Ed” & Kim Hahn

Born: August 7, 2006

Baptized: September 10, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Andy & Cheryl Hahn and Mike & Tammy Trendera



Confirmation Verse: *“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it lets me know that God is always watching over me, you, and everyone else. He lights a path for us, as He is our shepherd and we are His sheep and lambs. He doesn’t want us to walk in the darkness alone. He wants us to be together in harmony with His light upon us, guiding us. He shows us the path that we should take as servants of God. That is why I chose the verse John 8:12.

Confirmation Blessing: *Katherine, you bring light into those around you with your smile and great attitude! Your faith shines brightly for all to see! May the light created in you by the Holy Spirit continue to serve as a light and guide to all you meet in the days ahead. Amen.*

***Katherine is recognized for her “Exemplary Christian Commitment.”***

## *Karsyn Olivia Maynard*

Daughter of Joel & Alicia Maynard

Born: April 24, 2007

Baptized: June 2007

Baptismal Sponsors: Mike and Koren Furrey



Confirmation Verse: *“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 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because I know that God will always be there for me when I need Him. It points out that we should trust God with everything because He does what is best for us.

Confirmation Blessing: *Karsyn, you are a kind and winsome witness of Jesus! May your trust in Christ continue to be affirmed and replicated in the lives around you. Amen.*

*Karsyn is recognized for her “Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance.”*

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## *Joseph Atlee Rausch*

Son of Kenneth Rausch & Michelle Thomas

Born: March 24, 2007

Baptized: May 6, 2007

Baptismal Sponsors: Dennis & Rebekah Headings, Tim Burdette,  
and Cindy Heffelfinger



Confirmation Verse: *“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)*

I chose this verse because if you acknowledge God and turn everything in your life over to Him and have faith in Him He will guide you in the right direction in your life.

Confirmation Blessing: *Joseph, sometimes the best answer and faith sharing moments are “short and sweet”. May the foundation you have in Christ always give you the words of invitation you need to point people to Jesus. Amen.*

## *Jackson Ryan Sloan*

Son of Chad & Samantha Sloan

Born: December 20, 2006

Baptismal Sponsor: Abby Larimore

Baptized: February 11, 2007



Confirmation Verse: *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because I want to stand firm in the faith. Stay strong through the doubts. Do everything with love!

Confirmation Blessing: *Jackson*, the Bible is FULL of references to the importance of Love and the terrible result in life where love is not present. Keep love at the center of your life and witness. Amen.

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## *Lily Hope Vollrath*

Daughter of Kris & Angela Vollrath

Born: June 29, 2006

Baptismal Sponsors: Keith and Kristy Vollrath

Baptized: August 13, 2006



Confirmation Verse: *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it reminds me that when I am not strong enough, God can be strong for me. This verse also reminds me that I can be strong and courageous in God.

Confirmation Blessing: *Lily*, one of the greatest moments of courage for Joshua was to stand before his peers and proclaim, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!” Thank you for the service of you and your family as we seek to answer His command together. Amen.

*Lily is recognized for her “Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance.”*

## **PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS**

God of the ages, who time and again reached out to Your people in love and mercy, receive into Your grace and heart these confirmands who this day have reached out to You by faith, through their promise to love and serve You. Bless their journey through the gift of life and vocation with which You have blessed. Uphold them by Your grace. Keep the evil one from their path that they may continue to know the joy of true fellowship with You. Bless all those who have nurtured them up to this day, those who have provided physical and spiritual support. Bless their parents who have been an example to them of Christian love, and their sponsors who continue to be partners on their journey. Let this congregation be a worthy example of love and service in Your name. Keep peace and unity among us that together we will work to advance Your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven to Your Glory and the service of our community in Your name. Amen.



## PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29*

**The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:**

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith. *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

*If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John's, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John's.*

**Gluten-Free Communion Wafers:** A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

**Communion Wine:** For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.

