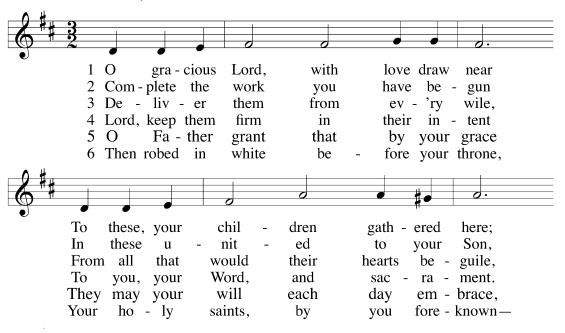


Worship Leader: Pastor Richard Krause Preacher: Pastor Timothy Gerbing

Prayer: This day brings joy into our hearts and homes, dear Lord. We thank you for the covenant you made with us and our children in Holy Baptism. You have brought our sons and daughters through the study of your Word, to know the meaning of their baptism, to stand before the world and confess your name as the only true God, in whom we have life eternal. You have blessed us with Christian homes. For all of this we thank you. We are grateful also for our church, our congregation, the pastors and teachers who have helped us in teaching our children your Word. Equip us all our days for the demands of a bold and constant Christian witness. Renew us each day, along with our children, in our baptismal grace, so that we honor your holy name and praise it forever, O Holy Trinity. Amen.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

"O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"





Stand

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)

P: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (I Corinthians 6:11)

- P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25-27) Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received us as your own dear children and have made us members of Christ's body, the Church. Look with special favor on these confirmands who stand before you today. Give them a rich measure of your Spirit, that they may grow in faith and godly living all the days of their lives through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 3: 12-17

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 6: 24-33*

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

"Speak, O Lord"

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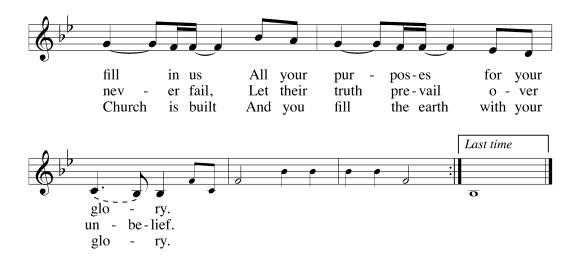
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Help us



SERMON TEXT 1 Kings 8: 57-58

May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us. May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors.

SERMON THEME GOD BE WITH OUR CONFIRMANDS!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

P: You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation? (I do.)

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? (I do.)

Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

(spoken by the confirmands)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

P: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? (I do.)

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? (I do.)

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? (I do, and I ask God to help me.)

Do you intend to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live? (I do, and I ask God to help me.)

Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined these brothers and sisters to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Transform them by the renewing of their minds so that they will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help all of us live in love and harmony with one another and to work together in serving you. Keep us united in Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CONFIRMATION RITE

Samantha Lynn Brewster Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Sienna Mae Cera 2 Peter 3:18

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!

Elayna Mae Davis Revelation 2:10

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Noah Michael DiSalvo Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Zoe Elizabeth Haeuser John 8:31,32

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Marla Mae Lindee Ephesians 2:8,9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Colsen Ross Clarence Myhre Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Ryan James Pratt Matthew 6:33

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

John Robert Schweiger Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Daniel Bradley Taylor Colossians 2:6,7

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Brenna Gail Valerio | John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Landon Joseph Zirbel John 14:6

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you. Amen.

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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Remain seated

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for bringing us to the knowledge of your Son Jesus through the precious gospel revealed in the Scriptures. Continue to enlighten and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may daily increase in faith, in true knowledge of you, and in all things profitable for our salvation. Bring us at last to the everlasting joys of heaven, where we will live in holiness with you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

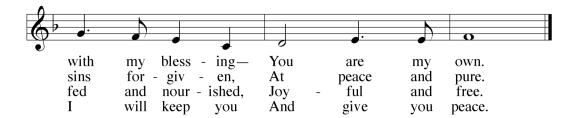
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"





SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome!

If you are visiting, please sign a guest card (found in the gathering area) and come back and worship with us soon! We are happy to have you worship with us today.

Today is Confirmation! This year twelve students were examined in the fundamental teachings of Scripture on May 12. Today they make vows of faithfulness to their Savior and receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. The students confirmed this year are: Samantha Brewster, Sienna Cera, Elayna Davis, Noah DiSalvo, Zoe Haeuser, Marla Lindee, Colsen Myhre, Ryan Pratt, John Schweiger, Daniel Taylor, Brenna Valerio, and Landon Zirbel. Take the time to encourage our students and welcome them as newly confirmed members of our church. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

The Lord's Supper: Friends, you are welcome in the name of the Lord, who has done great things for us! One of those great things is the giving of his body and blood in Holy Communion. Because of the Bible's witness that true faith in Christ is central to its common reception, we kindly ask that visitors who desire to commune speak with one of the pastors before the service.

Offerings and Communion Cards can be deposited into the labeled boxes as you exit.

Bulletins can be taken home with you or can be deposited into recycling containers as you exit worship.

Available Services: Our ushers are glad to provide **large print bulletins** for those who need them. Our **hearing induction loop system** is functional throughout the sanctuary and works through the T coil function of hearing aid apparatuses. **Restrooms** are in the coatroom area and the parents' room. We ask that one family use the restroom at a time. Parents are welcome to use the **parents' room** in the corner of our sanctuary (one family at a time). You can hear and view the service there. You will find a **diaper changing station** in the parents' room and in both restrooms located in the coatroom area.

A Reception for our Confirmands will be held after this service. All are invited to attend, to welcome and encourage our confirmands, and to enjoy some refreshments.

This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday: Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am

Christian Education Classes 9:10 am Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am Erin Confirmation Class 3:00 pm Erin Bible Information Class 3:30 pm

Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Monday: Preschool Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday: Early Risers Bible Class 8:00 am

Piecemakers 9:00 am

Board of Directors 6:00 pm IFC Family Fun Night 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Jesus and Me 8:30 am

Cardio & Core Class 9:00 am

Prayer Partners 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Worship Services with Lord's Supper 12:00 & 6:30 pm

Bible Information Class 5:30 pm

Thursday: Newsletter Deadline

Enduring Word Bible Study 9:00 am

Kirkland Crossings Worship Service 1:30 pm

Lambs of Christ Bible Class 4:00 pm

Saturday: Bible Information Class 3:30 pm

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Announcements & Events

Cardio & Core Class will meet on Wednesday, May 18 from 9:00-10:00 am in the gym. All ages are welcome. The exercises can be modified for different abilities. Please wear clean non-marking shoes in the gym.

International Friendship Center Family Fun Nights have summer fun activities for the whole family! Join us one night a month, every third Tuesday — May 17, June 21, July 19, & August 16 — 6:30-8:00 pm outdoors in the Christ Lower Parking Lot (IFC). There will be games and contests, along with food and prizes, for kids and parents. Games will be played inside on rainy days. Volunteers are needed to assist with setup, cleanup, children's activities, food and crafts prep, and befriending families. Contact Carol Koelpin at carol.koelpin@gmail.com or 262-844-9586.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Teachers & Helpers Needed: The International Friendship Center's English as a Second Language program is hoping to expand its operation from a few months to almost year-round. If you are interested, pick up a handout on the kiosk in the gathering area. Contact Sue Speidel at sespeidel@gmail.com or 260 -615-2956.

Chainsaw Training: Volunteers are needed to be taught how to chainsaw and stack cut wood on Saturday, May 21, from 12:30–4:30 pm. Register with Pastor Warnecke (pastorwarnecke@christpewaukee.org or 262-424-8792). Come, be a part of our Christ Disaster Action Team!

Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Explorers" June 20-23: Registration for this summer's Vacation Bible School has begun! You can enroll your children from 3 years old through the 6th grade online. Also consider serving the Lord as a volunteer. We're looking for teachers, helpers with children, with snacks, and leaders for games. You can enroll your children, learn more about volunteer opportunities, and sign up to help online on the church website, www.christpewaukee.org.



Summer Outdoor Wednesday Evening Worship Services will begin June 1 at 6:30 pm, weather permitting. If the weather is inclement we will worship indoors. The Farmers Market will also begin on June 1, 3:00-7:00 pm.

Outdoor Service & Church Picnic: We will offer an outdoor worship service, weather permitting, in our lower level entrance area at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 12, followed by our church picnic. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, and to bring food—see the signup sheets in the gathering area!

Wauwatosa Campus VBS: Plans are being made for an evening Vacation Bible School at our Wauwatosa campus from August 8-11. We plan to have classes for children and adults. Help will be needed in various ways. Please let one our pastors know if you are available.

Gardening Help Is Wanted for weekly maintenance (general weeding, light pruning, and watering if needed) of plantings around our facility through the end of September. Volunteers would serve every 4 weeks on a rotation basis. The church will provide any supplies necessary, or you could bring your own. Please sign up in the gathering area or contact Mark Gall to learn more at 262-527-9899 or rgall I @wi.rr.com.

Bible Classes

Our "Jesus and Me" Playgroup for caregivers and children age 3 and younger meets on Wednesday mornings in May, 8:30-9:30 am in the Family Center. Join us anytime to meet other caregivers and young children. We will clean up a little before 9:30 am and end with a Bible story and song. There will be a few toys and art supplies available for children to explore. We will gather to support each other in this difficult journey of raising children and connect to grow "our village." Looking forward to meeting you! To learn more, contact Erin Rausch (erin.rausch I @outlook.com) or Pastor Warnecke.

Our Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class, "Journey from Unbelief to Faith," meets on Sundays at 9:10 am in the grand hall. Each week this month we will hear an incredible, real life story how God directed an individual's path in a way you never would have expected to faith in Jesus.

Sunday School: Children age 3 through 6th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School in the lower level classrooms on Sundays at 9:10 am through May 22. Parents, contact Ron Morrow at 414-559-8829 or email ron2morrow@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

The Teen Bible Study meets Sundays at 9:10 am in the teen room through May 22.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:10 am on Sundays in the lower level fellowship hall through May 22. All adults are welcome! This class is especially ideal for parents of Sunday School children as we follow the same lessons and meet at the same time as Sunday School.

Bible Information Class meets weekly on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, Sundays at 9:10 am, and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Warnecke if you have any questions.

Early Risers Bible Class meets Tuesdays at 8:00 am in the confirmation classroom. Contact Pastor Gerbing in advance if you would like to join the class by Zoom.

Enduring Word Bible Class meets Thursdays at 9:00 am in the confirmation room. Contact Pastor Gerbing in advance if you would like to join the class by Zoom.

Prayers Partners meets on Wednesday, May 18 at 10:00 am & 3:00 pm in the conference room. All are welcome!

An Explanation of a Lutheran Confirmation Service

The Procession: The confirmands walking down the aisle at the beginning of the service is symbolic. They are not walking into an ordinary building. They are entering a place where, in a few minutes, they will confess their faith in God. They are entering into God's infinitely holy presence. Their actions show respect and humility.

The White Robe: The white robes worn by the confirmands are symbolic. They are a reminder of Christian holiness and sinlessness in the sight of our Creator. Every Lutheran confirmand knows that such sinlessness is not obtained by anything that he or she does. The confirmands know from personal experience, as well as from Scripture, that every imagination of the thoughts of their hearts is only evil. They know there is no natural goodness within them. They cannot become sinless. But, by God's grace and mercy, they learned that Christ bore their sins in his own body on the cross; that he was wounded for their transgressions; that he was bruised for their iniquities; that the chastisement, which produced their peace, was upon him; and that with his stripes they are healed (Isaiah 53). Those who believe that Jesus Christ is their Savior, who cleansed them from all their sins, realize that the white robe is a symbol of their righteousness before God.

The Bended Knee: When the confirmands kneel in the presence of God, they are thereby proclaiming before all the world that God is above them, that they are his own, and that his precepts are the principles by which he wishes to direct their lives.

The Laying on of the Hands (The Blessing): The pastor lays his hand upon each confirmand's head and solemnly blesses each. Then, he proclaims a Scripture passage for each confirmand, which is designed to guide the individual Christian through the future. Thus, the confirmand is graced with both a general and a specific blessing pronounced by the pastor in the name of the church

The Handclasp (The Promise): Such loyalty to Christ, both in what a person believes and in the way he or she lives, must remain constant, even unto death. The individual is already a Christian at the time of her Confirmation. But this means nothing unless she remains a Christian until her life is finished here on earth. Only those, "who stand firm to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13). This is what the handclasp symbolizes in the presence of God and the assembled witnesses. It is a pledge of her promise to renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways, to remain true to the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and to live as it becomes the Gospel of Christ all the days of her life.

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