# confirmed in CHRIST



# **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 2:00 pm

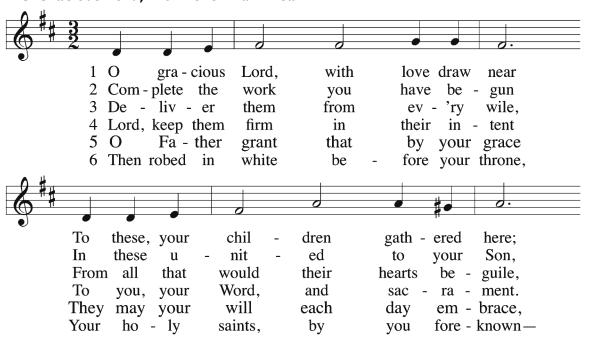
**Worship Leader: Pastor Richard Krause** 

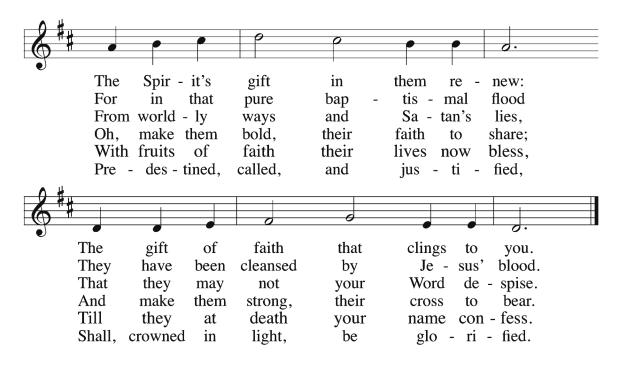
**Preacher: Pastor Timothy Gerbing** 

**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"





#### 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)

**To avoid disruptions,** please silence your cell phones before worship.

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: Lord Jesus, we are gathered as your flock to worship you. Cause the Word we hear to take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth that we obey your call and follow you all the days of our lives.

C: Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 63: 7-14

I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord,

the deeds for which he is to be praised,

according to all the Lord has done for us-

yes, the many good things

he has done for Israel,

according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

He said, "Surely they are my people,

children who will be true to me";

and so he became their Savior.

In all their distress he too was distressed,

and the angel of his presence saved them.

In his love and mercy he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them

all the days of old.

Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them, who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble; like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the Lord. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.

#### **EPISTLE LESSON** 1 Peter 2: 19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## **HYMN** 756 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"



- 1 Shep-herd of ten-der youth, guid-ing in love and truth
- 2 You are the ho ly Lord, Christ, the in car nate Word,
- 3 You are the great High Priest; you have pre-pared the feast
- 4 O ev er be our guide, our shep-herd and our pride,
- 5 So now and till we die sound we your prais es high



through de-vious ways, heal - er of strife. of ho - ly love; our staff and song. and joy - ful sing: Christ, our tri - um - phant King, we come your did vour-self a - base that from sin's You none calls on in our mor - tal pain and Je - sus, O Christ of God, bv vour enin - fants and all the throng who to vour



here our chil-dren bring to join your praise. to sing and name dis-grace you might thus save our race and give us life. deep dis-dain; help from a - bove. in vain; our plea do not dur - ing Word lead us where you have trod; make our faith strong. Church be-long, u - nite to swell the song to Christ, our

## **SERMON TEXT** John 6: 66-69

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

# SERMON THEME "YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE TOO, DO YOU?"

#### 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.

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**

**Natalie Ellen Bauer** 

Psalm 37:4

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Silas David 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!

**Abbey Laine Demitros** 

Revelation 2:10

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

Liam Mark Fladhammer

Psalm 25:5

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

**Kendall Elizabeth Ford** 

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.

**Adalyn Ruth Haeuser** 

Proverbs 3:5,6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**Natalia Marie Hammel** 

Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

**Brody John Honl** 

Matthew 6:33

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

Luke Michael Kopec

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Jayne Ann Lindee

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.

#### **Erin Elizabeth Moloney**

Romans 1:16

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

#### **Noah Andrew Uitz**

Acts 20:32

Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

P: Dear confirmands, our 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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION

#### **CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

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 have taken vows before you today. Give them a rich measure of your Spirit, that they may always believe in Jesus and follow him to everlasting life.

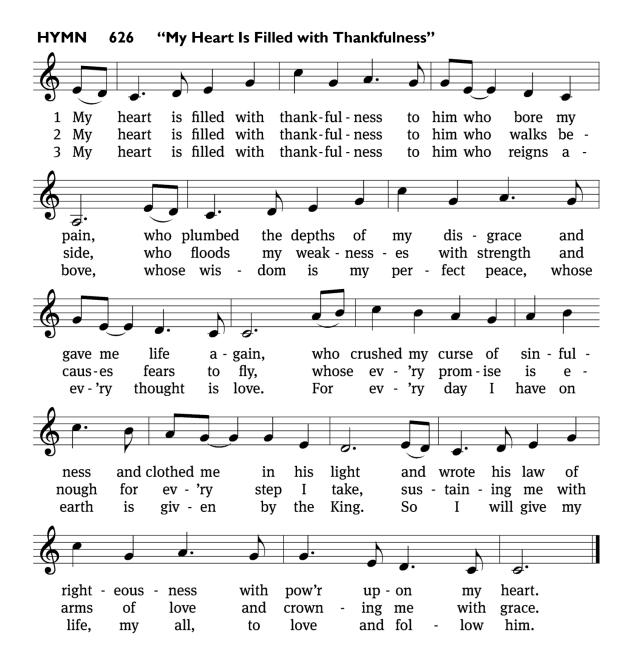
#### C: Amen.

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.



#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

# 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 15. 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: Natalie Bauer, Silas Cera, Abbey Demitros, Liam Fladhammer, Kendall Ford, Adalyn Haeuser, Natalia Hammel, Brody Honl, Luke Kopec, Jayne Lindee, Erin Moloney, and Noah Uitz. 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.



MINIO Offerings can be deposited into the labeled boxes in the gathering area. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, scan the QR code, or use the "Online Giving" link at the homepage of our church website, www.christpewaukee.org (or visit https://secure.myvanco.com/YK3N/home).

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. Parents are welcome to use the parents' room in the corner of our sanctuary. 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.

Call Update: On May I we called Pastor Scott Henrich of Sheperd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee to be our outreach pastor. Please pray for him in the coming weeks as he deliberates this call. Any questions may be directed to Pastor Richard Krause.

# 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 Worship 5:00 pm

Monday Women's Bible Study 9:00 am

Board of Directors 6:00 pm Preschool Committee 6:00 pm Lutheran Pioneers 6:00 pm

**Tuesday** Early Risers 8:00 am

Piecemakers 9:00 am

Wednesday Prayer Partners 10:00 am

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

Lambs of Christ Bible Class 4:30 pm

**Thursday** Enduring Word Bible Study 9:00 am

Friday Newsletter Collating 10:00 am

**Saturday** Worship Service with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm

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

Blood Pressure Testing 9:00 & 11:30 am

Bible Information Class 9:10 am Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am

Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Monday Memorial Day

Church Office and Lambs of Christ Closed

STEWARDSHIP		
2025 General Fund	2025-2027 Building Fund	Membership: 1694
Last Week: \$20,789	Last Week: \$5,109	Church Attendance: 676
Fund to Date \$590,535	Fund to Date \$324,195	Education: 185

# **Announcements & Events**

Please note that Sunday, May 18 is the last day that Christian Education Classes including Sunday School, Teens, Adult Sunday School will meet before they take a break for the summer. May 18 is also the last day of Christ Kids before summer break.

**Outdoor Worship & Picnic:** We will offer an outdoor worship service, weather permitting, in our lower level entrance area at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 8, followed by our church picnic. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, and to bring food. Please sign up on the yellow sheets in the gathering area.

Mini Golf Outing: Join us for an evening of mini golf at Tee-Aire (located at 21700 Gumina Road, Brookfield) on Thursday, June 19! Bring your family and friends for fun for all ages! We'll meet at 6:00 pm at Tee-Aire. Cost is \$7 per person (paid at the golf course) and we are limited to 30 people. We'll have water and juice available at the course. You are also welcome to join us after mini golf for ice cream at Culver's. Please sign up in the gathering area by June 15 if you plan to join us. Contact Barb Brandt at 262-366-0121 or bbrandt@christpewaukee.org if you have any questions.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held at Christ Pewaukee on July 14-17, 2025 for children age 3 through 6th Grade. We are looking for teens and adults of various talents to help with VBS. Scan the QR codes or visit www.christpewaukee.org to learn more and register.







Children

Volunteers



Path to Victory Basketball Camps will be held on August 4-6, 2025 at Christ Pewaukee. Children entering Kindergarten through 2nd Grade will meet from 12:15-2:15 pm, and children entering 3rd through 5th Grade will meet from 2:30-4:30 pm. Learn more and register online at www.christpewaukee.org/sports-camps.

# 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 his or her Confirmation. But this means nothing unless they remain Christians until their lives are 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 their 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 their lives.

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