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#### Today in Service:

**Interim Pastor:** Pastor Rich Kramer  
**Director of Youth and Family Ministries:** Lisa Bassingthwaite  
**Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries:** Joyce Johnson  
**Ministers:** All baptized members of Christ's Church

#### This Week

**Organist:** Mary Jane Pauly  
**Ushers:** Duane & Diane Finnie  
**Cantor:** Glen Enderson  
**Reader:** Connie Foster  
**Soundboard:** Linda Miller & Larry Bethel  
**Communion Assistants:** Cindy Borchert, Floss Johnson & Glen Enderson  
**Coffee & Treats:** Linda Palmer  
**Eternal Candle:**  
**Altar Flowers:** Bob & Jeri Oscarson in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



**9 am Service**

### Gathering

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Opening Hymn**

**ELW 650**

**"In Christ There is No East or West"**

**Greeting**

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

**Hymn of Praise**

**"This is the Feast"**

**p. 147-148**

**p. 149-150**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Word**

**Readings**                **1 Timothy 4:12-14**  
                              **Joshua 1:7-9**

**Special Music**                                        **Bethel Choir**  
                  **“How Can I Keep from Singing?”**

**Children’s Message**                                **Lisa Bassingthwaite**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

**Gospel:                        John 15:9-17**

L: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon**    **Pastor Rich**

**Hymn of the Day**                                        **ELW 367**  
                  **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

**Offering**     (Offering is received during the hymn)  
(The “noisy offering” will be received by the children)

**Offertory**    **ELW 186**  
                  **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

**Prayers of the People**  
*After each petition of the prayer, congregation responds with:*  
                  **“Hear our Prayer”**

**Apostles’ Creed**

## **Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**                                        **p.221**

**Communion**  
**Communion Hymns**  
                  **“Beautiful Savior”**                                **ELW 838**  
                  **“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”**            **ELW 708**

## **Sending**

**Communion Blessing**

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord and one another.

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**C: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**    **ELW 836**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**Postlude**

## ***Affirmation of Baptism @ the 11am Service***

Cayden Grant Barth

Aiden Henry Bontjes

Rylan Jason Flack

Cale John Gilbertson

Connor Lee Haugen

Cambri Anamarie Mauch

Hanna Evelyn Moderow

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### Worship Band:

**Vocalists:** Kelly Voss, Allison Voss, Lara Lekang and Rick Hendrickson

**Guitar:** Pat Trappen, Tracy Bommersbach and Rick Hendrickson

**Drums:** Sara De Meo      **Bass:** Troy Ballinger

### This Week

**Ushers:** Darin & Kerry Anderson

**Reader:** Marisa Mumm & Cambri Mauch

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**Communion Assistants:** Courtney Dimmer, Hannah Moderow, Aveline Wold & Kenna Manock

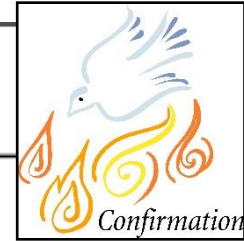
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**11 am**  
**Confirmation Sunday**



**5/5/24**

## Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements

### Please Pass the Welcome Pad

### Opening Song      “Come, Now Is the Time To Worship”

### Call to Worship

- L: Come and worship, come as you are!  
C: **Imperfect, are we welcome?**  
L: Yes, come, worship, and praise just as you are!  
C: **We come this morning, different people, different lives, different histories...**  
L: Come ready to worship together. You are all children of the same parent.  
C: **Who loves just as we are!**  
L: Come and see Christ the Lord in the face of those around us.  
C: **All are welcome! Let us come together with joy and worship in this place.**

### Song      “Our God”

**Greeting**

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**C:** **And also with you.**

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**Amen.**

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**Children’s Message**

**Lisa Bassingthwaite**

**Gospel**

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**Message**

**Pastor Rich**

**Song of the Day**

**“Our God Saves”**

(The Offering is received during the hymn and the “noisy offering” will be received by the children)

**Offertory**

**“Give Thanks”**

**Affirmation of Baptism – See Confirmation Insert**

**Prayers of the People**

**“Hallelujah”**

**Words of Institution****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 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

**Communion**

**Special Music**  
**Songs by Praise Band**

**Sending****Communion Blessing****Benediction****Sending Song**

**“Your Grace Is Enough”**

**Dismissal**

**L:** Go in peace, serve the Lord and one another.

**All: Thanks be to God**

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Jerrick Ross Townsend “I need to just put my faith in God and Jesus and follow their light which we do not deserve but are lucky enough to have obtained by Jesus sacrificing Himself on the cross.”

Aveline Rose Wold “God does not give us everything we want, but he does fulfill his promised of leading us along the best and straightest path.”

Aiden Henry Bontjes “I have also learned that God always has a plan for you and a journey full of adventure that may consist of ups and downs, but he will always guide you.”

Kenna Grace Manock “When my grandma needed prayer, Jesus answered our prayers and kept her safe, I will never doubt my faith again.”

Cambri Anamarie Mauch “Praying also makes it easier to get up in the morning and fall asleep at night.”

Rylan John Gunnarson “Jesus is someone in my life that I know I can pray to if I’m in a rough situation.”

Kinslee Ann Bladow “That has made me want to become closer with my faith and realize that I can get through anything with him.”

Hannah Evelyn Moderow “He makes me do the right thing even when no one is watching, because I know he is.”

Ella Grace Prochnow “I also feel that it will help provide me with a solid foundation for my future as I navigate life’s challenges with the support of my faith.”

Cale John Gilbertson “Jesus is a person that protects me and helps me when things are ruff.”

Rylan Jason Flack “I believe the most important thing to know about God is that he loves everyone the same no matter what.”

Marisa Kristen Mumm “Sharing our faith with others is important. I like that I can share the information I have learned in confirmation with others.”

Cayden Grant Barth “It’s important to me because this church has always been there for me.”

Jack Tanner Dimmer “Prayer is important because you can always talk to God and Jesus when you need them.”

Connor Lee Haugen “I believe that God will always love us even when we make mistakes, and that God will always forgive us. God is everywhere and is there to guide us through all our ups and downs.”

Braxton Michael Allen Mikkelson “God is someone I can talk to about anything, bad grades, friends and family he always listens.”

Colton Steven Fliflet “when can pray for ourselves and our families we need to remember that God doesn’t always answer prayers the way we want him to, but he always answers.”



May 5, 2024

Pastor: Rich Kramer

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries:

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Guide Leaders:

Clinton Gilbertson, Kristen Mumm, Jay, and Rikki Townsend

### ***Affirmation of Baptism***

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation’s program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public confession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God’s Action in their Baptism.*

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Leader: Let us pray.

**Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promised of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen**

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **(confirmands read bold type)**

Confirmands: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again. he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

Congregation: **We, do and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Students, parents, God parents, and mentors will come to the altar when they are called. Confirmation students will kneel at the altar. Hands will be placed on the confirmands shoulders as they are prayed over.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks, praise to God, and proclaim the good news to all the world.**