



May 5, 2024 **Affirmation of Baptism** **9:30 a.m.**
This day 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. In their baptisms, our gracious God has already made these young people his own and opened the blessings of heaven to them. Today they pledge to continue their Christian journey as they promise to love and serve God and their neighbor.

Gathering Hymn *"Come, We That Love the Lord"* ELW #625
Piano Solo Tyler Earnest *"Clair De Lune"* Claude Debussy

Welcome

Opening Hymn *"O God beyond All Praising"* ELW #880

Call to Worship

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

We praise you for all that you have made.

All creation gives thanks for your goodness and sustenance.

We praise you for Christ Jesus, firstborn from the dead,

who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

Here at this font, we touch the water of life. The water that made us your children.

Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our confirmands,
upon all who are gathered here, and throughout all creation.

May we all drink of your love, peace and grace,

that we may live out our baptismal promises wherever you lead us. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God, **we give you thanks for joining us to Christ's death and resurrection in the waters of holy baptism. As we celebrate Jackson's and Lucas' public affirmation of their baptism, stir up your Spirit in each of us, that we may live as your faithful disciples. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Children's Blessing/Noisy Offering

Pastor Kim

Children's Sending Song

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *(to be read responsively)*

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

(Before the reading) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

(After the reading) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Kimberly Jordan

Sharing of Faith Statements and Confirmation Projects

Jackson Piper & Lucas Schroeder

Hymn of the Day / Offering

"I Come with Joy"

ELW #482

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

Addressing the Confirmands and the whole assembly:

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism today as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

I present Jackson Piper and Lucas Schroeder, who desire to affirm their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Jackson and Lucas, 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 as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Addressing the Confirmands:

As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, 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 away from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Addressing the Confirmands and the whole assembly:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

The pastor addresses the confirmands:

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.

Addressing the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Jackson and Lucas and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

Confirmands come to the altar individually and kneel. Parents, sponsors, and other family members or friends may also come forward and lay their hands on in blessing.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Jackson and Lucas the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Addressing the assembly:

Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ.

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

Prayers of the Faithful

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace *Please extend the peace of Christ to your neighbor in a safe way.*

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

Distribution

As we celebrate Holy Communion today, everyone who believes that Christ is truly present in this meal is welcome at the Lord's table. Children are invited to the altar for a blessing. Those wishing to receive grape juice may take a filled cup from the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The Confirmands and their families will commune first.

"Lamb of God"

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Distribution Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

Sanctuary Choir Anthem *“Down to the River to Pray”*

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope+ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

ELW #742

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord—On the ROAD with Jesus!

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Today's flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Confirmands Jackson Piper & Lucas Schroeder.



Thank you to our Lay Ministers

Greeter	Nancy Altenburg
Ushers	Priscilla Gosh & Mark Earnest
Acolytes	Tyler Earnest
Reader	Brad Piper
Communion Assistants	Christine & Julia Piper
Altar Guild	JoDee Sattler
Sound Tech	
Live Stream Tech	
Treat Provider	Christian Education Team
Confirmation Guides	Beth Earnest & Chris Thalacker

This Week at Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, May 5	9:30 am	Confirmation Worship Service with Holy Communion *Service will also be Live Streamed*
		Sunday School
	5:30 pm	Joyful Praise Rehearsal
Monday, May 6	6:30 pm	FYI—Youth Meeting
	7:00 pm	SOPHIA Core Team Zoom Meeting
Thurs, May 9	5:45 pm	Resurrection Ringers Bells Practice
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Sunday, May 12		Happy Mother's Day
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion *Service will also be Live Streamed*
		Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Joyful Praise Rehearsal

In Our Prayers...

Prayers for our country, those serving in the armed forces, and our leaders;
Dan Merkel; Mary Dunn; Jeanne; Jim Cinelli; Jennifer Johnson;
Mark Workman, friend of Laurie McGroarty; Tom Miller, father-in-law of Lee Hoepfner;
Dick Manke; Sue Chapman, sister of Lynn Meyer; Alex Dentice, cousin of Rich Vonderlinde;
Paula; John, friend of John McGroarty; Mark Homan; Peter; Julie Neiderbaumer; Mary;
Judy Cefalu; Scott Koser; Ted, friend of Molde's; John Swanson, friend of Carol Hobday;
Randy Swenson; Doris; Jim; Joanne Kraut; Sophia; Cyndy Viduski, sister of Dan Merkel;
Mike Burgett; Erin Vedner; Gail Mick Family; Jean Langfeldt; Michael Wojtkinski; Bill Laatsch;
Anthony Thomas; Paul, grandson of Bob Kunath; Bob Schlosser;
Jan Witt, sister of Dennis Faherty; Larry Willing; father-in-law of Krista Zieke-Willing;
Nancy Reisner, cousin of Lynn Meyer; Jim Hegge; Baron Swanson, grandson of Carol Hobday

Loss of Loved One...

The family of Michael Palovcsik II, son of Mike & Barb Palovcsik
The family of Gene Dehlin, uncle of Michelle & Chris Thalacker



**Love to travel? Love to learn?
Love being Lutheran?**

**Join Pastors Kim & Lindsay Jordan on a tour of
LUTHERLAND Sept. 9-20, 2024**



**Brochures in the narthex
Talk with Pastor Kim**

This tour is a **wonderful opportunity** to learn about our Lutheran Heritage, but also to see *cultural and historical sites*, travel through *gorgeous scenery*, view *spectacular architecture*, *listen to music*, visit the famous *Neuschwanstein Castle*, enjoy the flavors of Germany through the cuisine and the “*national beverage*.”

September is a lovely time to travel here.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for learning and fun!

Reservation deadline: May 10, 2024

**Peace and all good,
Pastor Kim**

**JOIN OUR SPECIAL
"KETCH-UP"
APPEAL!**

Sunday, May 19th

- Celebrate Pentecost
- Last Day of Sunday School
- Teacher Appreciation
- Cookout after worship

