



Confirmation 2025

April 13, 2025

3:00 p.m.



Today is a special day in the lives of those who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and begin their commitment of faith within the church and the world that will sustain them for the remainder of their lives. Confirmation-one's own Affirmation of Baptism. As important as this day is for them, this day should also be a day of reflection for us all.



AS YOU WORSHIP WITH US

- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available from an Elder or Usher.
- **If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like a blessing**, simply come forward during the distribution, cross your arms when you approach the Pastor and he will speak a blessing.
- **Holy Communion** is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:
 1. Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;
 2. The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and
 3. We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is available for those who prefer this substitute. **Gluten-free wafers** are also available. Please inform the pastor of your preference when you approach.

✠ CONFIRMATION ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

OPENING SONG "The King is in the Room" Hulse|Farro|Danyew|Wickham|Johnson|Iceland

INVOCATION and OPENING DIALOGUE

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmands and community come this day and affirm what you have learned and what it means to begin this commitment of faith. Let us remember those who have guided you to this day and then together we will send you out into His world side by side and hand in hand.

People: Believing in the goodness of God, trusting in the power of the resurrection and holding on to the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Let us send you out to walk in the Savior’s steps-side by side and hand in hand

People: into a world of wrong turns and dead ends with many confusing choices and obstacles.

Pastor: Let us send you out to walk in the Savior’s steps-side by side and hand in hand

People: telling him our joys, sorrows, fears, and listening for guidance as we go out each day.

Pastor: Let us send you out to walk in the Savior’s steps-side by side and hand in hand

People: watching when bread is broken and the wine is poured while being amazed at His love and being invited to partake at His table of mercy.

Pastor: Let us send you out to walk in the Savior’s steps-side by side and hand in hand.

People: Yes although we’re wanting to run and share all these things to those who don’t know, hand in hand and side by side.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, above all, may the words that go forth from the mouths of these confirmands remind us of your grace—

People: a grace that strengthens faith, a grace that deepens love, and a grace that brightens all our future days. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 46:1-2, 10-11

Philippians 4:4-13

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

ALL: O Lord, hear us as we pray and keep us focused in faith as we have been taught and now confirm. May we always remember that you will never give up on us, nor leave us alone. We know that You are ready, willing and able to help, lead, love and forgive us all our sins. Make us all rejoice knowing that your love is an everlasting love and that our hope and strength comes from you. Always let our words, thoughts and deeds be a reflection of you. Protect, guide and defend us gracious Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

SONG

“Holy Forever”

Johnson|Tomlin|Ingram|Wickham

DISCUSSION WITH CONFIRMANDS

Rev. Dr. Donald Antor

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

All: O Lord Jesus Christ, You laid Your hands in blessing upon children that came to You, saying that to them the Kingdom of Heaven belongs. We present before You in this prayer, the members of the 2025 Confirmation Class who will confirm their faith before Your altar. We ask You to continue to give them knowledge and understanding in all that will make their lives one of praise to You. Ever increase their devotion, so that they may know You, fear You, fervently love You, and faithfully serve You for the sake of Your precious name. Amen

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

(The confirmands stand; the congregation is seated)

Pastor: Dear members of the confirmation class: At one time you were received into God's covenant of grace in Holy Baptism. By means of this sacrament you were freed from the power of darkness and called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, your Lord. Since that time you have been instructed in the Word of God and in the true meaning of the Holy Sacraments according to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. At this time I invite you to confirm the Christian faith which was confessed at your Baptism and be thereby reminded again of the covenant of grace which God made with you at that time.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

All: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of

God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: Yes, 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

Pastor: What does this mean?

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Pastor: And now I ask you, the members of the confirmation class, in the presence of God and this congregation, do you intend to continue in this Christian faith which you have publicly confessed?

Confirmands: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you intend, as members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, to continue steadfast in the confession of this church as you have learned to know it in Luther's Small Catechism?

Confirmands: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you intend with the help of God to conform your life to the rule of the divine Word: to be diligent in the use of the means of grace, to conduct yourselves worthy of the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God?

Confirmands: Yes, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and do His good pleasure, it is fitting for us to call on Him to complete the good work which He has begun in our confirmands through Holy Baptism and continued in them by instruction in His Holy Word.

Pastor: We pray,
Almighty and everlasting God, who makes us both willing and able to do those things which are good and acceptable to Your divine majesty, we humbly come to You for these Your servants. We implore You that You would let Your fatherly hand ever be over them; may Your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, lives and rules eternally.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Dear Confirmands, give then your hand as a pledge of your promise, and kneel to receive the blessing.

CONFIRMATION BLESSING

(The confirmands come forward with their family to kneel before the altar.)

OFFERINGS OF THANKFULNESS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

Pastor: Go out and follow the teachings you have been taught. Know that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit goes with you wherever you are be it at home, school, activities or in the workforce. May His peace that surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and mind in one true faith for now † and evermore.

All: **We walk out knowing He is with us always and that He is our constant help, provider and friend. Amen**

CLOSING SONG

“New Creation”

Bentley|Pardo|Powell

Rev. Warren Schilf, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Donald Antor, Associate Pastor - Dir. of Youth Ministries
Jenny Laabs, Director of Worship and Music
Joe Latuszek, Praise Team Director



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2025 Confirmation Class

† **Micah Daniel Bedell** Deuteronomy 31:8
It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

† **Raymond Claude Earl** 2 Corinthians 12:9
“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

† **Mary Jane Fullenkamp** Proverbs 12:25
Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

† **William Bernard Gaan** Psalm 46:1
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

† **Bradley Charles Latuszek** Revelation 2:10b
Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

† **Taylor Alysse Moser** Isaiah 41:10
Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

† **Addison Mae Pfeiffer** Joshua 1:9
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.

† **Kelly Krystyna Rita Siegmeier** 1 John 4:19
We love because he first loved us.