



Confirmation



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
Kirkland, IL - Est. 1873*

*Sunday, May 21, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter
CONFIRMATION DAY!*

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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Sunday, May 21, 2023

CONFIRMATION DAY

We welcome you to Confirmation Day at First Lutheran Church! The parents of the Confirmands, together with any of their godparents (baptismal sponsors) who are able to be here this morning, are asked to come forward when Pastor Tom so indicates, to participate in the laying on of hands.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

- *Processional Hymn: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" WOV 770
- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
- *Prayer of the Day P. 82

Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may we increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5:1–21 ESV

¹ And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them. ² The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. ³ Not with our fathers did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. ⁴ The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, ⁵ while I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD. For you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain. He said: ⁶ " 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ⁷ " 'You shall have no other gods before me. ⁸ " 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under

the earth. ⁹ You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ¹⁰ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ¹¹ “ ‘You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ¹² “ ‘Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. ¹⁶ “ ‘Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹⁷ “ ‘You shall not murder. ¹⁸ “ ‘And you shall not commit adultery. ¹⁹ “ ‘And you shall not steal. ²⁰ “ ‘And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ²¹ “ ‘And you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.’

Psalm 53 (*responsively by half verse*)

P. 240

Second Reading

1 Timothy 4:6–16 ESV

⁶ If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹ Command and teach these

things. ¹² Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

*Alleluia P. 83

*Gospel John 14:15–17 ESV

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Sermon: “GIVE YOURSELF TO THE LORD”

*Hymn of the Day: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” **WOV 752**

The Rite of Confirmation **LBW p. 198**

*Sharing of Peace

Offering – Women’s Choir “Be Thou My Vision”

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 96

*Prayers of the Church P. 97

*Lord’s Prayer P. 97

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” **LBW 230**

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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Reagan Elizabeth Cook

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight."

Proverbs 3:5

Keegan Nathaniel Marshall

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16

Brynn Evelyn Springborn

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

***Congratulations and God's richest blessings upon
Reagan Cook, Keegan Marshall, and Brynn Springborn!***

Following the service, our newly confirmed members will form a receiving line in the narthex for you to greet them with your congratulations and blessings. Confirmation pictures will then be taken. Family and friends will have ample opportunity for picture taking as well.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

June 4, 2023 – After Worship Service

1. Election of new council members
2. Approval for up to \$15,000 for painting of church sanctuary

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Slate of Candidates

For 2023 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 4, 2023, following 9:00 am service

The Church Council is recommending the following members to fill the council positions for the 2023-2025 term:

President:

Jo Boehmer (2nd term)

Council Secretary:

Jill Vodden (2nd term)

Treasurer:

Ryan Block (1st full term)

Financial Secretary/Vice Chairperson:

Val Norris (1st term)

Director of Congregational Life - Property:

Richard Wilson (1st full term)

Director of Congregation Life - Fellowship, Funeral Lunch Ladies:

Jean Bauer (1st term)

Director of Congregational Life - Food Pantry, Clothes Closet:

James Haag (1st term)

Director of Congregational Life - Stewardship:

Dan Pahnke (2nd term)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Lucas Boyer 5/24/12

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Roger & Sandy Gustafson 5/26/01



It's time for Vacation Bible School

June 5-8, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Pre- K3 – 5th grade

There is still time to register your child for VBS and volunteers are always welcome. Registration can be

done on-line from our website, or call Val or the church office, (815) 522-3886. Decorating helpers are needed on June 3 at 11am.

Please call/text Val Norris (815) 761-6458.



I want "Thank" those who rented tables at the Spring Fling, to the people who gave us their time and help in set up for the event and helped customers during our sale. Your kindness and help did not go unnoticed.

And thank you to all the individuals who came to our sale to buy items. That was a great benefit to the church donation. Thank you kindly, Susan Wilson

Church Fun Facts

In 1970 Fred Ault paid off the last of our parsonage debt (\$650); the mortgage was burned by George Tindall, Nellie Nelson & Emil Peterson

Sunday 5/21: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship. Please greet our new Confirmands!

Monday 5/22: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm. One week early due to Memorial Day is next Monday.

Tuesday 5/23: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Wednesday 5/24: On-line Bible Study, 7pm

Thursday 5/25: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship - here, 10am.

Saturday 5/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 5/28: Worship Service, 9am.

Last day of Sunday school until the fall.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Elaine Mitchell has had shoulder surgery.
- David Sanderson, Joanie's son, is at Loyola hospital.
- VBS, pray for many children and many volunteers.
- First Lutheran's many volunteers who give countless hours to take care of all our church activities and the property.
- Ben Blobaum, pray for God's leading to his 1st church.
- Don Peterson, Louise Hoffman's brother has been ill.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Alexis Haag.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

Lessons for Next Week:

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39