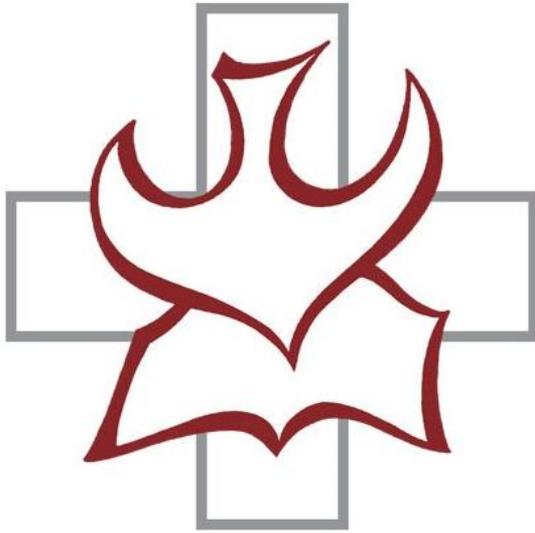




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Second Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday



Saturday, April 23, 2022 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 24, 2022 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 474, “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

Please stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

(Psalm 91:1-2)

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

P Taking refuge in the mercy of the Lord, let us come before Him in prayer.

A moment of silence to reflect on God's Word and to examine our hearts.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us. Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive Your mercy and be renewed by Your Spirit that we may honor You as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hears our prayers and answers them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. By faith, we stand at His cross and empty tomb. We find our refuge and sing for joy in the shadow of His wings. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day (Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of Praise, LSB 461 v. 1-2, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Immanubells**, "This Little Light of Mine," arr. by M. L. Thompson

First Reading, Acts 5:12-20

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to

them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 425, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Sermon, Matthew 27:35-36, “Watch the Cross!”

³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

Please stand

Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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.

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, You are exalted over all things in heaven and on earth. In Your mercy, You shower us with blessings of both body and soul as You care for Your creation. Enable us to see Your hands at work in our midst that, together with all those who

share in the power of Your Son's resurrection, we always say of You:

C **You alone are Lord and God!**

P Giver of life, You renew our souls through the power of Your Holy Spirit as we dwell in the shadow of Your wings. As we continue to celebrate the joy of our Savior's Easter victory, grant that Your Church on earth always speaks Your Word with boldness and confidence. Grant strength especially to our newly confirmed members, that they may know Your peace and presence throughout their lives. Embolden their confession of Christ that, like the first eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection, they share with all people:

C **You alone are Lord and God!**

P You govern all nations with Your mighty and merciful hand, O Lord. Show forth Your favor to the land in which we live, raising up men and women who will serve as godly leaders among us; blessing those who make, administer, and judge our laws; protecting all those who serve in harm's way for the benefit of others; and helping us always to know and believe:

C **You alone are Lord and God!**

P In Your Son's earthly ministry, people brought to Him all those who were sick and suffering that He might touch and heal them. This ministry of healing continued through His disciples in the earliest church. Even now, we know that Jesus heals, renews, and restores through the Means of Grace He has provided for our benefit. Place Your healing hand upon those in need, [*especially...*]. In the shadow of Your healing presence, we boldly confess:

C **You alone are Lord and God!**

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We bring all these prayers before You, gracious Father, in the name of Him who is risen from the dead and reigns with You forever as our Lord and God: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*) [10:15 am – Immanubells, "Celebration Ring!" (B. E. Austin)]

Please stand

Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The 5:30 pm & 7:45 am services continue with the Service of the Sacrament on page 10. The 10:15 am service continues with The Rite of Confirmation below.

Please be seated

+ The Rite of Confirmation +

Confirmation is a public rite of the Church that is preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. Having been instructed in the Faith prior to admission to the Lord's Supper (e.g. 1 Cor. 11:28), the rite provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the Faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.

The Promises / The Pronouncement / The Blessing

[Parents, grandparents, siblings, and sponsors are invited to come forward and stand behind their confirmed youth as he/she receives his/her individual blessing.]

Please stand

Prayer for the Confirmands

Confirmation Hymn, LSB 712, “Seek Ye First” [© 1972 Maranatha! Music; admin. Music Services (ASCAP). Used by permission: CCLI, no. 1102860.]

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!**

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!**

- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and

bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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 Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

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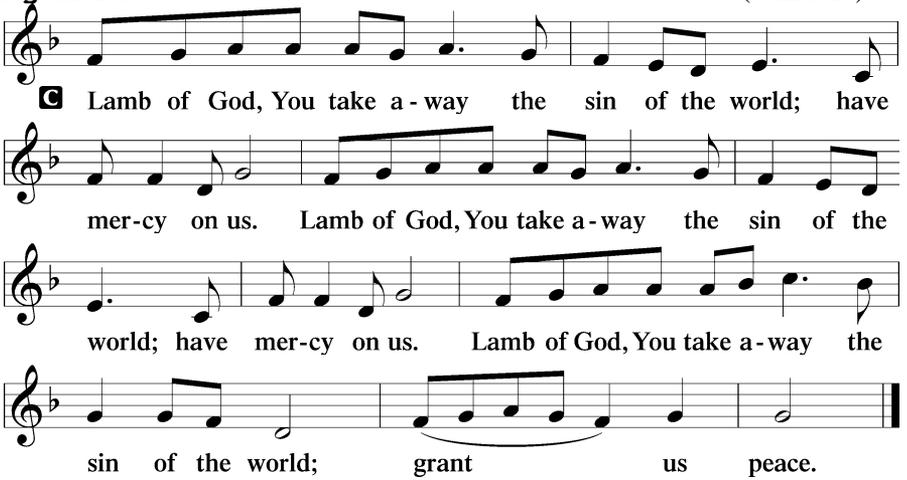
(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 463, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 629, "What Is This Bread"

LSB 633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

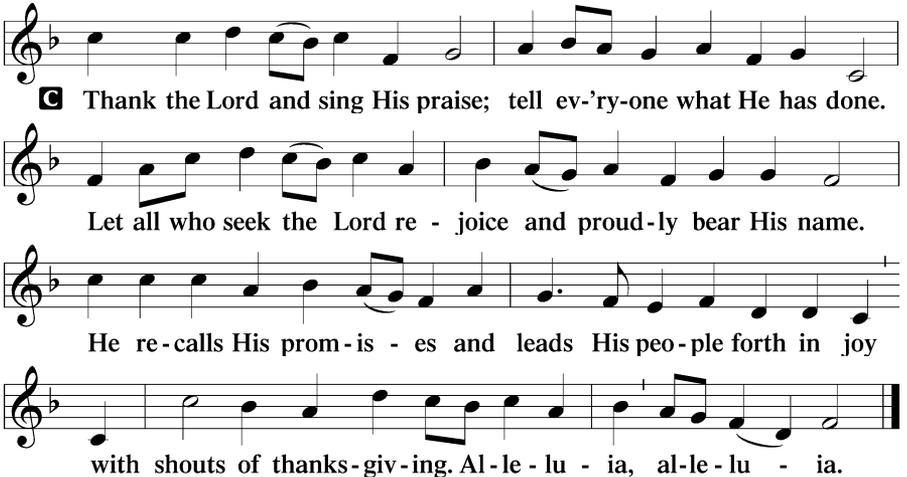
Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 550, “Lamb of God”

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, April 23, 2022 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Server - Cal Neeman

Pianist - Ron Jones
Acolyte - Nash Bradley

Sunday, April 24, 2022 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Server/Lector - Travis Henry
Acolytes - Trinity Drewes & Liam Garner
Ushers - Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
Music Director - Ann Frank
Media - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday, April 24, 2022 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Music Director - Ann Frank
Acolytes - Clark Deptula & Jakson Gregory
Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Ushers - Sunday, May 1, 2022

7:45 am - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather
10:15 am - Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink

Acolytes - Sunday, May 1, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Gwen Wiegand
Sunday 7:45 am - Reagan Wilhelm & Ava Hemmer
Sunday 10:15 am - Nicholas Hoeffken & Kadin LaRue

Lectors - Sunday, May 1, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
Sunday 7:45 am - Daniel Niemeyer
Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Servers - Sunday, May 1, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Chuck Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Media - Sunday, May 1, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Kelley Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Greg Hoeffken

Altar Guild - Sunday, May 1, 2022

Saturday 5:30 pm - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

2022 Confirmation Class

1. **Daniel Jacob Bundenthal**, the son of Rand & Heather Bundenthal, was born on October 29, 2007. He was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on December 27, 2007. His baptismal sponsors are Cara Beth Buboltz, Beau Fearing, and Chelsea Morrison. Daniel's confirmation verse is Mark 10:27.
2. **Zachary Wayne Bundenthal**, the son of Rand & Heather Bundenthal, was born on October 29, 2007. He was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on December 27, 2007. His baptismal sponsors are Kara Caruth, Cameron Fearing, and Kristy Lee. Zachary's confirmation verse is Psalm 77:14.
3. **Collin Sullivan Dethrow**, the son of Dustin & Lindsey Dethrow, was born on July 15, 2008. He was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on March 14, 2010. His baptismal sponsors are Drew & Hannah Dethrow. Collin's confirmation verse is Ephesians 2:8.
4. **Ava Grace Hemmer**, the daughter of Mike & Stacy Hemmer, was born on July 14, 2008. She was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on August 31, 2008. Her baptismal sponsors are Christine Kachelmuss and Terrill & Amy Deffenbaugh. Ava's confirmation verse is Psalm 40:1-2.
5. **Nicholas George Hoeffken**, the son of Gregory & Jean Hoeffken, was born on August 1, 2008. He was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on March 1, 2009. His baptismal sponsors are Rodney & Lisa Clamors. Nicholas's confirmation verse is 1 John 1:9.
6. **Sydney Alexis Kuergeleis**, the daughter of Wesley & Andrea Kuergeleis, was born on October 30, 2007. She was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on May 3, 2008. Her baptismal sponsors are Andrew & Mindy Collmeyer and Rachel Russell. Sydney's confirmation verse is John 8:12.

7. **Kadin Christopher LaRue**, the son of Rob & Angela LaRue, was born on January 8, 2008. He was received into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on March 30, 2008. His baptismal sponsors are Kim L Greer and Virginia Spratley. Kadin's confirmation verse is Romans 1:16.

8. **Charli Marie Major**, the daughter of Eric & Rhonda Major, was born on October 26, 2007. She was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on February 2, 2008. Her baptismal sponsors are Jeff & Angie Filipiak and Steve & Erin Hoffmann. Charli's confirmation verse is 2 Corinthians 5:15.

9. **Madalyn Grace Prather**, the daughter of Matthew & Jennifer Prather, was born on September 3, 2007. She was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on September 29, 2007. Her baptismal sponsors are Bryan Prather, Molly Morgan, Mike Huch, and Aaron & Kari Muskopf. Madalyn's confirmation verse is Proverbs 3:5-6.

10. **Kaden Joel Roberts**, the son of Jeremy & Lori Roberts, was born on May 23, 2008. He was welcomed into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism on June 14, 2008. His baptismal sponsors are Mike Liefer and Jacob Roberts. Kaden's confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9.

***Congratulations, Confirmands!
May God bless you abundantly!***

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SERMON OUTLINE
MATTHEW 27:35-36
“WATCH THE CROSS!”

1. Yet if you want to see Jesus at his greatest, if you want to see his _____ and divinity really shine through, see him on the _____.
2. One of the humane customs of the _____ was to give the victim of crucifixion a potion of _____ wine.
3. So why did Jesus refuse something that could have reduced his pain? Why not deaden the nerves and senses? Because Jesus was determined to _____
_____ for you and me.
4. As the soldiers in our text watched Jesus on the cross, they also witnessed his _____ and forgiveness. No doubt, they were even a little _____ by the way Jesus behaved!
5. Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2:23, “When they hurled their _____ at him, Jesus didn’t retaliate; when he suffered, he made no _____. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”
6. And one more thing. Here I’m going to ask you to watch something in addition to the cross. Watch the _____.