

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Sunday, May 7, 2023



ST. ANDREW
LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONFIRMATION

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

PRELUDE "Minuet" (G.F. Handel)

Barb Carroll, Tim Graf

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" (St. 1-3)

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Congregation stand as able)

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(silence kept for reflection)

Holy God,

ALL: we confess that we have not lived our faith each and every day. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, in the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Create faith in us, so that we might live boldly your dream of wholeness for all people.

Pastor: In Christ Jesus, nothing can separate us from the love of God! Neither the mistakes we make, nor the good deeds we fail to do. By the power of the living God, the love of + Jesus Christ, and the mystery of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and free to live our faith in all that we do.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,

God of grace and mercy, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who has called, sanctified, and enlightened each of these beloved children of God. Help them to shine the light that you have given them so that their gifts may be used in service to a world that needs to receive the love, hope and peace that come from you. Strengthen all your children in faith so that our lives and our witness bear the mark of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

READING

Luke 24:13–35

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“On The Road”*

Pastor Sarah Fike

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

Joy Altmann

PROFESSION OF FAITH (*Congregation stand as able*)

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?

All: I renounce them.

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

All: I renounce them.

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

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

(Please be seated. Confirmands remain standing)

AFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL PROMISE

Pastor: Confirmands, you have made a 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, and to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmation students respond: “I do, and ask God to help and guide me.”

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these women and men and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

BLESSING (*Families are invited to join students for the individual blessing. Join the pastors around the altar as their names are called.*)

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC *“If I Stand” (Rich Mullins)*

Tim Graf

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE *(Congregation stand as able)*

THE 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 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.

(Please be seated)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN *“Go, My Children, With My Blessing” (St. 1 & 3)*

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *“Lift High the Cross” (arr. Tim Graf)*

Tim Graf

2023 CONFIRMANDS

Finn Aaberg
Jake Anderson
Quinn Bille
Eve Boudreau
Trey Buetow
Bennett Carrane
Caelen Cater
Cole Chester
Amara Dahlke
Jack Diekman
Elijah Drewes
Jordan Elvecrog
Ryley Engelstad
Eleanor Engler
Claire Fiedler
Nora Fiedler
Andrew Franz
Brady Gaffin
Lauren Garbisch
Logan Garbisch
Esther Gilbertson
Weston Gilbertson
Nadia Guidarini
Brynn Guillory
Briley Hanson
Milo Hartman
Bodey Hedlund
Samantha Heir
Lucas Hendrickson

Wyatt Hendrickson
Kylie Henry
Will Henschen
Evelynn Herbst
Marcos Hernandez
Henry Heyer
Abigail Hilden
Ava Hoffelt
Peyton Ishaug
Mirabella Jiovanazzo
Simone King
Sylvia King
William Kukla
Roman Kurvers
Faith Ladegaard
Bennett Laramy
Nicholas Leisen
Adeline Lillicrap
Cooper Lobsinger
Donovan Madsen
Elyanna Mjolsnes
Braeland Moten
Laena Moten
Maddox Mulder
Camille Mushel
Mia Myers
Addison Neiss
Cate Nelson
Jack Olson

Presley Pauling
Jack Peterson
Ella Pinnow
Collin Pluemer
Nicholas Randall
Jacob Rathsack
Paige Reisdorf
Alexander Rust
Wyatt Schulz
Audrey Schulze
Tayler Schwartz
Ryan Scott
Lydia Simonson
Mia Sotillo Rodriguez
Griffin Stein
Lyla Stidger
Austin Stoner
Michael Sullivan
Britta Swenson
Jacob Toft
Emily Trutwin
Dakota VanLangendon
Mason Wallace
Abby Wendorf
Ava Wendorf
Callum Wieland
Tori Zarn

THANK YOU TO OUR SMALL GROUP GUIDES

These people have dedicated countless hours, supporting the faith formation of these confirmation students. Thank you for your love of the gospel and for shepherding these young people through this time of spiritual education and renewal. Your efforts have helped to instill a love for God, a dynamic faith, and a life that will serve God's world. Please take a moment to thank the small group guides for their work.

Kaitlin Richards Bach

Katie Franz

Burke Hancer

Angie Hively

Barb Kuntz

Stacey Ladegaard

Michelle Leisen

Joanna Page

Leah Plath

Robbie Richards

Kim Stoner

Kristin Sullivan

OUR THANKS TO PARENTS!

Thank you for the commitment you made to your confirmation student. Your continued nurture and support of your child's faith life remains important now more than ever. The people of St. Andrew Lutheran Church are excited to walk with you in that journey.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Preacher:

Assisting Pastors:

Worship & Music Director:

Organist:

Youth Ministry & Camp Coordinator:

Pastor Sarah Fike

Pastor David Lillejord

Pastor Peter Johnson

Pastor Roger Schindel

Tim Graf

Barb Carroll

Meghan Kelley

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Father in Heaven, Stir up in

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.