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Christian home. Christian parents will also utilize the educational opportunities and blessings the Lord offers them through their church—worship attendance, Sunday School, the Christian Day School, Confirmation. Through these agencies they receive an ongoing and thorough training in the Word of the Lord. Christian parents and congregations have always recognized the importance of instilling the Christian faith and values in their children during their earliest formative years. This is intended to train and fortify them for spiritual challenges, temptations and dangers that they will inevitably face both during their adolescent and adult years. They and we live in an evil and ungodly world and only a faith firmly anchored in its Savior and His Word will survive. Christian education in all of its forms is essential and vital.

For many generations, the Lutheran Church has used Confirmation as one of its spiritual tools. While simply a “custom,” its benefits make it an important part of our church life. Using Luther’s Catechism, the children are carefully taught the main teachings of God’s Word through the “Six Chief Parts” of the Catechism—the 10 Commandments, Apostles’ Creed, Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, Lord’s Prayers and Ministry of the Keys and Confession. This instruction is the chief part of confirmation. Upon completing the course, the young people are “examined” so that all may know both their preparedness and their desire to become a communicant member of the congregation and to worthily receive the Lord’s Supper. On the day of their Confirmation, these Christian young people pledge their lifelong allegiance to their Savior and His Word.

May all of us use this day to pray for and encourage our confirmand, Jonathan Brandle, and other Christian youth in their faith. And may God by His Grace keep us faithful so that all of us may one day receive the glorious “crown of life” as we are eternally “confirmed” in heavenly glory through our Christian death.

Jonathan James Brandle

Habakkuk 3:18-19a: *Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength.*



Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:8a

Examination/Confirmation Sunday • May 26, 2019

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Lutheran Church and School**

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 124

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 736

Before Sermon: 370

Before Confirmation:

Before the Throne of God Above

After Prayers: 334

Closing Hymn: 800

Antiphon Ps. 121 Pg. 42 WS

Scripture Readings:

Acts 9:1-20

In this account of Saul's conversion we see the impact the resurrection had on Saul's life. He had failed to believe what the disciples had been preaching but learned in a very vivid fashion what the truth really was. What a difference it meant for him in his life. The resurrected Jesus changes lives.

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

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SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE: We begin our summer schedule with worship service at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday.

LOWER MICHIGAN BIBLE CAMP: CLC young people, ages 6th - 12th grade, are welcome to attend the Lower Michigan Bible Camp. This is tent camping at Pigeon Creek Park near Lake Michigan in Ottawa County, Michigan. The cost is only \$50.00/camper. The dates are July 29 - August 1. Call Pastor David Schaller for more information: 269-424-3035.

FOOD FOR CONFERENCE: Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you can bring food for the meals for the Delegate Conference. We also will need monetary donations to purchase extra items. If you would like to help with that, please give your donation to Ruth.

CLC SPRING COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT: There are copies available by the mailboxes. Please take one and stay informed.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN: The congregation again is ordering a subscription for every family of this useful synodical monthly magazine. They price is \$ 14 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$ 14 in your offering. Thank you.

THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMATION: Holy Baptism is "the washing of rebirth and renewing of the Holy Spirit," (Titus 3:5). Through this Sacrament, God receives little children into His Covenant and Kingdom of Grace, working faith in them and making them members of Christ's Church and temples of the Holy Spirit. And as God will not permit His faithfulness to fail, but keeps His promise of mercy, even so He says to each of His own: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev. 2:10) So that this purpose may be accomplished and children may grow in grace and Christian knowledge, the Lord commanded parents: "do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4) and His to Church He has said: "Feed My lambs." (John 21:15)

In keeping with these divine directives, Christian parents do all in their power to see that their children are raised in the Christian faith. This includes much daily and natural instruction in the

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the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Sullivan at the end of the 2019-20 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include high school and college courses in religion, social sciences, and church history. To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, and someone who is seminary trained. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2020-21 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2019 (letters postmarked July 1, 2019) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

MOWING TRIM NEEDED: With the AutoMower doing most of the mowing we only need to mow around the pine trees on the north of the parking lot, the entry-way and the median. We also need to weed whack around the black tires in the back and pick up branches. It should take less than an hour. If you would like to help, please sign the sheet in the entry-way.

GREAT LAKES' DELEGATE CONFERENCE: We will be hosting the Great Lakes' Delegate Conference, June 3-4. We are in need of housing. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you can house pastors and delegates.

PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE: The voters have moved to create a committee whose purpose is to come up with options for how we can replace our existing playground equipment. This committee is open for all to join. Please see Chris Ude, Tim Schaser, or Caleb Meyer after church if you are interested in joining the committee or if you have any questions about the project.

16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. 20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

I Peter 3:15-22

Peter encourages all of us to give a defense of our faith whenever we have an opportunity to give the "reason for the hope that is in us." What should we confess? That Jesus suffered and died to pay for our sins. That He descended into hell to proclaim His victory, rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven and now rules all things.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.



Sermon: 1 John 5:1-6

Jonathan, Children born of God are Victorious in Battle!

**I: You (we) believe in the one who came by
water and blood.**

II: You (we) faithfully obey God's Command.

**III: You (we) overcome the world by faith in
Jesus, the Son of God.**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We welcome all of our guests in our resurrected Savior's name. May the Holy Spirit work through God's Word to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and give us the courage to confess our faith to all whom we meet. Please come again and worship your Savior with us. Please also sign our guest book.



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This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Examination
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Confirmation

Monday Memorial Day

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage
7:00 p.m. Ascension Service

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

Next Mon/Tues Great Lakes' Delegate Conference at Peace Thru Christ

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams
Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Mike Brandle

LAST WEEK: Worship 20 S.S. 0 Bible Class 11

OFFERINGS 5/19 for Unified Budget: \$1,986.00

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP: Ascension worship service will be held this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

CLC NEWS:

- Education graduate, June Schmid, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.
- Pastor David Schaller has returned the call extended to him by Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland, CO
- Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN
- Teacher Dave Bernthal has been called by Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC to be their principal and 4th-8th grade teacher and by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher.

CANDIDATES FOR IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill