

**Confirmation Service April 28, 2024**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

*Confirmands: Lily Birge, Hunter McKinney, Kade Welte, Braden Wheeler*

*The Confirmands are dressed in a White Robe, announcing they have been covered with the holiness of the Lord through His gift of Baptism. It is also a reminder they have been placed into Christ's death and resurrection, and given the victory over sin and death. The White Robe shows they are equally precious in the eyes of the Lord. When He looks down upon them He sees them as His own precious children: which He alone made worthy!*

*The Confirmands wear a Red Stole as a symbol of the price our Lord had to pay in order to cleanse them of their sins. The Red Stole gives the clear message: the Father had to give His own Son as the sacrifice so we could be forgiven. The Red Stole is a symbol of the sacrificial love of our Lord.*

**Opening Prayer**      **Opening Hymn:** "Lord, Help Us Ever To Retain" 865

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** Amen.

**Confirmation Litany:**

P: Faith is a gift of the Almighty God, **C:** *It is a gift given through His **Grace alone***

P: Grace has been given to sinners. **C:** ***God's Grace** is given freely to all who believe.*

P: God has given us His means, **C:** *His means to bring His grace to us- **His Sacraments.***

P: God has given us His grace in truth **C:** *He has given us **His Word and His Absolution.***

P: We are blessed with believing **C:** *We are saved by **Grace Alone***

P: We are blessed with hearing **C:** ***His Word Alone** in His Holy Scriptures inspired by the Spirit.*

P: We are blessed with the gift of trusting **C:** *It is through **Faith Alone** that we know our Lord and His eternal salvation.*

**Confession:** **C:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

**Absolution:** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn:** *“O Blessed Spring”* 595

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 150*

P: Praise the Lord. **C:** *Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!*

P: Praise Him for His acts of power; **C:** *Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.*

P: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, **C:** *Praise Him with the harp and lyre,*

P: Praise Him with tambourine and dancing, **C:** *Praise Him with the strings and flute,*

P: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, **C:** *Praise Him with resounding cymbals.*

P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! **C:** *Praise the Lord!*

**ALL:** *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.*

**Collect:** Holy Father, You are the Creator of all things and One whose mercy and grace have come into our lives; we thank You for sending Your Son to carry out Your Plan of Salvation, we thank You for the gift of Your Spirit who took Christ's work and made it a part of our lives in Baptism; and we thank You for the everlasting promise of eternal hope. Please guide and bless this worship, bring Your goodness and blessings upon these four youth, and bring Your truth and wisdom to us all through all that is shared; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **C:** *Amen.*

**Offerings brought to Altar**

**N. T. Lesson:** *Acts 8: 26-40*

**Epistle Lesson:** *1 John 4:1-11*

*(Please Stand)* **Holy Gospel:** *John 15: 1-8*

**Confession of Faith:** *Apostle's Creed (Back of Hymnal)*

**Hymn:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* 803

**Questioning of Confirmands:**

**Confirming of the Confirmands:**

**Charge to the Confirmands:**

**Confirmand's Bible Verse:**

**Lily**

*"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength" Isaiah 30: 15b*

**Hunter**

*"You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God." Isaiah 62: 3*

**Kade**

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41: 10*

**Braden**

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by My name; you are Mine." Isaiah 43: 1b*

**Confirmands Hymn:** (tune 461)

*Kade* may God's Spirit envelop you In grace and insights ever true  
*Hunter* through faith may God embrace You every day by His own grace!

*Lily* may our Lord e'er keep you Right next to Him in all you do  
*Braden* may God guide you each day Granting you grace in ev'ry way.

*Lily* by grace He's uplifted you To bring you blessings, mercies true  
*Braden* may God grant you in love Wisdom and blessings from above.

*Hunter* may God's love e'er touch you Lifting you up in all you do  
*Kade* may God's lov-ing hand bless you, Guide you each day in all you do.

**Prayers:** The families of Wells, Charlie and Debbie; Welte, Bryan, Michelle, Cash and Josslyn; and Welte, David and Ann.

**Lord's Prayer**

### **Closing Litany:**

- L: God offers His wisdom through the Holy Scriptures **C:** *His Word Alone brings is the truth that never grows obsolete.*
- L: His Holy Spirit opens our minds to understand what we cannot on our own. **C:** *His Holy Spirit grants us grace that brings us to an assurance of our salvation.*
- L: Jesus is the Savior of mankind; He alone could pay the price for our sin. **C:** *Jesus is the only means by which we can be saved; His life was substituted for ours.*
- L: The Father desired that we be with Him forever in His kingdom. **C:** *The Father gave to mankind the gift of His own Son to grant us His eternity.*
- L: Our Triune God, is the One and only True God **C:** *Our Triune God has defeated death and given us life.*

**Closing Collect:** Gracious Lord, guide and keep these four youth in Your care, bless their hearts and open their minds to the wonder of Your grace and the blessing of Your Spirit. May they remain strong and true in what they believe and one day stand before Your throne in heaven; we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Benediction –**

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**Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor**  
**Karen Whitehead, Organist**

## THIS WEEK

**TODAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Confirmation - Worship 10:15am  
**TUESDAY:** No Confirmation  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** No Confirmation, Worship w/HC 5:30  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Apr 20: 48 , LS:39; Sun, Apr 21: 8 am: 59 LS: 38;  
10:15 am: 79 LS: 57

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following Welte, Mark, Katie, Kade and Clay; Welte, Mike and Darlene; and Whitehead, Mark and Karen.

**THANK YOU:** *Many Thanks to the entire Immanuel family for all the prayers, well-wishes, and cards during our recent surgeries, treatments, and medical challenges. God is so good to provide us with the support and encouragement we have been blessed with by all of you and by Pastor Horstmeyer! Thank you for walking through this with us!*

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.” Ephesians 4:1,2*

In Christian Love, Darlene and Mark Moog <+><

*Dear Immanuel members, I want to thank the Card Committee and let them know what a great blessing they have sent me. I just took the Easter greeting cards off my closet doors; had to read them again – only 4<sup>th</sup> time since receiving them. I thank God every night for such a God send we have at our church. Jane Gibson*

**CHURCH FOOD BANK:** I want to express my thanks to those who have graciously donated to our Pantry, it has been appreciated and used. We could use once again: canned fruit, cereal, toilet paper, rice, noodle, or pasta meals in bags, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, raisins, pudding, and dish and laundry soaps. If you can help, thank you!



### **FISH FRY NEWS:**

We are beginning to collect items for the Chinese Auction. Suggestions for items are Gift Cards, Baskets, Candles / Displays, Hair/Makeup items, Toys/Games, Baby things, Car Supplies, Flowers, Books, Pictures, Frames, Blankets / Quilts, Purses/Luggage, Precious Moments/Figurines, DVD/CD's, etc, etc, etc... Please bring your donation in by May 9<sup>th</sup>. Items may be left in the Church Office. Thanks for your help!!!

**SIGN-UP SHEETS** ARE POSTED IN THE LOUNGE FOR CHAIRS, CO-CHAIRS AND HELPERS FOR ALL THE COMMITTEES OF THE FISH FRY.

## **COMMUNITY**

**LUTHERANS FOR HABITAT:** In 1993 Lutherans for Habitat sponsored and helped build its first house for the Cynthia B Family.

In 2024, we are in the process of building the 33<sup>rd</sup> Lutherans for Habitat house for Kirsten T at 606 Covert Ave. Kirsten will be the first homeowner in her family. Kirsten has cerebral palsy, which has presented some challenges in her life. However, she remains determined and continues to work hard to achieve her dream of homeownership. She is required to have 300 hours of sweat equity and she currently has over 400 hours.

The next opportunity to volunteer at Kirsten's house will be May 4 & May 11. The volunteer activity will be painting the inside of the house. We need 12 – 15 volunteers. Please contact Brock Stone, with Habitat, at 812-423-5623 x233 to volunteer.

The dedication / ribbon cutting for Kirsten's house should happen sometime between late June and early July.

**THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY BOARD** would like to invite you to celebrate Memorial Day with us. Rev. Robert Schneider of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will lead us in a service on Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the Cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Cemetery office following the service to offer an opportunity for fellowship and to answer any questions you may have. The Cemetery is located at 1305 North St. Joseph Avenue. We look forward to seeing you on May 27!

