

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Cudahy

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

May 1, 2022



St. Paul's Confirmation Class of 2022

- ◆ Isabella Brown
- ◆ Liam DeWitt
- ◆ Adelaide Henn
- ◆ Mikayla Rapant
- ◆ Christina Retherford
- ◆ Abigail Studzinski
- ◆ Emmalia Villa
- ◆ Nathan Weindorfer
- ◆ Amir Zaal

We welcome the parents and grandparents, the godparents and relatives of these young Christians! Over the past two years they've been strengthened (confirmed) in their Christian faith and life through studies in God's Word. Today, they're promising their loyalty to the Lord for the rest of their lives. May God give them strength!

Hymn of Procession _____ (Tune: 855) *Jesus, Our Joy, Our Treasure*

- 1) **Jesus, our joy, our treasure, Jesus, our strength, our might;
This is a day of pleasure, this day gives us delight!
You've trained our youth in knowledge until at last they may
Taste of your mercy tender, this Confirmation Day.**
- 2) **They've studied Holy Scripture, of Jesus' life and death,
They know that God their Father grants us both life and breath.
Their parents, pastors, teachers have guided them till now.
They stand before your altar and pledge this sacred vow.**
- 3) **Although the world is evil - with chaos, war and strife -
They promise to be faithful to you throughout their life.
When lawless demonstrations, temptations near and far
Appear, may they remember whose blessed sheep they are.**
- 4) **They are your dear disciples like Peter long ago.
Like him, they too may falter, then Christ, your mercy show.
Help them recall your teachings, your Word, so that they may
Be steadfast till your coming upon that Last Great Day.**

Call to Worship

We have no greater joy than knowing

that our children are walking in the Lord.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus

and run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

We will hold to the faith we profess,

for the God who made his promises to us is faithful.

If we hold to his teaching,

we are really his disciples.

We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, you have called us to faith in your Son as our Savior. Today, we also remember the day on which we confessed our faith and promised our loyalty in being your disciples. Keep us faithful to our Confirmation vows by your Holy Spirit. Defend us from everything that might damage or destroy our faith in Jesus. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior, who rose from the dead to live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Public Examination of Confirmands

Special Selection – St. Paul’s Choir _____ ***O Church, Arise***

Gospel / Message – John 20:24-29

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Hymn of the Day _____ ***God Is Here! As We Your People 858***

Today's Message

Without a Doubt

Hymn of Response _____ *We Walk By Faith* 830

Gather the Thankoffering and Sign the Friendship Registers

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life, and the unknown accidents you keep from us each day.

These are all daily gifts from your hand that I too often take for granted.

Forgive us for not taking better care of our bodies.

Thank you for daily preserving my spiritual life in Christ.

Lord Jesus, how wonderful it is that you came to this earth as our Savior.

You made yourself nothing for me, so that I could have everything in you.

You became a man here in time so that we could enjoy eternity with God.

You, the Son of God, became the Son of Man, so that I could become a child of God.

In weakness you came down so that we could find strength in your unfailing presence.

As my dear brother you are not ashamed to call me your brother or sister.

Holy Spirit, you were sent just as Jesus promised before he ascended into heaven.

Thank you for being my Counselor and filling me with your presence.

We are eternally grateful for the miracle you have worked in our hearts through the gospel.

If it weren't for you and your work, we wouldn't be able to trust in Jesus.

As the gift of faith flows into our hearts, this evidence of our faith flows from our hearts:

Love, joy, peace and patience, kindness, goodness and gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, on this Confirmation Day, we are grateful for the precious blessing of these young Christians.

I am thankful that you have brought them to faith, so they can stand before your altar and profess their faith.

Special Requests

Our hearts overflow with appreciation for planting saving faith in the hearts of these young Christians.

May their confirmation be the beginning of a trust that keeps on growing and growing their whole life through. Amen.

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.

Confirmation Promises

Encouragement to the Parents: *(please stand)*

Dear Parents: Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed you with the gift of a child. When you brought your child to be baptized the Holy Spirit washed away their sins and planted saving faith in their heart. Since then, you've taught your child by what you say and especially by what you do to love the Lord Jesus. Confirmation is about faithful study, growth and strengthening in that saving faith. I therefore ask you: Is it your intention to continue to encourage your child to be faithful in hearing God's Word and receiving the Lord's Supper with you in worship so they may grow in their faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in God's grace until the end?

Parents: "Yes, with the help of God, it is."

May God enable you to do this work of love. *(please be seated)*

Encouragement to the Godparents: *(please stand)*

Dear Godparents: Confirmation is about faithful study, growth and strengthening in that saving faith. I therefore ask you: Is it your intention to continue to pray for your Godchild – to remind them of their confirmation promise, to give your encouragement and help that they may grow in the true teachings of Scripture, and remain in God's grace until the end?

Godparents: "Yes, with the help of God, it is."

May God enable you to do this work of love. *(please be seated)*

The Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith after a period of instruction. A person is recognized as united in a common confession of faith and now prepared to receive Communion.

Our confirmands are wearing red stoles. May 1, 2022 is monogrammed on one side, a cross and dove (the symbol of the Holy Spirit) are imprinted on the other.

Thanks to all the Lutheran Sunday School and Grade School teachers who helped instruct our confirmands so they could reach this milestone in their Christian walk.



Confession of Sins and Absolution

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Reception of the Lord's Supper: We want to practice the Biblical teaching of "fellowship" communion, where God wants his people to share this meal with those in "fellowship," or oneness of faith with us (1 Corinthians 10:17). And, because not all Christians believe the same things about the Bible we do. We ask if you haven't declared your unity of faith with us, or another WELS congregation, please respect the Bible's teachings and wait to commune until we can search the Scriptures together with you in our Starting Point Class.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

Reception of the Lord's Supper

- Confirmation Class Communes Together First
- Continuous Distribution for the Congregation

At the ushers' direction, walk up the center aisle. Receive the bread by holding out your hand. Walk across to receive the wine either by individual cup or common cup. Pause to drink. Then return back to your seat using the side aisles.

Private Prayer Before Communion



Jesus, as our victorious Savior, you have prepared for us this finest of all banquets of bread and wine. Use these elements, along with your true body and blood, to impress upon us the certainty that you have indeed returned to life, and that you live to forgive our sins. Amen.

Distribution Hymn _____ *O Sons and Daughters of the King* 456

Private Prayer After Communion



Resurrected Lord, you have made death disappear for us forever. Lead us always to trust in you with all our heart. This is an incredible feast of forgiveness. Use your grace that we may share our living Lord with those we meet every day. We need you Jesus, as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, through the visible sign of your Son's love for us in a meal of bread and wine, we also receive his body given and his blood poured out. Instill in us the desire to come often to your Supper. For it is here that you forgive our sins and build up our precious faith. We bring our thanks and praise for you live and reign as one God, with your Son and Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

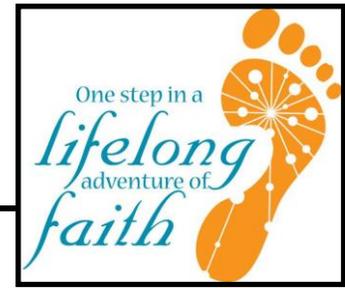
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Amen.

Closing Hymn _____ *Before the Throne of God Above* 561

The Confirmation Class of 2022
“What my Confirmation verse means to me!”



Isabella Josaphine Brown



Baptized: 3-2008 at Gethsemane Lutheran – Brookfield

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)

When I'm worried about my life and I see this verse it brings me the comfort and peace of knowing God is always with me. Reading this also helps me when I'm sad.

Liam Allen DeWitt



Baptized: 2-9-2008 at St. Paul's Lutheran – Cudahy

I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Without God I can't do anything. When I remain in him and he remains in me, when I have faith in him, I can do anything.

Adelaide Sophia Henn



Baptized: 5-25-2008 at St. Paul's Lutheran – Cudahy

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:34)

This verse is important to me because it reminds me not to worry about what is to come. It brings me a lot of comfort – God is with me. Whenever I am worried I can turn to this passage.

Mikayla Ruth Rapant



Baptized: 12-23-2007 at St. Paul's Lutheran – Cudahy

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

It means God died for me to save me. He loves me for who I am. My life and my future are in God's hands.

Christina Caroline Retherford



Baptized: 12-2-2007 at St. Paul's Lutheran – Cudahy

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

One of my biggest worries is not knowing about the future. This passage reminds me that the future is in God's hands. I don't need to be worried, he already has a plan for me.

Abigail Elizabeth Studzinski



Baptized: 4-27-2008 at St. Paul's Lutheran – Cudahy

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.
(1 John 3:18)

Rather than just saying I love someone and making all those promises, I need to show it through my actions. Love is so much more powerful than hate. God proved how powerful love can be when I show it.

Emmalia Ana Villa



Baptized: 4-20-2008 at St. Paul's Lutheran – Cudahy

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)

God never promises life will be easy. On the days when life tries to get the best of me, he grabs my right hand, pulls me up and calms my anxiety. He assures me I will never go through anything alone.

Nathan Edward Weindorfer



Baptized: 4-5-2009 at St. Paul's Lutheran – Cudahy

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (Matthew 22:37)

I want to love the Lord on good days and on bad days and all the days in between. I want to think about him and his goodness, his mercy and his love.

Amir Zaal



Baptized: 3-4-2008 at Children's Hospital – Wauwatosa

Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.
(Psalm 69:16)

It tells me that he will show me mercy. He loves me and cares for me. And because he does, he will answer me when I pray to him.

The 5 most frequently asked questions about Confirmation

1. Does Confirmation strengthen faith?

No. While the word “confirmation” does mean to strengthen, the strengthening comes from our study of God’s Word, particularly the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not from the rite of confirmation itself?

2. Does Confirmation forgive sins?

No. The forgiveness of sins comes only through the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament.

3. Is Confirmation like graduation?

No. Confirmation Sunday is more like the first day of school than the last! The confirmand makes a promise to live life as a child of God. Direct whatever congratulations you have to Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to work faith in the hearts of these young people so that they have the desire to live a Christian life.

4. Why is Confirmation connected to a confirmand receiving the Lord’s Supper for the first time?

The Bible says that a person must be able to examine themselves before they receive the Lord’s Supper. This means that the individual must recognize their sins, trust in Jesus for forgiveness, believe that Christ’s body and blood are present in the sacrament, and desire to change their sinful life.

God also expects that Communion will be shared by people who have a common confession of faith. Confirmation has given these young people time to learn the many important truths revealed in Scripture, and at their examination, made a full confession of the truths of Scripture. The faith they have confessed is the faith we hold, so we invite them now to participate in the Lord’s Supper with us.

5. Does someone have to be confirmed to be a Christian?

No. But it is natural for a Christian to want to confess his/her faith before others and receive the Lord’s Supper. That’s why we are here today!

Confirmation Anniversaries at St. Paul's

Five Year – May 21, 2017

Breiana Buckhalter	Maitlyn Grams	Nathan Hall	Alex Jones
Kallie Krueger	Sydney Nommensen	Kyleigh O'Donnell	Sarina Popodi

Ten Year – May 20, 2012

Kristen Dake	Cassandra Grams	Alyssa Hanson	Nicholas Jacobs
Katherine McDonald	Brittany Mani	Ralph Michaels IV	Caitlyn Mitchell
Michael Mitchell	Jacob Nygaard	Danielle Schmid	Johanna Storm

Twenty-Five Year – May 18, 1997

Jennifer Behring	Hilary Carr	Annette Coulthurst	Daniel DeWitt
Rebecca Emmrich	Scott Ford	David Jodat	Andrew Kloiber
Heidi Koch	Amanda Kolosovsky	Robyn Kolosovsky	Nicole Lawrence
Angela Marsolek	Susan Matthews	Jessica Meyer	Nicole Morrison
Felicia Samano	Joshua Sharp	Megan Stewart	Jennifer Vogel
Charmaine Yunk	Michael Zajac		

Forty Year – May 16, 1982

Laura Bartz	Kelly Doherty	Sheri Frahman	Melissa Knoll
Karen Livesey	Katherine Livesey	Donald Mikula	James Nygaard
William Nygaard	Kelly Rice	Kenneth Siegel	Marlo Strehlow

Fifty Year – May 28, 1972

Jeffery Ahlborn	Dean Amhaus	Pamela Brown	Thomas Buresh
Lynn Camps	Cindy Cook	Yvonne Dhooge	Beth Heidingsfeld
James Honek	Bernadine Kluck	John Matitz	Debra Matter
Scott Rowley	Diane Schultz	Mark Stack	

Sixty Year – May 27, 1962

Diane Baer	Lucinda Bigger	Lawrence Butero	Karen Froling
Margaret Goeltz	Sandra Grosse	Terry Honek	Leigh Hoover
Candace Kaye	Patricia Lathrop	Sandra Licitar	Susan McLimans
Carl Miller	Maureen Morgan	Katherine Pechering	Robert Ripple
Brian Schultz	Richard Smith	Ronald Teshner	Reginald Trinkl
Lee Wenger	Raymon Werhand	Jay Wesner	James Zess

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

- **Welcome!** ... We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today. We pray that "Jesus Christ the Savior of the world" was clearly proclaimed in the message and music of worship and that you were blessed by it. If we can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor. If you a visitor, we would consider it an honor if joined us again.
- **Main Floor Restroom** ... Please reserve it for those with limited mobility. Women's and men's are on the lower level. Changing tables are available in each.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (744-9771) for more information, or leave a message any time.

Sunday (May 1)

8:30 AM.....Sunday School

9:30 AM.....**Confirmation Sunday**
Worship / Communion

Tuesday (May 3)

6:15 AM.....Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Thursday (May 5)

6:30 PM.....Worship

Saturday (May 7)

8:00–Noon.....Properties Team Workday

Sunday (May 8)

8:30 AM.....Sunday School (*Last Sunday*)

9:30 AM.....Worship

Our Organist

Mary Wilde

Our Ushers

Thursday (5/5)

M Coulthurst

R Vircks

Sunday (5/8)

D Borree, J Ziemann,

D Richter, S & S

Wranovosky

Our Greeters

Sunday (5/8)

Charlie & Ruth Price

Jeff & Kim Nordby

Our Worship

Thursday.....25

Sunday.....76

Total.....101

Our Offerings

Envelopes.....\$6,431.00

Holidays.....\$570.00

Improvement.....\$5.00

Hymnals.....\$50.00

E-Offerings.....\$2,056.00

Total.....\$9,112.00

Confirmation Sunday – May 1

Today, the St. Paul's Class of 2022 will be confirmed. This service will include an Examination, the Rite of Confirmation and their First Communion. Keep these young Christians, who are professing their faith in Jesus, in your prayers, that they remain faithful to their Lord for a lifetime.

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Stay after for Fellowship

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month stay after church for Fellowship. That will include some delicious treats, coffee / refreshments, smiling faces and conversation. Guests and visitors ... please stop in!

Week 2: LuAnn Gaertner & Sandy Marshall

Week 4: Tammy Smukowski & Ashley Hill

We are always looking for more "teams" to host. Contact the church office, if you are interested.

fellowship

Resurrection Reaction!

Since Easter is such a wonderful celebration and the message of the resurrected Lord changes hearts and brings incredible comfort and joy to lives, let's plan on meeting here next Sunday and each Sunday after that!

The early Christians started the tradition of worshiping on Sunday to remind themselves that on the first day of the week – Sunday – Jesus rose from the dead! Let's keep that tradition going strong!

The New Hymns

- Hymns ... We already know over 70% of the hymns. We'll eventually learn the newer ones too, some you've already sung, they were just not in our red hymnal.
- Liturgies ... We already know several, and over the upcoming months, we'll listen to the other 3 Service Settings sung either by a choir or an individual and learn them together.



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May is Front-line Responders Month

Make sure to thank those you know who serve as Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, EMT's, Doctors and Nurses. Pray for them.

Dear Father, we thank you for Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, EMT's, Doctors and Nurses. Through them you bring protection and health for our bodies, so we can have peace of mind. Protect those who protect us. They often see the ugliness of sin and it's toll on people in our world, guide them to see the role they fill is a good one and for the benefit of many. When they become discouraged, lift them up. Keep them dedicated to their work of protecting and healing people. Amen.

Rooted In Love

Stay rooted in love for God and one another this spring and summer! Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) offers a wide selection of books, gifts and resources to various occasions including: Easter, Confirmation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Weddings and Birthdays.

Take a sheet off the pad on the entryway desk and shop at home at nph.net, or at 800-662-6022.

Thank You

Thank You to our bulletin board "specialists," Tierney Vircks and Tammy Nygaard. They have used their creative skills to put up bulletin boards to share information, upcoming events or special worship services and we appreciate it.

Properties Team Work Day – May 7

Each month on the first Saturday, **from 8 AM – Noon**, our Properties Team has a workday to fix, replace, take care of projects that need attention at church and school. No specific skill set is necessary. Only a desire to take care of the wonderful properties God has entrusted to us. Delicious donuts are provided for a boost of energy. Can you lend a hand?