

Immanuel Lutheran Church

*7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Easter Sunday
9 a.m. Worship Sundays of Easter
In Person / Live Stream / Conference Call
RSVP Only*

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY AND EASTER SEASON



Sundays; April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2021

Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Immanuel Lutheran Church is an inclusive congregation extending God's love and grace to all people. There is a welcome place for you here!

*God's Grace and Peace to YOU through our Lord and Savior
Jesus the Christ!*

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Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.

Immanuel's Guidelines for Safe, Sanctuary Worship



In person, sanctuary worship is by reservation only.



Reservations are to be made by calling Immanuel, 653-3950, by the Wednesday prior to Sunday. Reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Kelly will connect with you regarding your Sunday reservation.



If the sanctuary meets its maximum capacity prior to your reservation, you will be on the wait list for the following Sunday.



It is requested the cancelations are made no later than Saturday morning.



All doors will be available to enter and exit the building.



Face masks must be worn inside Immanuel Lutheran Church. Masks must be worn properly, covering both the nose and mouth. Face masks will be available if you need one.



It is requested that no fellowship occurs in the hallways and that you remain at least 6 feet from one another.



Seating in the sanctuary will be assigned, an usher will seat you and dismiss you (from the back to the front).



Once seated, it is requested that all congregants remain in their pews for the duration of the worship service.



Bulletins will not be printed. Download from Immanuel's website: luthwash.org



There will be no congregational singing. Singing by the accompanist only.



Liturgical responses will be softly spoken.



When sharing Christ's peace, the practice of bowing to each other will be practiced.



Offering plates will be located at the back of the sanctuary, no passing the plate.



Holy Communion: prepacked Communion will be taken off a table in the narthex and consumed while seated in the pew.



Nursery: not staffed, but available.



Contact tracing: If someone tests positive within the week after attending worship, call the church. Pastor Howard will call the people who were in church that Sunday and tell them that an anonymous person tested positive on X date.

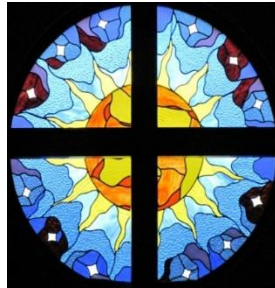
Immanuel's Mission Statement

Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.

To **hear love** by studying, proclaiming, and preaching the Word of God.

To **eat love** by feeding and communing with the bodily and spiritually hungry.

To **share Christ's love** through service to others and proclaiming the Good News to the world.



Immanuel's Golden Nuggets

As people of God, the following are the identifying non-negotiable characteristics of Immanuel Lutheran Church:

1. God's Word and Sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion) are paramount in the life of Immanuel.
2. We are an inclusive congregation: ALL are welcome.
3. As disciples of Christ, we live in service to God and others.
4. We are an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregation.



Resurrection of Our Lord

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

*All those who are able please stand

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

P: Hear God's love!

C: We hear God's love by proclaiming Jesus' victory over sin and death, for the world and for us, through the sacraments, scripture, preaching, liturgy, and song.

P: Hear God's love!

C: Holy God, open our ears to hear and our hearts to be transformed by our risen Lord's words and actions of love to and for the world. Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

***INVOCATION**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.



Water is poured into a baptismal bowl Pastor Howard gives thanks.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

C: Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 365

Easter Sunday, April 4th; verse 1

Second Sunday of Easter: April 11th, verse 2

Third Sunday of Easter: April 18th, verse 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 25th, verse 4

Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 2nd, verse 1

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9th, verse 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16th, verse 3

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

*GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. ... Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.



FIRST READING

Easter Day: April 4, 2021

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Sunday of Easter: April 11, 2021

Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Third Sunday of Easter: April 18, 2021

Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 25, 2021

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 2, 2021

Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9, 2021

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Easter Day: April 4, 2021

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Sunday of Easter: April 11, 2021

1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Third Sunday of Easter: April 18, 2021

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 25, 2021

1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 2, 2021

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9, 2021

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16, 2021

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book,
Setting 3, page 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

Easter Day: April 4, 2021

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

Second Sunday of Easter: April 11, 2021

John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

Third Sunday of Easter: April 18, 2021

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 25, 2021

John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 2, 2021

John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9, 2021

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16, 2021

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

P: The holy gospel according to St. _____ the ____ chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Second Sunday of Easter: April 11, 2021

Bishop Amy Current

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9, 2021

Pastor Jacquie Berlien

SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Run to the Garden

Immanuel's Choir

Second Sunday of Easter: April 11th

Thine is the Glory

Jane Runaas
Margie Runaas

Third Sunday of Easter: April 18th
Servant Project Presentation

Amazing Grace and He Leadeth Me

Claire Wubbena
Sara Bartlett

Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 25th

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Mikaila Matheson

Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 2nd
Affirmation of Baptism

Sara Bartlett

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9th

Lee Buchholtz

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16th

Mike Jewell



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Claire Marie Wubbena

Sunday May 2, 2021

Liturgy on page 18

***NICENE CREED**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope in our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.



P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*BLESSING OF THE WOMEN Sunday, May 9th

Liturgy on page 17

*PEACE

P: The peace of our risen Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace through the posture of bowing.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



OFFERING

We give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. For those worshipping inside the sanctuary we will receive your offerings in the plates located at the back of the sanctuary. For those who are worshipping online, you are invited to mail your checks to Immanuel, sign up for automatic withdrawal, or give online through our website: luthwash.org

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of love, ... for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

CAR HOP COMMUNION

April 11, 2021; 11 – 11:30 a.m.

May 16, 2021; 11 – 11:30 a.m.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And Also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We Lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give out thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy, living, and loving God, ...

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit; let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat Christ’s love, and be satisfied.

COMMUNION: We celebrate Holy Communion today; Christ’s banquet: a gift of Christ’s presence, a gift of forgiveness, gift of life for YOU! You receive the prepacked sealed grape juice with a sealed wafer on top as you entered the sanctuary. When Pastor Howard says, “The body of Christ, given for you.” you may open the wafer and eat. When Pastor Howard says, “The blood of Christ, shed for you.” You may open the grape juice and drink. You may bless the non-communing members of your family with the words “Name, you are a beloved child of God.”

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Response: Amen.



***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Wellspring of joy, ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



***BENEDICTION**

P: Christ has no body Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
But yours,...

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Thine Is the Glory

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #376

Easter Sunday, April 4th; verse 1

Second Sunday of Easter: April 11th, verse 2

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Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9th, verse 3

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16th, verse 1

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

***DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. You have heard Christ's love. You have eaten Christ's love. Go joyfully in Christ's peace to share Christ's love.

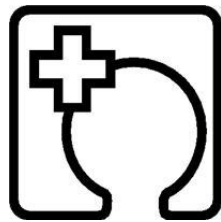
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***BLESSING OF THE WOMEN**

Sunday, May 9th

The men stretch their arms out in blessing over the women and pray:

Men: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth. We give thanks to you for all the women of faith who have done your will throughout the ages. We thank you for Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel. For Deborah, Hannah, and Esther, for Anna and Elizabeth, for Joanna and Susanna, for Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, for Mary Magdalene the first witness of the resurrection, and for Mary the blessed mother of our Lord.



God of our ancestors in faith, we ask your blessing upon the faithful women formed by your grace: our wives, our sisters, our mothers, our grandmothers, our aunts, our daughters, our friends. Bless them and all women who place their trust in you. Keep them steadfast in your Word and reject all that is evil. Look with favor upon their lives in Christ. May they wait upon the Lord and renew their strength, soaring up with wings like eagles. May they not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so they may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***PEACE**

Liturgy continues on page 12



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

CLAIRE MARIE WUBBENA

SUNDAY MAY 2, 2021

Presentation

At the conclusion of special music, Claire and Sara gather with Pastor Howard at the baptismal font. Congregation is seated.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Claire Marie Wubbena one with us in the body of Christ who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

The mentor presents the confirmand making her affirmation.

Sara Bartlett: I present Claire Marie Wubbena, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Claire Marie Wubbena whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Profession of Faith

Pastor Howard addresses the confirmand.



P: Sister in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of His Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so respond: I renounce them.

Confirmand Responds: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so respond: I renounce them.

Confirmand Responds: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so respond: I renounce them.

Confirmand Responds: I renounce them.

Pastor Howard addresses confirmand and the congregation. Congregation stands.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Pastor Howard and the confirmand move to the Chancel. Confirmand's mentor moves to the front pew.

*Prayers of Intercession

P: Let us pray for Claire Marie Wubbena who is affirming her Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:



P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Congregation may be seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

Pastor Howard addresses the confirmand.



P: You have made 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,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmand responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor Howard addresses the congregation.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Claire Marie Wubbena and pray for her in her life in Christ?

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

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

The confirmand kneels on kneeler; confirmand's family surrounds confirmand at kneeler. Mentor goes to the pulpit.

Mentor reads confirmation verse, explanation, personal Creed, and prays confirmand's confirmation prayer.

Pastor Howard lays hands upon confirmand along with confirmand's family and mentor.

P: Father in heaven, through water and the Spirit you have made Claire Marie Wubbena your own. You forgave all her sins and brought her to newness of life. For Jesus' sake, stir up in Claire the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

Confirmand: Amen.



A gift is bestowed upon the confirmed.

Claire Marie Wubbena faces the congregation. A council member addresses the congregation. Congregation stands.

***Bev Bailey, Council President:** Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

***C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***PEACE**

P: The peace of our risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace through the posture of bowing.

Worship continues with receiving of our offerings

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