

Confirmation 2021



Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA
Forest City, Iowa
Pastors Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson
October 31, 2021 2:00 p.m.
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Today these young people reach the place on their faith journey, affirming for themselves the faith claimed for them in their baptism. We bless their growth in faith, and we rejoice that they desire to make public profession of their faith and to grow with us in this Christian community and our mission in the world.

PRELUDE SONG: **“Nobody”**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed by the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONGS: **“Let Everything that has Breath”**
“Open the Eyes of my Heart”

WELCOME

GREETING: **Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.**

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

SERMON

Pastor Rod Hopp

SONG: "We Believe"

PRAYERS: L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

Owen, Jada, Bailey

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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Affirming their Baptism:

Braedon Richard Edward Appel	Owen Leo Holkesvik	Skylar Jade Steffensen
Jacob Kennes Beenken	Aubrey Lyn Miller	Carter Joe Stricker
Gracie Jayne Conrad	Brayden Matthew Price	Jessa Lynne Swearingen
Olivia Fay Eastvold	Gabriel Isaac Ramirez	Jada JoAnn Wooldridge
Jack Mason Harms	Bailey Jean Sobek	

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "This is Amazing Grace"

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C. Thanks be to God!



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Ushers: Jan Buffington, Tina Berg, Cindy Korth

Greeters: Owen Holkesvik, Jacob Beenken, Jack Harms

Crucifer: Gabriel Ramirez

Scripture Readers: Braedon Appel, Gabriel Ramirez, Skylar Steffensen

Communion Servers: Aubrey Miller, Jessa Swearingen, Olivia Eastvold, Carter Stricker

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Sound / Video Techs: Daryl & Tammy Krieger

Music: Geno Lopes, Jason Slater, Elizabeth May, Geno Lopes

*Thank you to Mary Kingland, Marlene Faircloth, Kay Sorensen,
Jan Buffington, Linda Hinkley, and Jaci Thorson for making the class stoles.*

Affirming Their Baptism Today:

Braedon Richard Edward Appel son of Jerry & Paula Appel
Baptized Aug. 20, 2006, Elk Creek Sponsors: Jeff & Julie Wilcox
Lutheran, Kensett

Bible Verse: Luke 1:37 *"For with God nothing shall be impossible."*
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Going to Okoboji for Confirmation Camp.

Jacob Kennes Beenken son of Brandon & Emily Beenken
Baptized March 4, 2007, Immanuel sponsors: Chris & Katherine Squier,
Dale & Sara Meinders, Erik & Rebecca Pederson

Bible Verse: Colossians 3:23 *"Whatever you do work at it as though you were working for the Lord and not people."*
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Bonding with pastors and peers through God. And for furthering my knowledge in the Lord.

Gracie Jayne Conrad daughter of Jennifer Conrad and Lance Conrad
Baptized Feb. 12, 2006, Mercy sponsors: Clint & Michelle Craft,
Medical Center & June 4, 2006, Immanuel Mike & Trisha Quinn
Bible Verse: Ephesians 4:32 *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

Olivia Fay Eastvold daughter of Andrew & Jennifer Eastvold
Baptized Oct. 1, 2006, Immanuel sponsors: Dave & Deb Ulstad, Michaela Farus
Bible Verse: Romans 12:2 *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."*
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Service projects.

Jack Mason Harms son of Mason & Kelli Harms
Baptized Nov. 6, 2005, Immanuel sponsors: Darren Lovick, Melanie Harms
Bible Verse/Story: Mark 6:38-44 *"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled."* (41-42)
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Confirmation camp at Okoboji.

Owen Leo Holkesvik

Baptized Oct. 23, 2005, Immanuel

son of Zachary & Valarie Holkesvik
sponsors: Darren & Carrie Kube,
David & Amanda Seegmiller

Bible Verse: Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Favorite Confirmation Experience: Being with my friends and getting closer to God.

Aubrey Lyn Miller

Baptized Sept. 24, 2006, Immanuel

daughter of Jason & Jill Miller
sponsors: Jason & Brandy McArtor,
Jared Christensen

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6 *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Favorite Confirmation Experience: Serving coffee and desserts with my classmates.

Brayden Matthew Price

Baptized Jan. 14, 2007, Immanuel

son of Matt & Crystal Price
sponsors: Renee McGuire, Cash Miller

Bible Verse: John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

Favorite Confirmation Experience: Picking up trash.

Gabriel Isaac Ramirez

Baptized Jan. 30, 2005, St. John
Lutheran, Corwith

son of William Ramirez & Heather DeGroot
sponsors: Wayne DeGroot, Holly DeGroot

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:8 *"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

Favorite Confirmation Experience: Getting to know my friends better.

Bailey Jean Sobek

Baptized July 16, 2006, Immanuel

daughter of Jean Sobek-Larsen, Scott Sobek
sponsors: Travis & Marcia Greco
Kevin & Shery Steenblock

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me"*

Favorite Confirmation Experience: Church camp.

Skylar Jade Steffensen daughter of Jay & Kerry Steffensen
Baptized Apr. 23, 2006, Immanuel sponsors: Jody Waltemeyer, Mike Faircloth
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."*
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Watching the two men traveling and talking about God and the devil.

Carter Joe Stricker son of Brad & Jodee Stricker
Baptized Oct. 8, 2006, Immanuel sponsors: James & Julayne Andresen
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:6 *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Attending Confirmation camp.

Jessa Lynne Swearingen daughter of Troy & Shannon Swearingen
Baptized June 17, 2007, Immanuel sponsors: Curt & Gina Schleuger,
Jeremy & Jen Jordahl
Bible Verse: Psalm 56:8 *"Tears are prayers too. They travel to God when we can't speak."*
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Building chairs for one of the rooms and going off in rooms to read the Bible.

Jada JoAnn Wooldridge daughter of Karl & Kari Wooldridge
Baptized June 29, 2008, Immanuel sponsors: Troy & Stacey Wirtz
Bible Verse: Isaiah 40:31 *"Those who hope in the Lord they will renew their strength... they will soar on wings like eagles."*
Favorite Confirmation Experience: Confirmation camp.