

*Fifth Sunday of Easter~ May 19, 2019*

*Confirmation Sunday*

**CONFIRMED**  
*In Faith*

**THEME: Our glorified Savior leads us to love one another.**

**HYMN 509:** *"How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts"*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD** – Page 38

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 13:44-52

*Paul and Barnabas preach the message of salvation to crowds of people. However, jealous Jews stir up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and force them to leave. In spite of this hostility, God used this persecution to spread his Word to many others, Jews and Gentiles alike.*

13:16 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45 When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. 47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. 49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 119a (p.109) (sung in unison).

Throughout our life, God's Word is the only guide and source of light that we need.

**SECOND LESSON:** Revelation 21:1-6

*John is allowed to see a new heaven and a new earth. In this new creation there are no tears, no sorrow, no death. Through our Lord Jesus, the heavenly bridegroom, we look forward to living in this new creation, our heavenly home.*

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people,

and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

**CHOIR:** *"Be Strong In The Lord"*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 13:31-35

*By carrying out the plan of salvation, Jesus brought glory to himself and to his heavenly father. Although he is no longer with us in the body, he lives in us through faith. He commands us to love one another. That love will tell those around us that we are his disciples.*

13:31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. 33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**HYMN 596:** *"Let Me Be Yours Forever"*

**SERMON TEXT:** 2 Corinthians 4: 17-18

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

**SERMON THEME: What Has Your Attention?**

**1. The matters before you today**

**2. The things that matter forever**

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**OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2:** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* (Please Stand)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

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**HYMN 505:** *"Love Is the Gracious Gift"*

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 599:** *"Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day"*

**SILENT PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,379.00	<b>Office Hours.</b>	Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 05-12-19	\$2,455.75		
Budget Need to date	\$64,201.00	<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Budget Received to date	\$58,724.93	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
		<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Guild Ice Cream Social
Worship Attendance 05-12-19	129	<b>Friday</b>	June/July Lamplighter Articles due
Tuesday Bible Class	8	<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Serving Us Today ~ May 19, 2019**

*Organist:* Marge Schroeder

*Ushers:* Karl Luft, Jim Daubert, Marty Waite & Jeff Reiter



**Confirmation Class of 2019**

*Hunter Michael Geis, Hannah Jo Gregory and Olivia Kirsten Juedes*

**Confirmation Pictures** can be taken immediately following our worship service.

**The Flowers Adorning Our Altar** this morning have been provided by Tom and Stacy Gregory in honor of Hannah's Confirmation.

**Special Organ Envelopes** are available in the narthex of our church for those that would like to contribute to our new replacement organ.

**WELS Night at the Brewers** is scheduled for Friday, July 12 against the San Francisco Giants. More information will be available in our June Lamplighter.

**Vacation Bible School** (combined WELS-Oshkosh) will be June 24-28 at Martin Luther. Please inquire in our church office or go to [daycamp@martinlutheroshkosh.com](mailto:daycamp@martinlutheroshkosh.com) for more information.

**Ladies' Guild May Meeting** is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Come join their annual ice cream social.

**Choir Practice has concluded** until fall. Thank you to the Choir members, Marjean Schroeder and Marge Schroeder our Choir Director, for beautifying our services with their music.

**Oshkosh WELS Joint Ascension Service** is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther.

**Church Council Will Meet Tomorrow** at 6:30 p.m. in our conference room.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Jan Nelson who was hospitalized this past week.

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