

# *This Is Most Certainly True!*

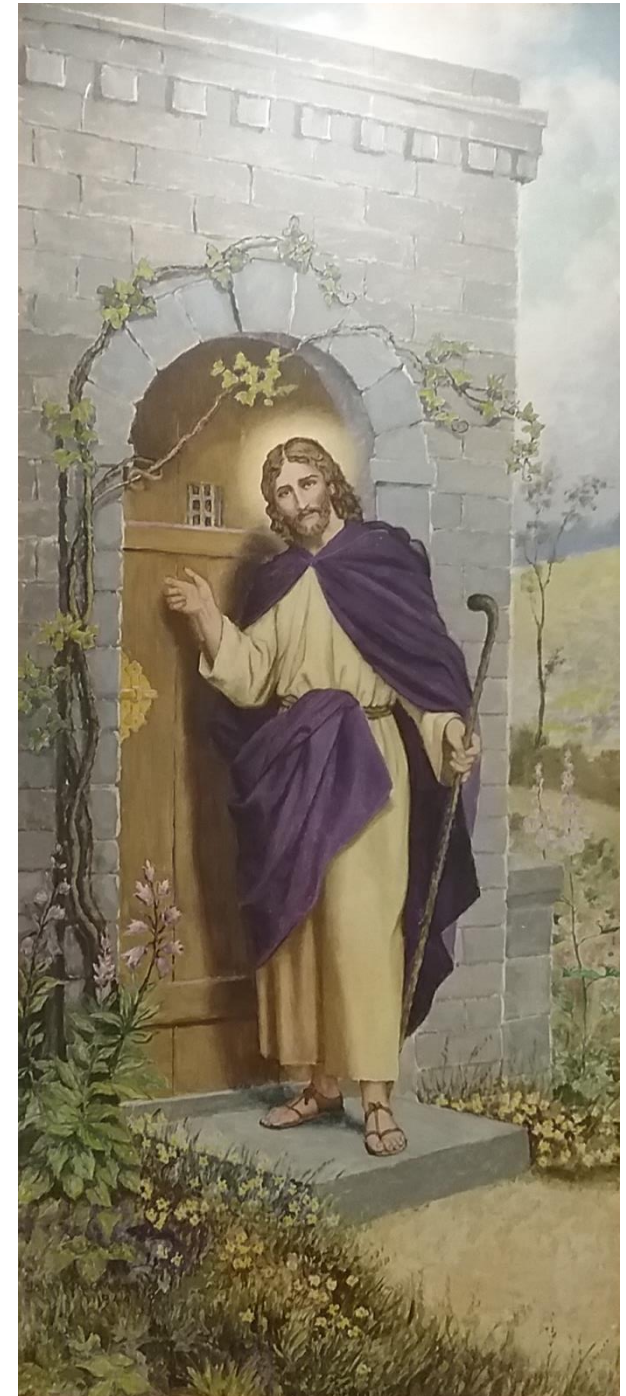


*“Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well shall fare.”* Martin Luther

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in Darmstadt  
Youth Confirmation Classes 1932-2022**

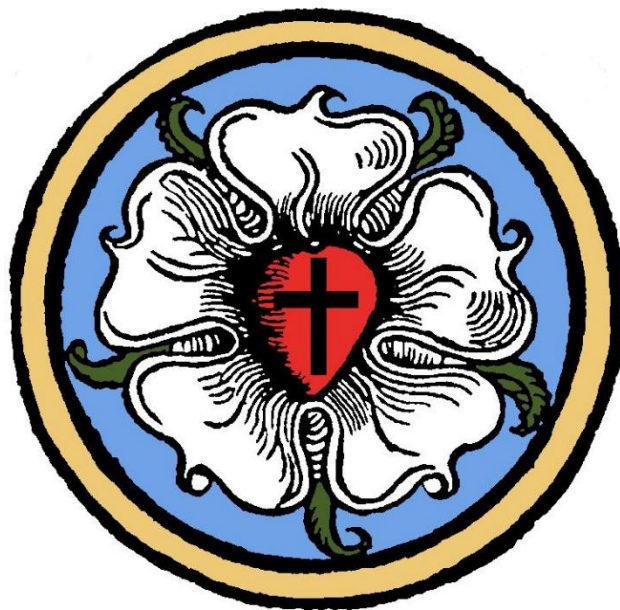
[Jesus said] “I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and **white garments** so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. **Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 3:18-22

Shown on the right is the painting of Jesus, as depicted knocking on the door in Revelation 3:20. The painting was dedicated in memory of Wayne Murl Metz (d.1940), two-year-old brother of Gloria Metz Arendt (confirmation class of 1950). The painting originally adorned the altar in the former red brick church (1881-1958). It appears in the background of several of the confirmation pictures in this book with the confirmands wearing their white robes, symbolizing Christ’s righteousness bestowed at their baptism. After the existing church was built in 1959, the painting of Jesus resided in the choir room until it was relocated to the parish hall in 2019.



### Explanation of Luther’s Seal

The black cross in the center reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. The red heart reminds us of the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior. The red of the heart is the color of the blood of Christ, shed for us and for our salvation. The white rose helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit who makes us pure and holy in God’s sight by bringing us to faith in Jesus and by helping us to live our lives for Him. The sky blue background pictures the joy of the new life God gives to all who believe and trust in Him. Finally, the golden ring outlining the seal reminds us of our eternal inheritance – a home in heaven where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness in our Savior’s presence.





## Preface – *What Does This Mean?*

After Jesus suffered and died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead for our justification, He said to his disciples just before He ascended into heaven, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

*What does this mean?* With these departing words, Jesus gave His mission and marching orders to His Church. The disciples of Jesus began the work of His Great Commission by baptizing and teaching in His name, but after they departed in glory, Christ continued His mission as He raised up more disciples to spread the Gospel to all nations. The message of the Gospel crossed continents and seas until it found its way here to Trinity Lutheran Darmstadt in 1847. In this 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of our congregation, we remember and celebrate Christ’s work of making disciples in our church through the baptizing and teaching of our youth in confirmation instruction.

Although Holy Baptism and the Rite of Confirmation are one-time events, these gifts of God have continuing effects in the life of the Christian. It is often said, “I *was* baptized,” but the Christian sings “God’s own child, I gladly say it: I *am* baptized into Christ.” (LSB 594) While Holy Baptism occurred in his past, the Christian lives out the life of the baptized in his daily life. As Martin Luther says in our catechism, baptism “indicates that the Old Adam in us should by *daily* contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should *daily* emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” Likewise, when Jesus gave the Great Commission, He did not merely say, “teaching them all that I have commanded you,” but “teaching them *to observe* all that I have commanded you.” Teaching youth all that Jesus commanded indeed occurs in confirmation instruction, but teaching youth *to observe* all that Jesus taught occurs daily in the home. Martin Luther prefaces the parts of the catechism with the words, “As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.” As Christians, we continue to observe the teachings of Jesus by keeping the Ten Commandments every day. And, when we fail to keep the Law, we receive Christ’s forgiveness through absolution and the Lord’s Supper in weekly worship. Through these means the Holy Spirit keeps us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith until we die.

This book, entitled *This Is Most Certainly True*, is dedicated to the sainted Ray Steinkuhl (1928-2021) who was baptized at Trinity Evansville and confirmed, married, and buried at Trinity Darmstadt. In 2006, Ray gathered our youth confirmation pictures from the church archives, compiled them in two binders, and identified the names of the confirmands of each class. This book makes his work readily available to our congregation and also includes pictures of some of our members who were confirmed at other Lutheran churches. Ray is shown right as a youth in his confirmation class picture of 1941 and as a man whom God kept in the Christian faith throughout his life before entering his glory.



Rev. Dr. Stan Temme  
The Ascension of Our Lord, 2022



## **The Ten Commandments**

**AS THE HEAD OF  
THE FAMILY  
SHOULD TEACH IT  
IN A SIMPLE WAY  
TO HIS HOUSEHOLD**

**The First  
Commandment  
You shall have no  
other gods.**

*What does this mean?*  
We should fear, love,  
and trust in God above  
all things.

**The Second  
Commandment  
You shall not misuse  
the name of the Lord  
your God.**

*What does this mean?*  
We should fear and love  
God so that we do not  
curse, swear, use satanic  
arts, lie, or deceive by  
His name, but call upon  
it in every trouble, pray,  
praise, and give thanks.

**1932** – Front Row: Sylvester Fischer, Alton Reininga, Delbert Pranschke, Dorothy Fischer Mevio, Elmer Broderhausen  
Back Row: Marie Klausmeier Reininga, John Kron, Karl R. Sensmeier



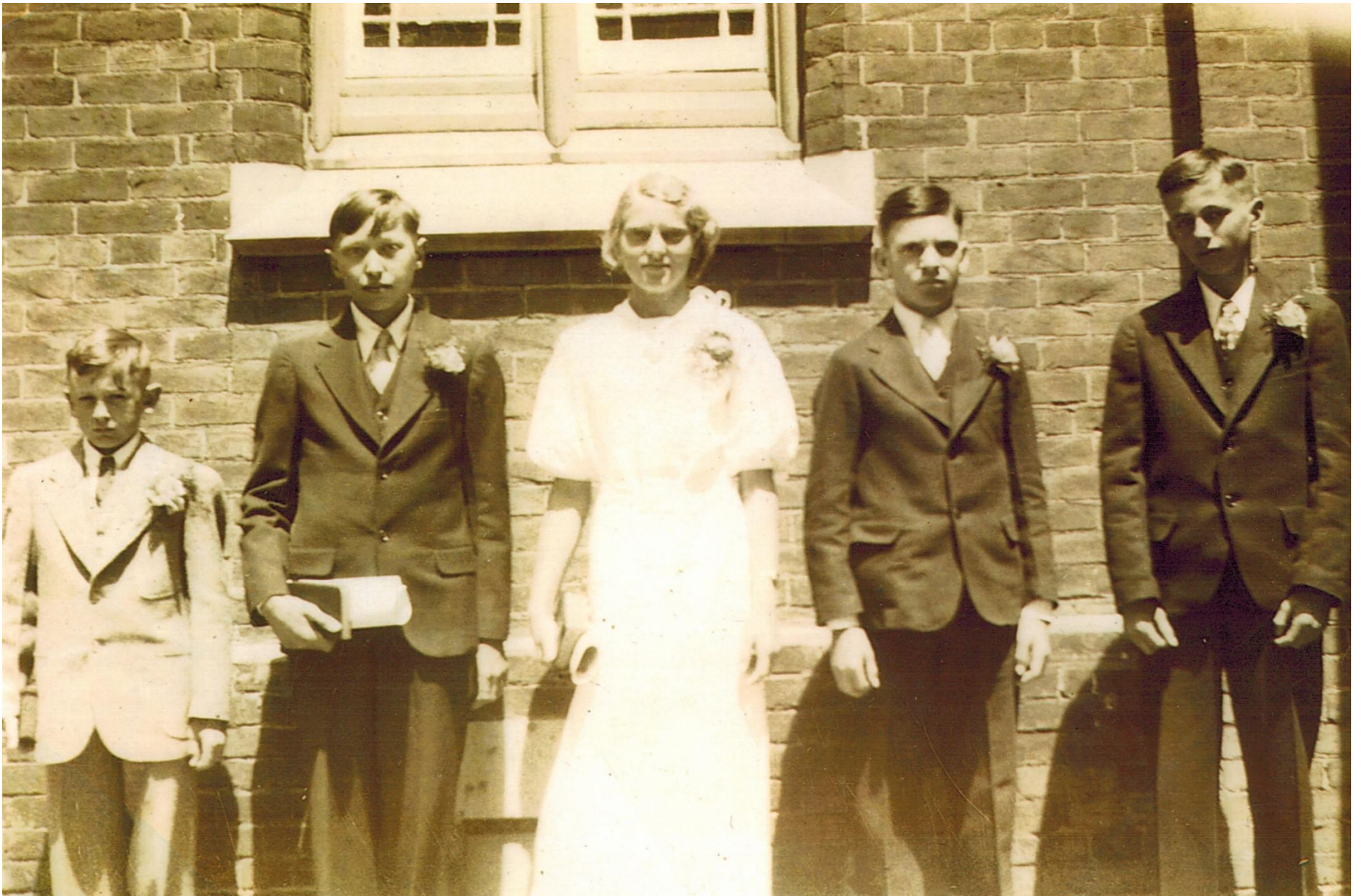


**1933** – Alvin C. Kahre, Alfred Kahre, Pastor Pranschke, Harold Pranschke



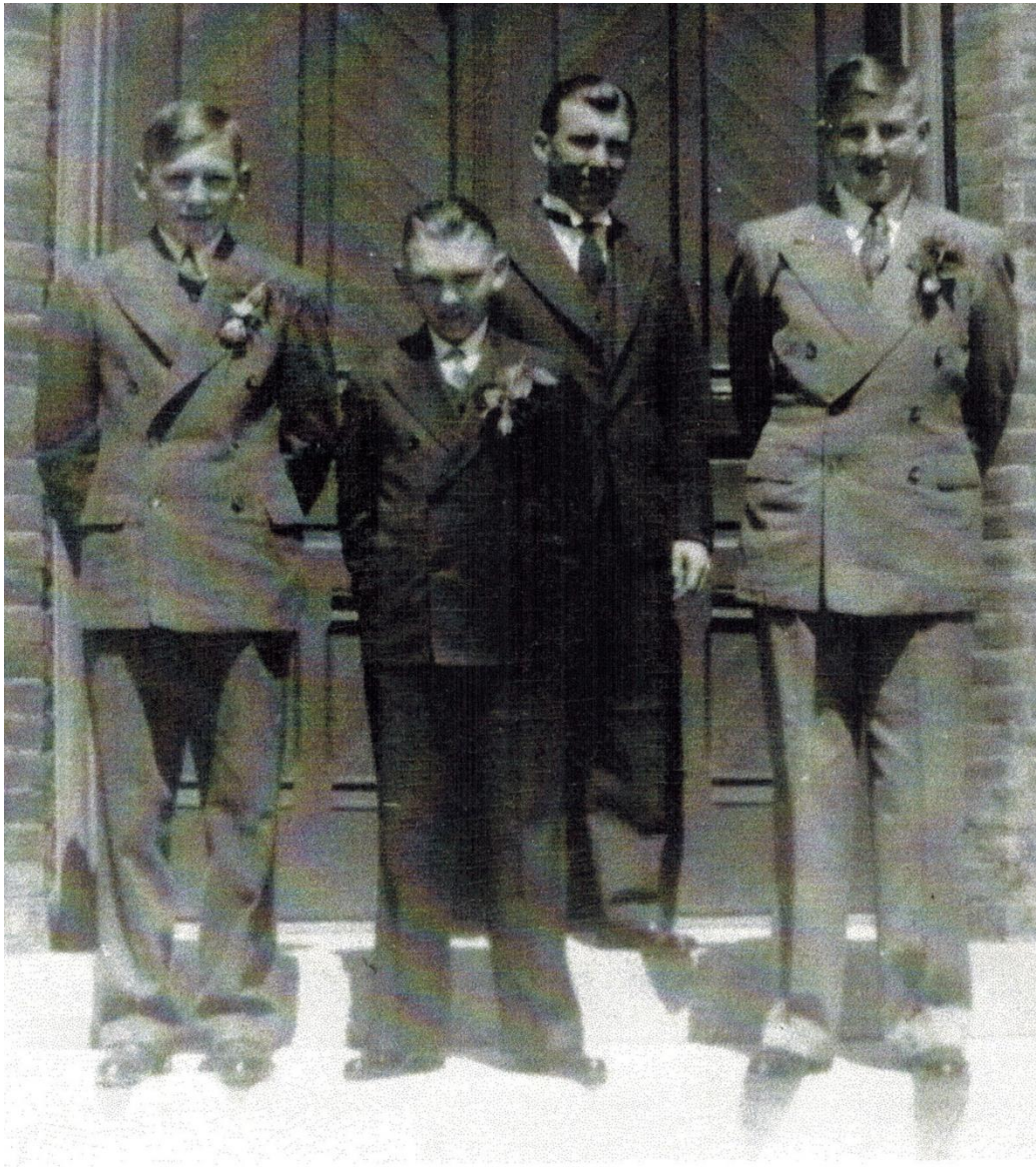
**1937** – Alice Reininga Butler, Bernice Kahre Moseby, Earl Reininga, Clinton Schlensker, Marion Kuester, (Orion) Harold Kuester, Pastor H. J. Meyer





**1934** – Edward Stofft, Wilbur Kron, Helen Kron Kahre, Alfred F. Klausmeier, Edgar Reininga





**1938** – Marvin Stofft, Alvin Krietemeyer, Winfred Kalkwarf,  
Pastor H. J. Meyer



**1940** – Wilma Jean Korff Orton, Dorothy Schlensker  
Kahre, Delores Traub Somers, Darwin Fischer,  
Bernhardt G. Kahre Jr., Pastor H. J. Meyer,  
Teacher E. Mesissner





**1941** – Ivan Wortmann, Raymond C. Steinkuhl, Goldie Hahn Kahre, Rev. H. J. Meyer, Teacher Martin Mack



**1941** – The Lutheran Mission, East Gary  
**Wilma Thews Fehd**, Pastor L. Pranschke







**1942** – Bonnie Sensmeier Crouch, Geraldine Krieger King, Mildred Traub Kahre, Earl Krietemeyer, Robert Kahre, Clarence Weigel, Pastor H. J. Meyer



**1943** – Front Row: John Messer, Eugene Meyer, Miriam Kahre Van Winkle, Charles Korff  
Middle Row: Thomas Somers, Lois Somers Kahre, Mrs. & Mrs. W. Somers  
Back Row: Mr. M. Collins, Pastor H. J. Meyer, Walter A. Somers, Teacher Martin Mack





**The Third Commandment  
Remember the Sabbath day  
by keeping it holy.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

**The Fourth Commandment  
Honor your father and your  
mother.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

**The Fifth Commandment  
You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

**1944** – Front Row: Ruth Euler Fellwock, Martha Meyer, Doris Kuester Blair, Emma Lou Seegmueller Schmidt  
Back Row: Thomas J. Lutz, Charles Weigel, Roger G. Steinkuhl, Kenneth Temme, Pastor H. J. Meyer





**1945** – Henry Kron, Marilyn Kahre Hahne, Donald Paul Keck, Pastor H. J. Meyer, Teacher Martin Mack



**1946** – Front Row: Dorothy Kron Bruce, Thekla Weigel, Ruth Krietemeyer Bittner, Patricia Seybold Askins  
Back Row: Pastor Herman J. Meyer, Dalton Temme, John Hofmann, Chester Korff





**The Sixth  
Commandment**  
**You shall not  
commit adultery.**  
*What does this mean?*  
We should fear and  
love God so that we  
lead a sexually pure  
and decent life in  
what we say and do,  
and husband and wife  
love and honor each  
other.

**The Seventh  
Commandment**  
**You shall not steal.**  
*What does this mean?*  
We should fear and  
love God so that we  
do not take our  
neighbor's money or  
possessions, or get  
them in any dishonest  
way, but help him to  
improve and protect  
his possessions and  
income.

**1947** – Front Row: Edna Hofmann Ingram, Margaret Kron Cheaney, Viola Broderhausen Mahan, Alice Seybold Keck, Susan Fellwock Kendt, Joyce Sensmeier  
Back Row: Harold Hartman, Tommy A. Korff, Pastor Herman J. Meyer, Edwin Temme, Robert Mahan

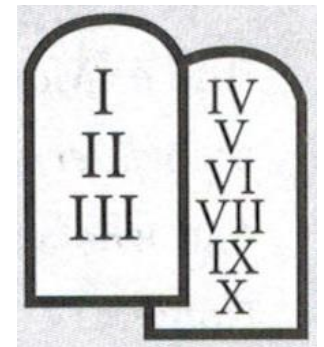




**The Eighth  
Commandment  
You shall not give  
false testimony  
against your  
neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.



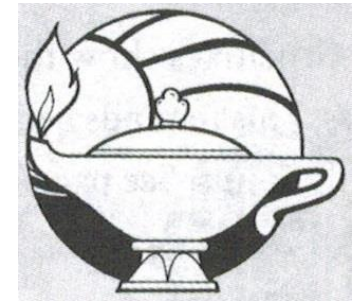
**1948** – Front Row: Robert Krieger, Betty Korff Krietemeyer, Ruth Steinkuhl Korff, Marilyn Seybold Lamb, Bryon Mahan  
Back Row: James W. Kahre, Donald Hall, Pastor H. J. Meyer, George Henry, Gary Graul





## The Ninth Commandment You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?*  
We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.



**Trinity Lutheran Church in Evansville** (Darmstadt members shown in bold)

**1948** – Front Row: Ralph Titus, Betty Rohmer Jarboe, Clarence Rutt, **Vivian Helming Ruff**, George Dauble

Middle Row: Rev. Walter Brauer, Jerry Elpers, Shirley Witte, Pat Wehr, Ron Pritchett, Bob Holtz

Back Row: Ken Walker, Gil Simpson, Richard Lurker, Richard Dimmett, Carl Sandifer





**1949** – Front Row: Judith Klueg Simmons, Molly Jones Hempfling, Frieda Hofmann Drake, Claudette Pierce Bishop  
Back Row: Ira Scott, Pastor H. J. Meyer

### **The Tenth Commandment**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

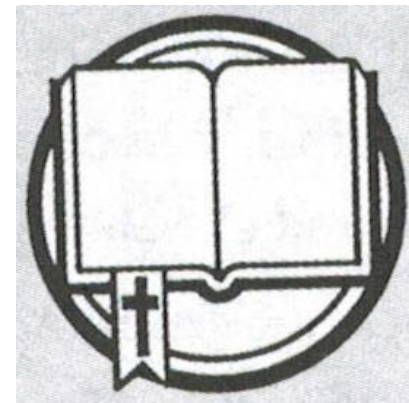
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

### **The Close of the Commandments**

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." [Ex. 20:5–6]

*What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.







**1950** – Front Row: Joyce Faries, Marjorie Meyers Dress, Mildred Henry, Gloria Metz Arendt, Arlene Schauss Hartman, Jo Anne Klueg Davis, Doris Keck Turpin  
Second Row: John Reininga, Robert H. Keck, George Krietemeyer, Raymond Krietemeyer, William Gann, Ronald E. Korff, Larry Collins  
Back Row: Mrs. Charles Barton, Charles Barton, Pastor Arnold Kluge, Marcella Steinkuhl, Edith Faries





**1951** – Front Row: Barbara Kron Miller, Karon Lutz Wathen, Margaret Krieger Saddler, Jan Schlensker Schmidt, Ida Belle Walker Carnal, Ruth Ann Kluge Glandorf  
Back Row: Pastor H. E. Meyer, Harley Seybold, Lanny West, Judith Korff Moll, Robert J. Hahne, Geneva Steinkuhl, David Fellwock, Paul Hofmann, Pastor Arnold Kluge





**1952** – Front Row: Wilma Jean Seybold McCoy, Martha Schlensker Peace, Joan Reininga Ready  
 Row Two: Judy Hoffherr Bullock, Helen Gerhardt Meredith, Marjenett Kahre David, Wanda Luttrell  
 Back Row: Buddy Somers, Gerald H. Korff, Martha Hutchison, Mrs. Lora West, Norma West,  
 Jeri Brenner, Pastor H. E. Meyer

## The Creed

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY  
 SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE  
 WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

### The First Article - CREATION

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth.**

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.







**The Second Article  
REDEMPTION**  
**And in Jesus  
 Christ, His 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 into hell.  
 The third day He  
 rose again from the  
 dead. He ascended  
 into heaven and sits  
 at the right hand of  
 God, the Father  
 Almighty. From  
 thence He will  
 come to judge the  
 living and the dead.**



**1953** – Front Row: Stuart Hoffherr, Elizabeth Neuber Krietemeyer, Jeffrey Diekmann, Carolyn Bickmeier Hinkle  
 Back Row: Teacher Oscar Scheerger, Berthold Neuber, Louis Wittman, Margaret Hofmann Large, Pastor Arnold Kluge





*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.



**Trinity Lutheran Church in Evansville** (Darmstadt members shown in bold)

**1953** – First Row: Richard Wehr, Bob Schlensker

Second Row: Jerry Rich, Patricia Anderson

Third Row: Beth Ann Bohleber, Barbara Kefauver, William Arnold, Joseph Brown, Shara Aiton

Fourth Row: Cathy Krause, **Dolores Reasor Heeger**, **Linda Rae Hunt Korff**, Sylvia Braukhoff, Carolyn Helfrich, Charlotte English

Fifth Row: William Kirsch, **Charles English**





**Trinity Lutheran Church, Stockholm, Maine** (Darmstadt members shown in bold)  
**1953** – Front Row: **Gloria Hjulstrom Clark**, Shelia Peterson, Jacqueline Anderson  
 Back Row: Neal Nelson, Pastor Norman Henry, Wayne Dixon, Elmer Gunnerson



**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Lanesville, Indiana**  
**1953** - Wilma Lieber,  
 Rev. Omar Rau, Paul Eisert,  
**Dottie Rau Kahre**





### **The Third Article SANCTIFICATION**

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

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

**1954** – Front Row: Sandra Collins Thompson, Allen Johnson, Jacquelyn Klueg Jackson, Shirley Korff Neuber, Linda Barton  
Row Two: Charlotte Barton, Nancy Jones Korff, Donna Smith, Alan Sensmeier, Albert Umbach Jr., Teacher Oscar Scheerger  
Back Row: Ellen Reininga Mazurana, Donald Krietemeyer, William Dress Jr., Paul Sensemeier





**1955** – Front Row: Pastor Arnold Kluge, Betty Holzapfel Wallace, Hazel Korff English, Teacher Oscar Scheerger  
Back Row: Curtis Glover Jr., Judith Wittman, (Charles) Roger Barton

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD**

### **The Introduction**

**Our Father who art in heaven.**

*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

### **The First Petition**

**Hallowed be Thy name.**

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!





**The Second Petition**  
**Thy kingdom come.**  
*What does this mean?*  
 The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.



**1956** – Front Row: Rita Diekmann Crane, Vivian Egmert Barton, Carolyn Fischer Bicker, Janet Metz Hanson  
 Back Row: Kenneth V. Maasberg, Robert Sensmeier, Kenneth Reininga, Don Kahre, David Dennis, Donald Bilderback, David Bickmeier, Teacher Oscar Scheerger, Pastor Omar F. J. Rau





### **The Third Petition**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*What does this mean?*

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?*

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

### **The Fourth Petition**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

**1957** – First Row: Larry Kuester, Eileen Sensmeier Meyerholtz, Paul Kahre  
Second Row: Teacher Oscar Scheerger, Pastor Omar F. J. Rau





**1958** – Front Row: Donald Kahre, Gerald Bogan, Martha Balbach, Diane Collins Kidd, Sharon Gallmeyer Walker, Roger Dennis, Terry Reininga  
 Second Row: Richard Dress, James Jones  
 Back Row: Pastor Omar Rau, Rebecca Hall Voegel, Jeanette Wittman, Elljean Sensmeier Nichols, Carolyn Holzapfel Keefer, Susan Besig Kolb, (Dorothy) Signe Johnson Worsham, Gary R. Ivy, Teacher Loren Doehrmann





**The Fifth Petition**  
**And forgive us our**  
**trespasses as we**  
**forgive those who**  
**trespass against us.**  
*What does this mean?*  
 We pray in this petition  
 that our Father in  
 heaven would not look  
 at our sins, or deny our  
 prayer because of  
 them. We are neither  
 worthy of the things for  
 which we pray, nor  
 have we deserved  
 them, but we ask that  
 He would give them all  
 to us by grace, for we  
 daily sin much and  
 surely deserve nothing  
 but punishment. So we  
 too will sincerely  
 forgive and gladly do  
 good to those who sin  
 against us.

**1959** – Wayne N. Reininga, Irene Fischer Solomon, Nancy Balbach Beumer, Pastor Omar Rau, Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Ann Becker Kloote, Melissa Egbert Euler, Janice Maasberg Stone, George Hofmann





## **The Sixth Petition And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?*

God tempts no one.

We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.



**1960** – Front Row: Ronald P. Steinkuhl, Samuel Smothers, Max Gallmeyer, Michael Schultz, David K. Kahre  
Back Row: Pastor Omar F. J. Rau, Teacher Loren Doehrmann





**1961** – Front Row: Clare Mae Kron Ellison, Ladonna O'Brien Brooks, Linda Buth Orr, Sherry Hoffherr Prange, Daniel Metz, Ronald G. Massberg, Glen Hoffherr, Donald Letterman  
Back Row: Pastor Omar F. J. Rau, Teacher Loren Doehrmann





**1962** – Front Row: James Westfall III, Richard Bogan, Randall Sensmeier, Barbara Letterman Lutterman, Jo Anne Schlensker Furniss, Carol Sensmeier, Darlene Fischer Ramsey  
Back Row: Pastor Omar Rau, Steven Kuester, Mary Ann Klausmeier Kraft, Diana Hoffherr Skinner, Charlotte Balbach Hunter, Katherine Flick Ramsey, Teacher Loren Doehrmann





1963 – Richard Dennis, Betty Westfall, Alan F. Reininga, Pastor Omar Rau

**The Seventh Petition**  
**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

**The Conclusion**  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the**  
**glory forever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

*What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”





**1964** - Front Row: Dale Kahre, Daniel Schlensker, Janet Klausmeier Sinsabaugh, Sandra Steinkuhl Craven, Carol Kahre Hoffherr, Suzanne Kahre, Linda Steinkuhl Sander, Cynthia Wolf, Clyde A. Broderhausen, Gregory Sensmeier  
 Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Jane Corson McCallister, Donna Balbach Vacl, Maurice Hardy, Carl R. Hofmann, Doris Fischer Spanner, Linda Fehd Brock, Pastor Omar F. J. Rau





## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD **FIRST**

*What is Baptism?*  
Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

*Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."  
[Matt. 28:19]

**1965** – Front Row: Susan Schroeder, Beth Kahre Ahrens, Michael H. Reininga, Ricky Ivy, Janelle Kuester Craddock, Jan Corson

Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Matt (Mark) Williams, Richard Scott, Pastor Omar Rau





**1966** – Front Row: Vance Opell, Joan Fischer, Kathleen Kahre Strakis, Nan Diekmann, Lynn Kahre Stephens, Carol Broderhausen Schlumpf, Kathleen Reininga Gilkey, David Hoffherr  
Back Row: Pastor Omar Rau, Vickie Steinkuhl Sellers, Elizabeth Letterman Brown, Wayne Sensmeier, Allan Steinkuhl, Cheryl Kirkwood Miller, Carol Fischer Rogers, Teacher Loren Doehrmann





**1967** – Front Row: Dian Lutz Collins, Jeffrey L. Sensmeier, David A. Fehd, Mark Reininga, Michael Hahne, Eileen Bogan Kinsey  
Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Sandra Scott, David Hardy, Gregory Kahre, Pastor Omar F. J. Rau



**1967** - Immanuel Lutheran  
Seymour, Indiana  
**Kathy Oberring Bumb**  
(Second Row – Center)





**1968** – Front Row: Mark A. Somers, Deborah Sisk Voegel, Gary Steinkuhl  
 Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Eldora Chapman Baumgart, Linda Gorman Owens,  
 Cindy David Carlisle, Bettye Becker Hewitt, Pastor Omar Rau

## **HOLY BAPTISM SECOND**

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” [Mark 16:16]

## **HOLY BAPTISM THIRD**

*How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a lifegiving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St Paul says in Titus, chapter three:





“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”  
**[Titus 3:5–8]**



**1969** – Front Row: Cheryl Fellwock Snyder, Daniel Hoffherr, Kay Keck Haefele, Jeffrey Day, Gayle Fehd Spiehler, Barry Hayne, Cynthia Schroeder  
 Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Theresa Hofmann Kempf, Jeanine Korff Lawson, Kent Kahre, Nancy Letterman Arsenault, Steven Kahre, Deborah Drake Lambale, Wanda Kahre, Darlene Bosse Moog, Pastor Omar Rau





**1970** – Front Row: Larry W. Fischer, Daniel Dennis, Ruth Somers, Pamela Day, Patricia Manzi, David C. Broderhausen, Scott N. Sensmeier  
Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Tommy David, Keith D. Kahre, Tamara Metz Hillman, Randall Thurman, Wayne Korff, Pastor Omar Rau





## HOLY BAPTISM FOURTH

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*  
St Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." **[Rom. 6:4]**

**1971** – Seated: Christine Schlensker Wittman, Dru Behrman Bracey, Ronda Gorman Williams, Annette Temme Hopple, Yvonne Kahre Mans  
Standing: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, John E. Hofmann, Gary Gann, Pastor Omar Rau





**1972** – Front Row: Bruce Bosse, Janet Fellwock Hash, Mary Catherine Day Hall, Rhonda Keck Moers, Susan Schauss, Curtis Hartman  
 Second Row: Cathy Christmas Butler, Russell Korff, Brian A. Kuester, Dean A. Kahre, Donna J. Manzi  
 Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Steven Ingram, Steven R. Fischer, Betty Jean Klausmeier Arond, Kenneth Krietemeyer, Pastor Omar Rau

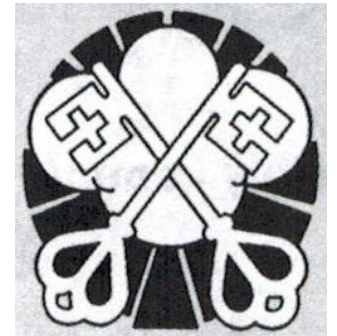
## Confession

### HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO CONFESS

*What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.







## Confession

*What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

*Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

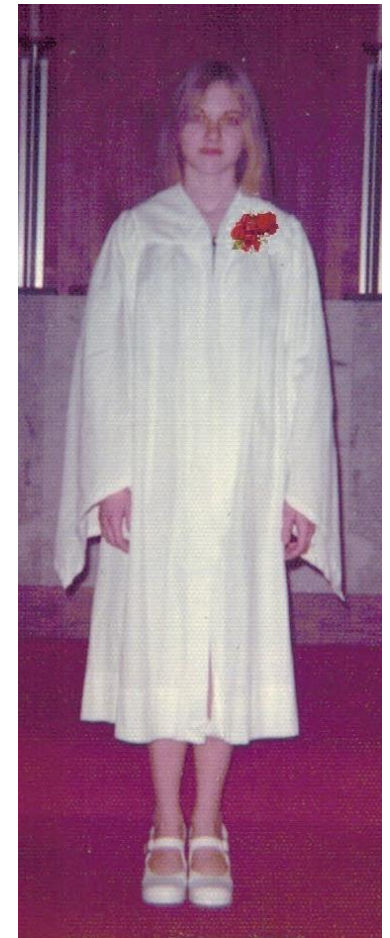
**1973** – Seated: Lauri Benford Wade, Diana Korff Dunkelbarger, Kenny Keck, Lori Lamb Miller, Ingrid Hartig  
 Standing: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Joel S. Doehrmann, Denise Kahre Gray, Steven W. Balbach, Pastor Omar F. J. Rau





**1974** – Front Row: Douglas Wortmann, Kimberly Temme, Jerry A. Lamb Jr., Mark Wright, Kendra Rexing Leonard, Rex T. Nicholson  
Back Row: Pastor Fred Rediger, Edith Drake Wiseman, Debra Baumeyer Painter, Joseph Sisk, Linda S. Korff, Connie Kahre Nilges, Teacher Loren Doehrmann





**1975** – Immanuel  
Lutheran Church,  
Alexandria, Virginia  
**Linda Keiser Temme**

**1975** – Front Row: Scott Fellwock, Shelly Shaw, Judith Kahre Gatewood, Shelley Christmas Wargel,  
Laura English, Kimberly Thurman, Kerry Keck

Second Row: Jeffrey N. Kahre, Michael Wathen, Lori Baumeyer Schutz, Susan Bolger, Robert Ingram, Derrick Pickett

Top Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Tim Hahne, Greg A. Downes, Ronald Krietemeyer, Pastor G. Hagemann





**1976** – Front Row: Brian Korff, Susan Hofmann, Kelly Wright McFarland, Melissa Kahre, Carol Hartman Bittner, Philip Gann  
Back Row: Pastor Paul Mroch, David Wortmann, Bryce Behrman, Leroy Gorman, Roy Manzi, Charles Golday, Kevin Dixon





**1977** – Front Row: Rebecca Sensmeier Carter, Brice Benford, Barbara Smith Manzi, Denise Pickett, David Capik, Tamara Stremming El-Shiyab  
 Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Danton Watson, Bryan Manzi, Pastor Loren Boettcher, Stephen Smith, Todd Korff

## **The Office of the Keys** *What is the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*  
 This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”  
**(John 20:22-23)**





**1978** – Front Row: Timothy Baumeyer, John Bolger, Anne Walker, Leslie Nicholson, Ruth Drake Cox, Michael Korff, Stanton Temme, Dean Wathen  
Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Timothy Korff, Alan Letterman, Edward L. McCoy Jr., Gerry Bubenzer, John Bradley Day, Blair Benford, Pastor Loren Boettcher





**St. Paul Lutheran Evansville**  
 1979: **Dana Meyer,**  
 Rev. Walter Ullman

**1979** – Front Row: Trisha Nichols Letterman, Quinton Hartman, Daniel Wortmann, Mark Pries, Hope Boettcher Botwinski  
 Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Eric Kahre, Cheryl Stremming, Jane Smith, Karol Korff Robbins, Pastor Loren Boettcher





## **The Office of the Keys**

*What do you believe according to these words?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

**1980** – Front Row: Brad Korff, Alice Fellwock Merrill, Joy Boettcher Meyer, Amy Fellwock Brosmer, Timothy Smith  
 Second Row: Barbara Bullock Thaxton, Michele Watson Duran, Lara Walker, Lonna Buth Bittner, Pastor Loren Boettcher  
 Third Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Charles English Jr., Derek Doehrmann, Kevin L. Korff, Larry Steinkuhl





## The Sacrament of the Altar

AS THE HEAD OF  
THE FAMILY  
SHOULD TEACH  
IT IN A SIMPLE  
WAY TO HIS  
HOUSEHOLD

*What is the  
Sacrament of the  
Altar?*

It is the true body  
and blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ  
under the bread and  
wine, instituted by  
Christ Himself for  
us Christians to eat  
and to drink.



**1981** – Front Row: Keith Kramer, Paul Kirby, Kristina Voegel Wells, Neal A. Wathen, Mark Schnute  
Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Kathey Catt Templeton, Tammy Major, Edward Drake Jr.,  
David Krietemeyer, Pastor Loren Boettcher





**The Lord's Supper**  
*Where is this written?*  
The holy Evangelists  
Matthew, Mark, Luke,  
and St Paul write:  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
on the night when He  
was betrayed, took  
bread, and when He  
had given thanks, He  
broke it and gave it to  
the disciples and said:  
"Take, eat; this is My  
body, which is given  
for you. This do in  
remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also  
He took the cup after  
supper, and when He  
had given thanks, He  
gave it to them, saying,  
"Drink of it, all of you;  
this cup is the new  
testament in My blood,  
which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of  
sins. This do, as often  
as you drink it, in  
remembrance of Me."

**1982** – Front Row: Nicholas Feagley, Andrea Schultz Roe, Andrew Smith, Derrin F. Pickett  
Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Katherine Bolger, Lara Porter Conway, Kandi Korff Jackson, Pastor Loren Boettcher





**1983** – Julie Wallace Hawkins, John D. Catt Jr., Nathan R. Kahre, Aaron Kramer, Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Pastor Loren Boettcher, Chad A. Ramsey, Connie Nichols Sulawske, John E. Terry, Tara Korff Schnur





**1984** – Front Row: Carl Mason, Jennifer Reininga Deutsch, Jennifer Walker, Angela Buth Craft, Chanda L. Ramsey, Heather Diekmann Buzzingham, Pastor Loren Boettcher  
Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Gregory Krietemeyer, Brenten D. Kahre, Brian Stremming, Steven W. English, James D. Cheaney, James Arendt





**1985** – Pastor Loren Boettcher, Diane Bubenzer Tharp, Jeremy Yarger, Timothy Sussman, Stacia Kahre Stults, Loren Doehrmann

### **The Lord's Supper**

*Where is this written?*

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."







**1986** – Front Row: Kenneth Stone, Mary Mason West, Linda Hartman Sensmeier, Seth Kramer  
Back Row: Teacher Loren Doehrmann, Stephen Voegel, Jon Arendt, Michael Wallace, Kirk Nichols, Pastor Loren Boettcher





### **The Lord's Supper**

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

**1987** – Pastor Loren Boettcher, DCE Bruce Kischnick, Angela Diekmann Schwartz, Monica Smothers, Jason Grey





**1988** – Front Row: Sarah Wallace Fehd, Charise Kahre, Jennifer Day, Angela Reininga  
Back Row: Jeffrey Valiant, DCE Bruce Kischnick, Brian Mearling, Samuel Ellison, Pastor Kirk Horstmeyer, Gary Manzi





## **The Lord's Supper**

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

## **Morning Prayer**

*In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. *Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.*

**1989** – Front Row: Scott MaasBerg, Karla J. Stone

Back Row: Jason Craddock, Chris Splittorff, Keith Maasberg, Pastor John Heusmann





## Evening Prayer

*In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

*In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Then kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

*I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.*

**1991** – Rev. John Heusmann, Daryl Laughbaum, Sallie Ellison, Lori Fehd, Shalin Brown





**How the head of the family should teach his household to ask a blessing and return thanks.**

### **Asking a Blessing**

*The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:*  
The eyes of all look to You, [O LORD,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Ps. 145: 15–16)

*Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**1992** – Front Row: Todd Seiler, Jarrod D. Craddock, Amy K. Scott, Tara R. Reininga, Kevin P. Mearling  
Back Row: Neil A. Laughbaum, John D. Heusmann, Nathan A. Smothers, Matthew Piel, Pastor John Heusmann





**Concordia Evansville** (Darmstadt members in bold)  
**1992** – Front Row: Daniel Ellerbrook, **Sara Wells Knea**,  
 Michelle Pfingston  
 Back Row: Rev. Phil Spomer



**Trinity Lutheran, Jackson, Michigan**  
**1992** – Rev. Nygaard, **Keith Knea**,  
 Rev. Lunneberg







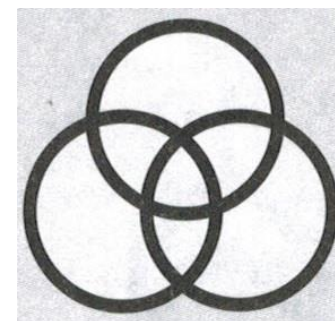
## Returning Thanks

*Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:*

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. (Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)

*Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



1993 – Eric A. Splittorff, Kristina M. Williams, Heath A. Reininga, Pastor Kirk Horstmeyer





## Table of Duties To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

1 Tim. 3:2–4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

1994 – Kevin C. Kahre, Jenny M. Hall, Rebecca Wazny, Lance Dardeen, Pastor Kirk Horstmeyer





## Table of Duties What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

1 Cor. 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6–7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.”

1 Tim. 5:17–18

**1995** – Front Row: Erich M. Keller, Kelly A. Kahre, Michael J. Hall

Back Row: Daniel P. Heusmann, Ryan D. Smith, Corey J. Ivy, Luke Stephens, Pastor Martin Keller





**1996** – Pastor Martin Keller, Sara Dunnewold



**1997** – Front Row: Jessica Courbat, Emily Stephens  
Back Row: Pastor Martin Keller, Bradley Painter,  
Jonathan Hoffherr





## **Table of Duties**

### **What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors**

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1 Thess. 5:12–13  
Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.  
Heb. 13:17

**1998** – Front Row: Amanda Keller, Paul Keller, Valerie Painter  
Back Row: Pastor Martin Keller, Brent Hoffher, Adam Balbach, Christopher Doehrmann





**1999** – Front Row: Kailyn Kahre Sights, Rachel Heusmann, Nikki Kyte  
Back Row: Joey Courbat, Pastor Martin Keller

## **Table of Duties Of Civil Government**

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrong-doer. Rom. 13:1–4







**2000** – Front Row: Andrew Pokorney, Nicole Nowak, Adam Brock, Kirk Martin  
 Back Row: Pastor Martin Keller, Mark Schlumpf, Joshua Dunnewold, Aaron Fehd, DCG Mark Moog

## Of Citizens

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matt. 22:21

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Rom. 13:5–7

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1–3

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. Titus 3:1

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

1 Peter 2:13–14





**2001** – Front Row: Benjamin Kahre, Jami Pantages, Matthew Mans  
 Back Row: Pastor Martin Keller, Jared Behrman, Rayn Moog, DCG Mark Moog

## **Table of Duties**

### **To Husbands**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Col. 3:19

### **To Wives**

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22

They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5–6

### **To Parents**

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

### **To Children**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and your mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Eph. 6:1–3





**Table of Duties**  
**To Workers of All Kinds**  
Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5–8  
**To Employers and Supervisors**  
Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. Eph. 6:9

**2002** – Front Row: Nathan Byers, Maria Schlumpf, Shawn Isaacs

Back Row: Pastor Martin Keller, David Russert, Adam Perkins, Kevin Hoffherr, Bethany Heusmann, DCG Mark Moog





## Table of Duties

### To Youth

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:5–6

### To Widows

The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 1 Tim. 5:5–6

### To Everyone

The commandments ... are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Rom. 13:9

I urge ... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Tim. 2:1

**2003** – Front Row: Beth Mably, Ryan McDonald, Andrea Bittner, Chelsea Ivy  
Back Row: Pastor Martin Keller, Caleb Wrege, Aaron Splittorff, Ben Hoffherr, DGC Mark Moog





**2004** – Front Row: Lauren Balbach, Stephanie Reininga, Amanda Courbat, Samantha Kuhr  
 Back Row: Pastor Martin Keller, Logan Miller, Christa Sulawske, Nicolas Brauer

## Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin  
 Luther for those who  
 intend to go to the  
 Sacrament

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

**1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?**

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

**2. How do you know this?**

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

**3. Are you sorry for your sins?**

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

**4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?**

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Rom. 6:21, 23.





## Christian Questions with Their Answers

**5. Do you hope to be saved?**

Yes, that is my hope.

**6. In whom then do you trust?**

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

**7. Who is Christ?**

The Son of God, true God and man.

**8. How many Gods are there?**

Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?**

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

**10. Did the Father also die for you?**

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

**2005** – Pastor Martin Keller, Michael Keller, Alan Bittner, Kelley Houghland, Angelina Duran, Benjamin Korff





## Christian Questions with Their Answers

### 11. How do you know this?

From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

### 12. What are the words of institution?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





**2007** – Front Row: Kirk Nichols II, Lydia Oxley, Clinton Bittner  
Back Row: Pastor Martin E. Keller, Andrew Keller, Ryan Huff, Andrew Gorman

## **Christian Questions with Their Answers**

**13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?**

Yes, I believe it.

**14. What convinces you to believe this?**

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

**15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?**

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?**

First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.





**2008** – Front Row: Bryanna Duran, Hannah Weaver, Abigail Hartman  
Back Row: Pastor Keller, Joshua Korff, Alec Miller

## **Christian Questions with Their Answers**

### **17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?**

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

### **18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?**

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

### **19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?**

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.





**2010** – Front Row: Haley Sulawske, Austyn French, Lily Weaver  
Back Row: Pastor Robert Reinhardt, Jessie Keck, Baily Schnur, Kristen Huff

## Christian Questions with Their Answers

### **20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?**

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.





**2012** – Rev. Stephen Kieser, Kayla Sensmeier, Johnathan Kieser, Rosa Davidson, Michael Scholz, Dustin Maasberg, Andrew Hartman



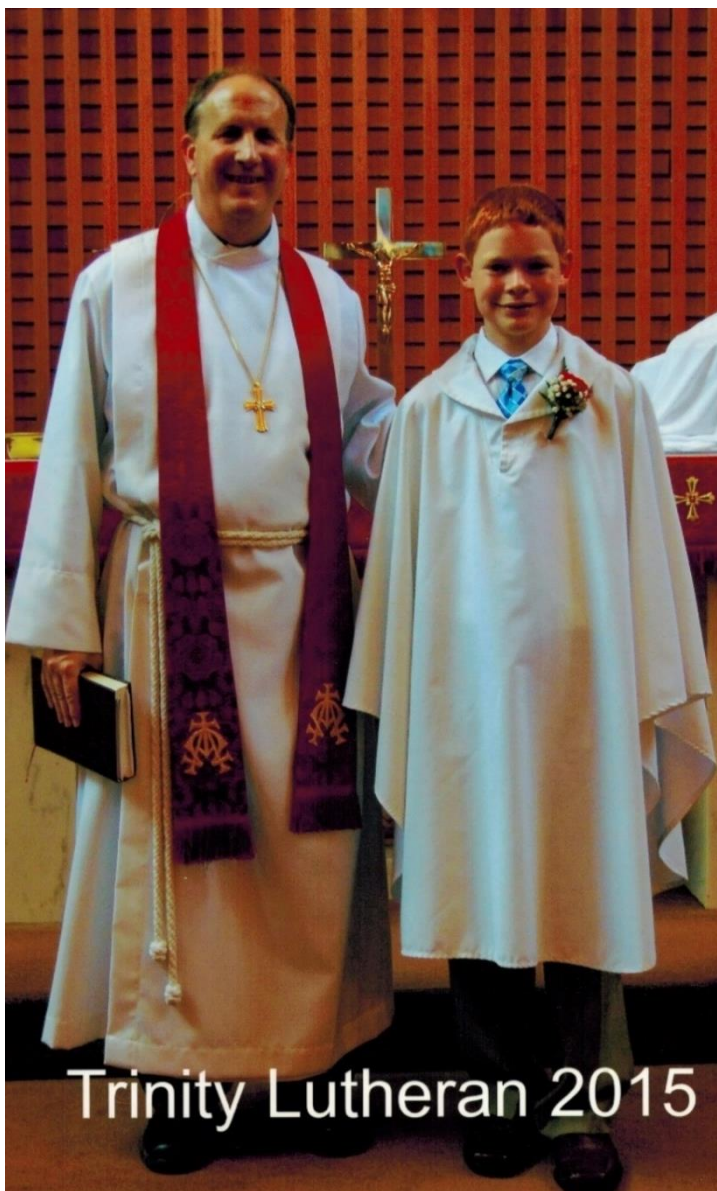


**2012** – Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Fremont, IN  
**Jonathan Temme**, Pastor Stan Temme, **Lois Temme**



**2014** – Ryan Sensmeier, Pastor Stephen Kieser, Heather Benford





2015 – Pastor Stan Temme, Matthew Scholz

## Confirmation Vow

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R** *Yes, I renounce him.*
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- R** *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?





**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

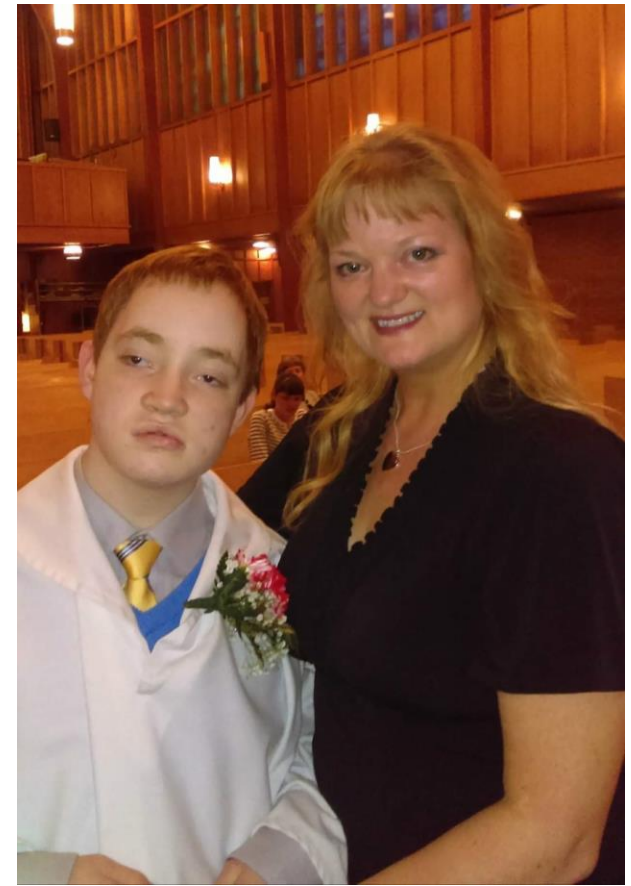
**C** Amen.



2016 – Jacob Letterman, Pastor Stan Temme



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**2017** – Pastor Stan Temme, Silas Temme, Elizabeth Knea, Pastor Keith Knea





**2020** – Front Row: Chelsea Jackson, Joshua Knea  
Back Row: Pastor Stan Temme, Pastor Keith Knea



**2022** – Front Row: Joseph Knea, Chase Gann  
Back Row: Pastor Keith Knea, Pastor Stan Temme





“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:13)



“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)





And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:2-3)