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Worship focus: Confession of Christ and of our hope in him is the calling of all who have been peptized. Such confession includes not only our faithful testimony but also our loving obedience to Jesus' commands. As we live out our confession of Christ, we are comforted and confirmed in our faith by the presence of the Holy Spirit whom Christ has sent while we await his return.

Opening Hymn: 478 *With the Lord Begin Your Task*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: (Sung) Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in t eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

(Sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Sung) Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day

C: (Sung) Amen.

Midweek Children: 462 *Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

Essays by the Confirmation Class:

Gavin Learman- *The Ten Commandments Don't Scare Me*

Jordan Mohr- *What I Mean When I Say, "I Believe in God"*

Carson Opelt- *I Am Glad to Be a Christian*

The Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the holy Christian 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.

Hymn 355 *Take the World, but Give Me Jesus*

The Sermon: 1 Peter 3:15-22

JESUS CHRIST IS EXALTED

Create in Me (Sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.

The Offering

The Rite of Confirmation

Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **(Sung) And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **(Sung) We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **(Sung) It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

(Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

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

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

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **(Sung) Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

The Distribution

We respectfully ask that only members of this congregation, or sister churches in the WELS or ELS come to the Lord's Supper. This does not imply that our visitors are not true Christians, but as we view coming to the Lord's Supper as a confession of full agreement with all the teachings of our church, we would like the opportunity to present those teachings to you before you attend the sacrament.

Distribution Hymns: 377 *Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice*
317 *O Lord, We Praise You*

Thanksgiving and Benediction

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(Sung) Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Closing Hymn: 476 *Thee Will I Love My Strength My Tower*

A sincere welcome to our guests! We are glad you are here today. Feel free to ask any questions of the pastor, ushers, or any member. Please sign our guest register in the back of church and come worship with us again!

Our Father's Business April 21-28, 2017

Today	9:00 am	Worship at Immanuel with Communion
	10:30 am	Worship at Christie with Communion
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Last Angels & Demons Bible Class
Thursday	7:00 pm	Ascension Day Service at GLOBE
Sunday	10:00 am	Combined Worship at St. John's Christie- Pastor Warmuth's last service here.
	11:30 am	Dinner served at St. John's Christie in honor of Pastor Warmuth's retirement.

Last Week's Attendance: Globe: 63 Christie: 28

Christie Notes:

Mr. Jim Seefeldt has completed the course of instruction in God's Word and will be accepted into membership in our congregation today through the Rite of Confirmation.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16

Youth News

On May 13th the Youth Group sponsored a family bike trip on the Elroy Sparta Bike Trail. It was a very unique bike trail that was an old railroad bed. It was an easy ride with beautiful scenery. We went through some really neat old train tunnels that were hand dug in the 1800s. We started in Kendall and ended in Wilton. We had a picnic

lunch and great fellowship. The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time. Great memories and friendships were made.

The Youth Group will be hosting another family event on June 17th. We will be going to a Milwaukee Brewer baseball game. We will tailgate before the game and listen to a concert by Christian band Mercy Me following the game.

Globe Notes:

Undergoing the Rite of Confirmation in today's service are:

Gavin Learman, son of Jason & Lori Learman, Jordan Mohr, son of Dawn Murphy & Randy Mohr, and Carson Opelt, son of Paul and the late Shelly Opelt,

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16

Married in our church yesterday were Michelle Mitte and Kyle Friemoth.

What God has joined together let no one separate. Matthew 19:6

Immanuel Voter Meeting: A voter meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, June 4 to discuss a number of issues: replacement for Carl Noah as Chairman of Buildings and Grounds; approval of removal of chimney from parsonage; approval of removal of several trees from parsonage yard; approval to put up a new shed to house lawn mowers, etc., at the church and maybe a couple of other items.

From St. John's in Neillsville

Early Learning Center: At our church's special voters' meeting last Sunday, the vast majority of voters who were present voted to go ahead with the construction of our proposed Early Learning Center, as long as we can raise enough money to cover the down payment. \$6,443.00 has been given toward that already!

Anyone wishing to make a gift toward the ELC may do so at any time. Donations can be turned in to the school office.

(If we can raise the money we need for a down payment, plans are to have the Early Learning Center up and running by the start of the 2018-19 school year. The Center will allow us to offer childcare and education to children from six weeks old through 8th grade. We'll keep you posted!)