

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND STUDENT CENTER

Reminding everyone of the great importance of this rite and of these signals that come to us in various forms:

The white robes call to mind the prophets' and St Paul's words:

*"My God has covered me with the robe
of righteousness."* ~Isaiah 61:10

*"All of you who have been baptized into Christ
have been clothed with Christ."* ~Galatians 3:27

The banners with the name and Bible verse for each of the confirmands:

"His banner over me is love." ~Song of Songs 2:4

"I have summoned you by name; you are Mine," ~Isaiah 43:1

The investiture of each confirmand with the cross:

*"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ through which the world has been crucified to me
and I to the world."* ~Galatians 6:14

Special Note: Families and friends of the confirmands are most welcome to take pictures after the service. Picture taking during the service can be distracting, and we want our confirmands to concentrate exclusively on this important day in their lives.



CONFIRMATION 2023



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MAY 21, 2023

10:30 A.M.

REV. MARTY MARKS, PASTOR



PARTICIPANTS

Elizabeth Cruz

“For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Banner Bearer: Gerado Cruz, *Uncle*
Cross Investiture: Marcos Cruz, *Father*

Brayden Goff

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God
will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

Banner Bearer: Breanne Thorp, *Aunt and Mentor*
Cross Investiture: Jason (Jake) & Kristin Goff, *Parents*

Hayden Harms

“But we walk by faith and not by sight.”

2 Corinthians 5:7

Banner Bearer: Jackson Harms, *Brother*
Cross Investiture: Norm & Fran Pierce, *Grandparents & Mentors*

Antonio Cruz-, *Crucifer*
7th grade confirmation student and brother of Elizabeth



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

“I know what Jesus Christ has said.

I’m one of His family.

And I want the whole world to know that!”

Today our confirmands formally recognize the gifts God gave to them in their baptism. These students have spent the past two years preparing through instruction, service to others and being part of the Body of Christ, The Church. Today marks not a graduation or end, but a “next step” in their walk with the Lord, most especially through Immanuel Lutheran Church as they move toward a more mature role within the congregation.

The worshipping congregation has a vested interest in this Rite. Each worshipper may recall his or her own day of confirmation, and silently, with the class review a vow made, in some cases fifty or more years ago. After the service, the worshipers are invited to greet each youth to wish them Godspeed as they live out their lives, each one a specific example of God’s grace in human affairs.

Many signals come to them and the rest of the worshipping congregation to underscore the importance of their confession. These signals are to remind all of us of Jesus’ words:

*“Whoever acknowledges Me
before men, I will also
acknowledge him before My
Father in heaven.” ~Matthew 10:32*

