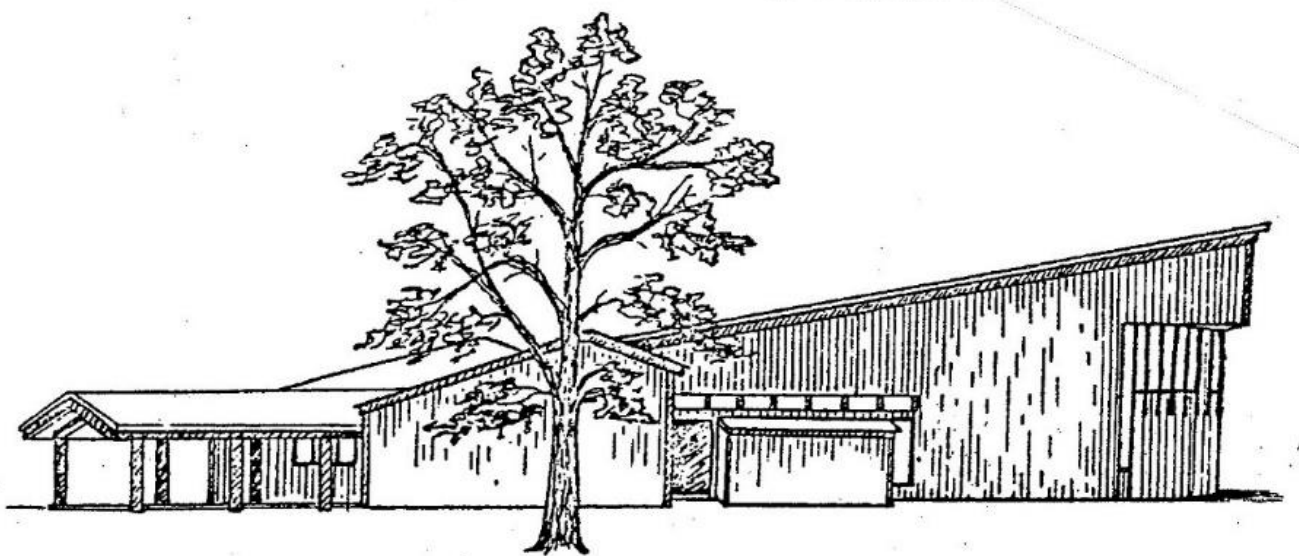


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JANUARY 1ST, 2023

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PRESERVICE MUSIC – *please use this time to prepare for worship, and to also allow others to do the same. Thank you.*

OPENING MEDLEY “How Majestic Is Your Name”
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Lord, we desperately need Your patience, Your mercy, and Your forgiveness.

In this moment, help us to see how we sin against You in thought, word, and deed. Help us to see how we have fallen short of Your will for us as Your newborn children. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. By Your Holy Spirit, lead us to live each day for You – our thoughts for You, our actions for You, and our words for You.

Silence is observed for personal confession of sins

God has shown His mercy on us by sending His one and only Son to die on the cross as the payment for our sins. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the punishment for our sins is no longer an eternal curse on us. Through a living and trusting faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, we are equipped to live in the victory He won over sin, death, and the devil. We are equipped to live joyfully and obediently under God’s laws without fear of His wrath and condemnation. Therefore, it is in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ that I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Praise be to God our Father and our Savior Jesus! Amen.

SONG FOR THE WORD – LSB 584 “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 6:22-27*

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 'The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.' So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *Galatians 3:23-29*

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:21*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

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SERMON

"Circumcision and Naming of Jesus" Sermon Text: Luke 2:21

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Pastor concludes each petition with "Lord, in Your mercy."

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Lord, remember in us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#1 LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach"

#2 LSB 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

#3 LSB 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#4 LSB 392 "God Loves Me Dearly"

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all that we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: LSB 896 "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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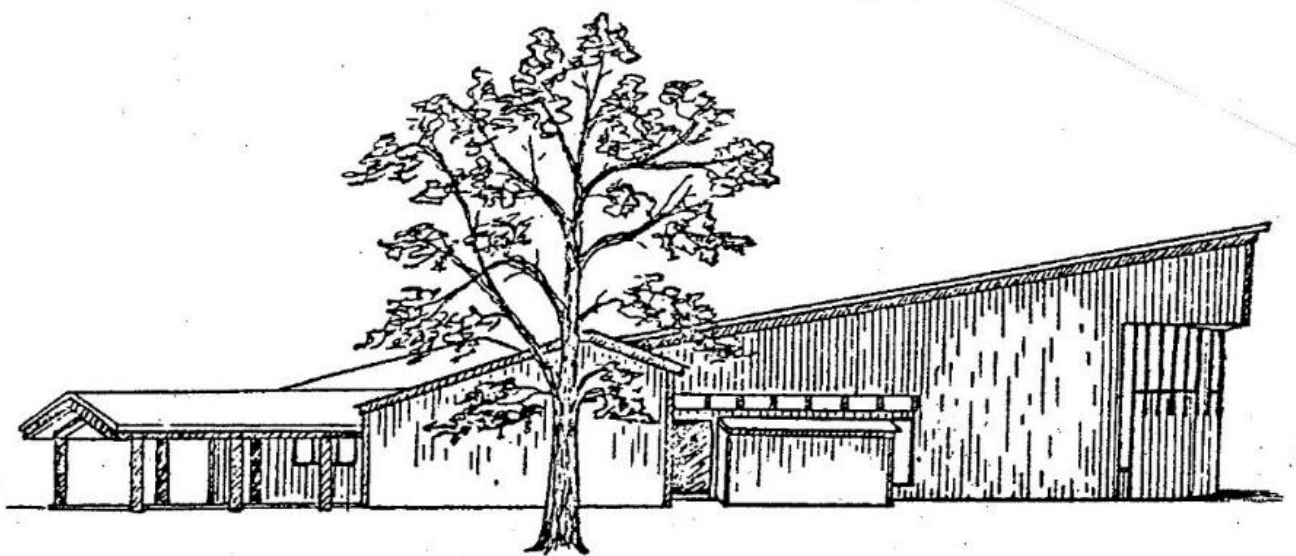
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Lori Okrasinski	Jan 2
Christine Decker	Jan 3
Kyleigh Durocher	Jan 5

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OPENING HYMN LSB 605 “Father Welcomes”

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Together as one people, united in Christ’s death and resurrection, let us take refuge in the faithfulness of God our Father, seeking His forgiveness and grace.

Almighty God, have mercy on us. Speak over us Your words of life. Forgive us our sins, and lead us with Jesus to eternal life.

(silence is observed for personal confession of sins to God our Father)

In your baptism, your heavenly Father has declared you to be His children and through saving faith in Jesus heirs of eternal life. Therefore, it is in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ that I declare that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has

established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *Romans 6:1-11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13-17*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG LSB 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

SERMON

"Celebrating Our Baptismal Identity" Sermon Text: Romans 6:3-4

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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PAX DOMINI

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#1 LSB 616 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

#2 LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

#3 LSB 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#4 LSB 524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2023 BENEDICTION

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "I Love To Tell The Story" (TOSB 93)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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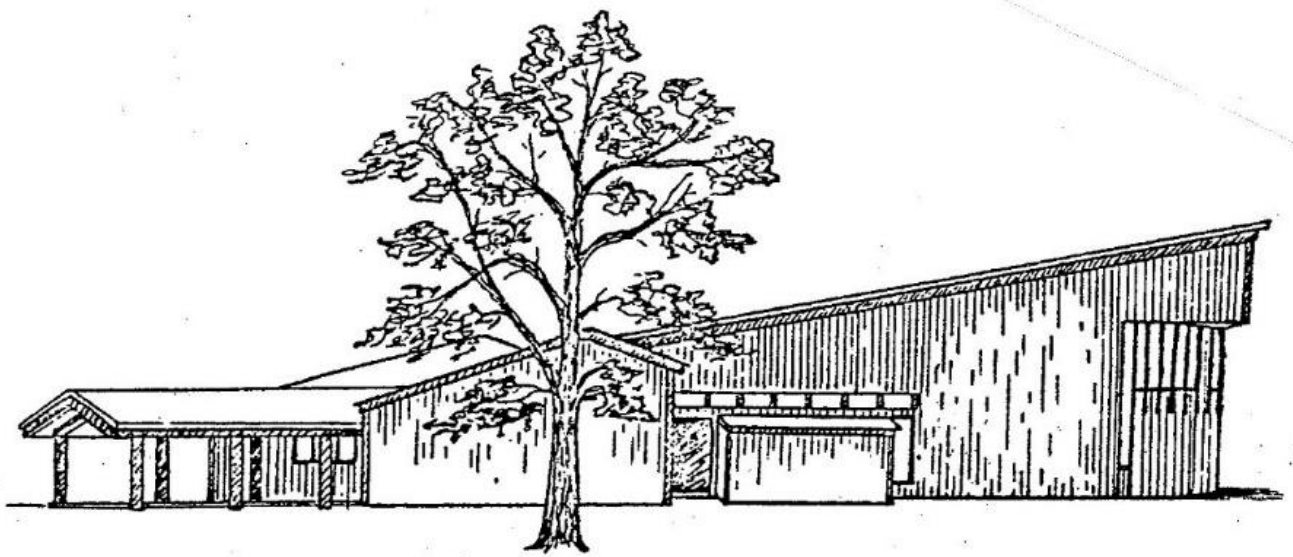
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Lois Zill	Jan 10	Karli Guns	Jan 10
Henry Schutt	Jan. 11	Lois Zill	Jan 10
Ginny Wirth	Jan. 11		

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OPENING HYMN LSB 362 “O Sing of Christ”

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Our vindication is with the Lord, and our reward is with our God. Therefore, we confess our sin to Him.

Lord, You formed us from the womb to be Your servants, but we daily disobey and turn from You in our thoughts and thoughtlessness, our words and our silence, our actions and inaction. For the sake of Jesus, Hear our confession, forgive us our sins, and restore us as we eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(silence is observed for personal confession of sins to God our Father)

Behold, Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! He is the Son of God, a light for the nations, to be the Lord’s salvation to the ends of the earth. He strengthens us so that we will be blameless in the day of His return. God our Father is faithful. We were called by Him into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid me away. And He said to me, “You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and

vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." And now the LORD says, He who formed me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him; and that Israel might be gathered to Him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by Whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:29-42a*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG LSB 397 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

SERMON

"What Are You Seeking?" Sermon Text: John 1:38

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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PAX DOMINI

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#1 LSB 550 "Lamb of God"

#2 (BOB 24) "Blessed Assurance"

#3 (BOB 211) "There Is a Redeemer"

#4 LSB 392 "God Loves Me Dearly"

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

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CLOSING SONG: LSB 387 "Joy to the World"

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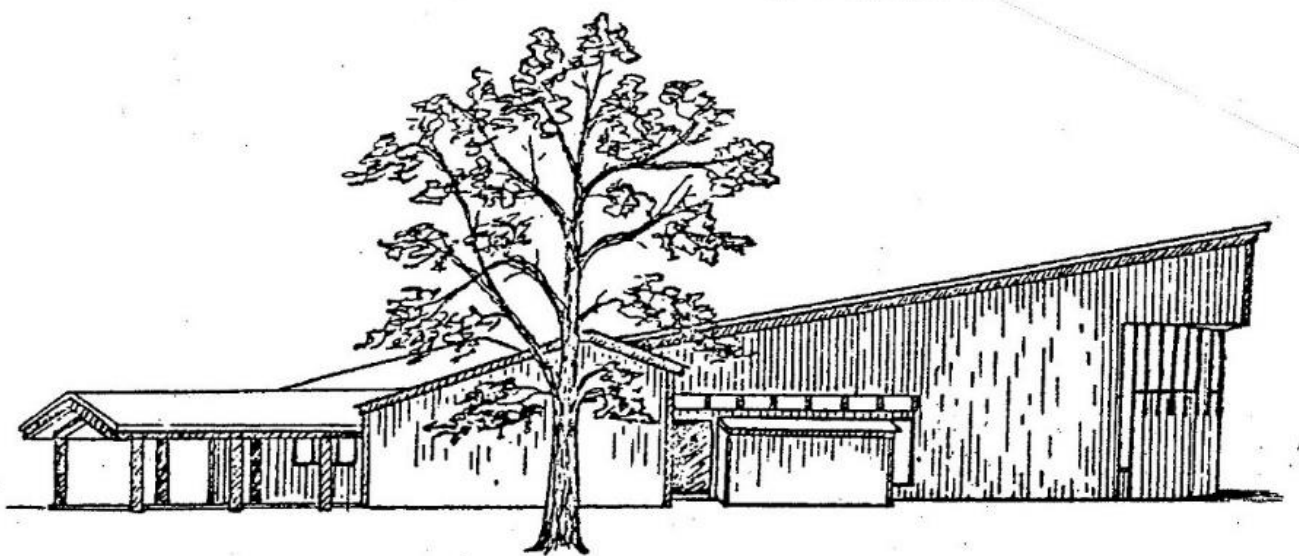
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Jan. 18

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OPENING MEDLEY “Majesty” (TOSB 135)
“Glorify Thy Name” (TOSB 49)

INVOCATION

We, who are “Blessed for Life,” let us begin this hour of worship and praise in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

We are knit together by God our Father in our mother’s womb.

I do not always witness that the same God who created the heavens and the earth also created me. Father, forgive me.

We are human beings – a genetic boy or girl at the very moment that we are conceived.

I do not always witness to this truth or defend this truth, but rather I simply tolerate and often allow what the sinful world teaches about gender. Father, forgive me.

We are Your creation and temples of Your Holy Spirit, so our bodies and lives matter from conception to death.

I do not always live like Your creation. I do not always live like Your Holy Spirit lives inside me. I do not always defend and speak up for every human life as Your gift and precious to You. Father, forgive me.

We are sorry, Father, for our sins of commission and our sins of omission – especially when it pertains to Your gift of human life.

(take this time for personal confession of sins to your heavenly Father)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are “Blessed for Life” because of the steadfast and unconditional love of our heavenly Father, Who sees us not as lost and condemned creatures, but through faith in His Son, our Savior Jesus, are cleansed by the blood of ‘the Lamb.’ We are His holy people who are blessed in every way. Having heard Your heartfelt confession of sins, it is in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ that I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 139:1-16

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You. For you formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:13-17

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in

you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:13-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

(Songs by Faith Lutheran Preschoolers)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG – Video "God Knew Your Name"

SERMON

"All Life is Precious – Worth Defending" Text – Proverbs 31:8-9

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

*Pastor concludes each petition with "Lord, in Your mercy."
Worshippers respond with "Hear our prayer."*

Lord, remember in us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Silence is observed as the communion vessels are prepared, and for us to prepare to receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#1 LSB 560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

#2 LSB 801 "How Great Thou Art"

#3 LSB 746 "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

#4 LSB 744 "Amazing Grace"

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters – who are “Blessed for Life” in Jesus – the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: LSB 740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we welcome Hannah Morel from The Bay Area Pregnancy Center. She will be sharing some important information with us at the end of our service today. Please give her your warmest “Faith Lutheran” welcome and support.

Go in Peace...

Thanks be to God.

THE 2023 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS POSTED.

The cost is \$20 per bouquet (payment envelope in your mailbox). **Two bouquets are available per Sunday.** Please be sure to pick your flowers up from after the worship service!

Today’s flowers are given to the Glory of God by Duane & Jane Bucholtz in memory of their daughter Ellen who passed away 8 years ago.

In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; Judy & Steve Hoheneder; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Marsha Stiemke & Leslie Detry (as they mourn the passing of Todd; a son and brother); Don Thorley; Sally Zupan

OUR SHUT-INS: Steve & Linda Van Den Huevel; Larry & Sally Zupon

SERVING IN OUR MILITARY: Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Dreya Detry UW-Oshkosh; Gwyn Hanson UW-Oshkosh; Corinne Mulvaney SVSU; Nathan Krueger SNHU; Katelyn Krueger SVSU; Colin Nygren UW-Stevens Point; Samantha Pieper UW-Whitewater and Walker Stroming UW-LaCrosse.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY ADOPTED STUDENTS:

Justin Brockman; Jedidiah McClellan; Grant Thiel; Joel Werner

**OUR MISSIONARIES: Pastor Camp (Russian Ministry)
Rev. Schulte (Congo West Africa)**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Amy (Niece of Dennis & Chris Froehlich); Cassie Nygren; the Hunt Family; Brenda Johnston (daughter-in-law to Betsy & Roy Gill diagnosed with Leukemia); Richard Johnston (Brenda's husband and Roy & Betsy Gill's son); Dave & Jan Krueger (Traci Meyer's Parents); and Pat Staudenmaier (nephew of Sid & Maggie Meyer)

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Loretta Schacht	Feb 1
Marshall Sebero	Feb 2
Eloise Kuhlman	Feb 3
Mark Stroming	Feb 4

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

“Pre-born babies are patients who deserve the rights and protections applicable to children and adults.”

Dr. William Lile, Pensacola, Florida –

Lenten ‘midweek’ services are on Wednesdays at 6:30PM.

Worshippers are invited to “*Signs of Lent*” is a 10-part worship series based on the concept of familiar road signs and how their message apply to our ‘Life in Christ’ during the season of Lent: U- Turn, Stop, Merge, Yield, One Way, Dead End, Road Narrows, Food, Cross Road, Road Work Ahead.

Here are descriptions of the first two Lent midweek services. The March newsletter will add further descriptions of the themes for the midweek services yet to come.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22

Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along the way on our Lenten journey that show us the way to Christ. In the Ash Wednesday service, we will be reminded to make a U-Turn, turning away from our sins, and turning back to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lenten Midweek One March 1

The signs of Lent are everywhere! In our service on March 1, we will remember how Peter tried to put a STOP sign in front of Jesus on His way to the cross. But Jesus helped him (and us) to see that He could only stop when He reached the cross to save us all.