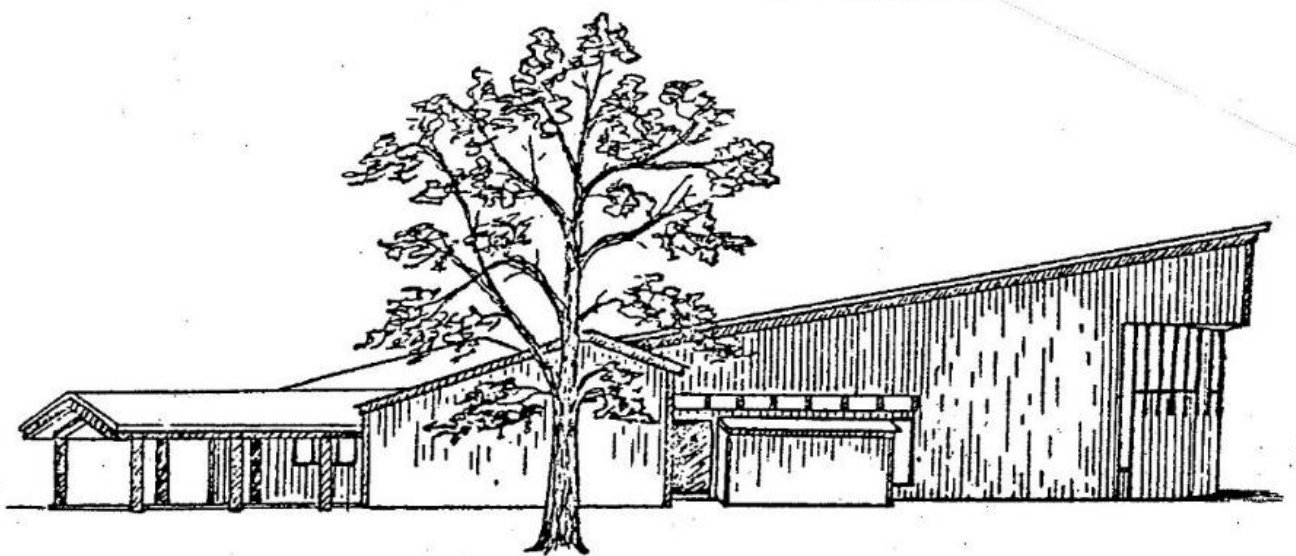


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

... GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 8, 2023

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Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to ALL who are gathered today. May we all know the love and mercy of God through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Please fill out a “Friendship Registry” card or sign your name in our “Guest Book” that is located in the entry way of our building. **If you are ‘visiting’ with us today, please make sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger.** As our ‘special guest,’ please do not feel obligated to contribute to today’s offering.

Rest rooms are located off the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The nursery is located through the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to use our nursery, please ask an usher who will help you immediately. Hearing assistance devices are available. If you need anything, please ask an elder or an usher – both are happy to help you.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We rejoice in this blessed meal as the Lord Jesus Himself comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul writes, “Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord’s Supper that we specifically ask those who are not instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and/or doubt the ‘REAL presence’ of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the Pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. As a member church of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we practice “Close(d) Communion” and welcome to our communion rail those who are members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

PRESERVICE MUSIC – *please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*

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

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 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)

***** see the insert for lyrics or sing from the screens**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks Be to God.

Serving Today

Elder: Dennis Froehlich

Pianist Marilyn Theel

Altar: Rosie Wolbrink

Reader: Jim Zill

Nursery: Sharon Starks

Ushers: Jeff Starks

Serving January 15th

Elder: Jeff Durocher

Pianist Lois Zill

Altar: Lisa Charlesworth

Reader: Warren Johnson

Nursery: Rosie Wolbrink

Ushers: Bob Charlesworth
and Jesse Sebero

THE 2022 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS POSTED.

The cost is \$10 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
Jim & Lois Zill in honor of Lois's Birthday on January 10th

In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Bill & Doris Ritson; Patrice Smukalla; Marsh Stiemke & Leslie Detry (*as they mourn the passing of Marsh's son and Leslie's brother Todd*); Don Thorley; Jacquie Voeks and her family (*as they mourn the passing of her brothers Jerry and Dan*) and Jim Zill

OUR SHUT-INS: Steve & Linda Van Den Huevel

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*)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

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