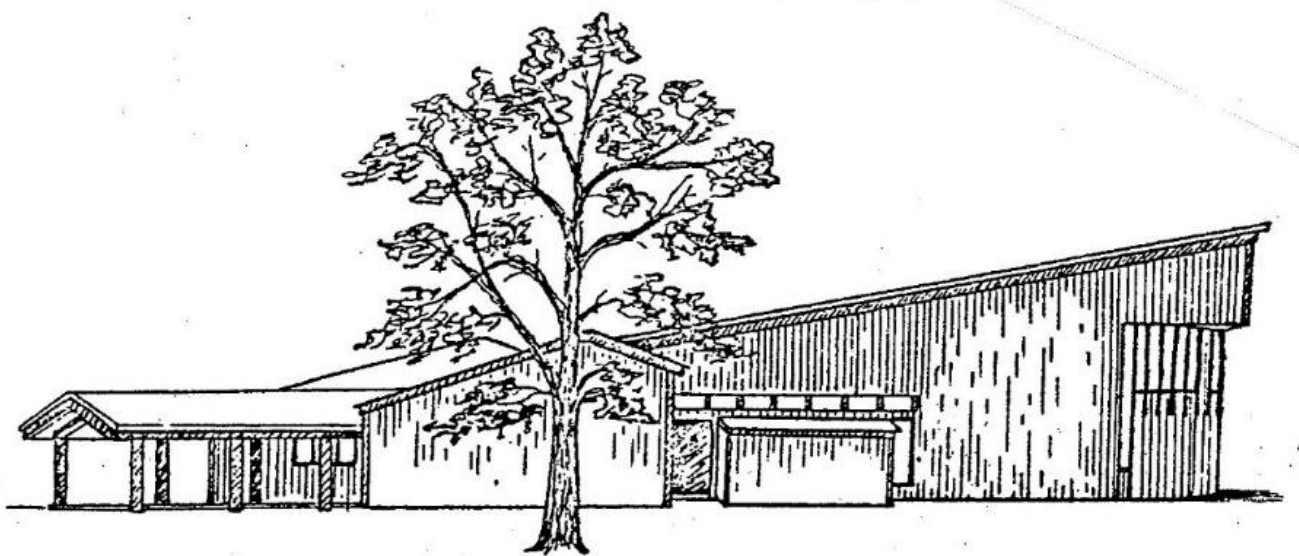


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 2023

4009 Irving Street Church: 715-735-6506
Marinette, Wisconsin 54143 Preschool: 715-732-9903

www.faithmarinette.org
marinettefaithlutheran@gmail.com

A member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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 412 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

**** stand for the singing of verse 6*

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God our heavenly Father.

Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not lived all our life in the baptismal grace with which we have been blessed. We have not always shared and returned the first and the best of all that You have given to us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely confess of our sins, and we humbly ask Your grace and the forgiveness of sins we receive through faith in Jesus.

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

God promises forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call upon His name through faith in the atoning sacrifice of His Son Jesus. As His called and ordained servant, 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 *Isaiah 9:1-4*

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12-25*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when He heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to

them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG "Here I Am, Lord" (BOB 86)

SERMON

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand" Sermon Text: Matthew 4:17

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 380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#2 LSB 377 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

#3 LSB 354 "Arise, O Christian People"

#4 "Majesty" (BOB 154)

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

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 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Elder: Dan Everson

Pianist Marilyn Theel

Altar: Sandy Lesperance

Reader: Karen Everson

Nursery: Roxanne Mueller

Ushers: Dennis Froehlich,
Roy Gill and Keith Mueller

Serving January 29th

Elder: Bill Ritson

Pianist Marilyn Theel

Altar: Lori Okrasinski

Reader: Karen Everson

Nursery: Roxanne Mueller

Ushers: Dennis Froehlich,
Roy Gill and Keith Mueller

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
Jim & Lois Zill in honor of their daughter-in-law
Kristin's Birthday on Jan 28th

In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Marsha Stiemke & Leslie Detry (*as they mourn the passing of a son and brother*); Don Thorley; Jacquie Voeks and her family (*as they mourn the passing of her brothers Jerry and Dan*); Jim Zill; Sally Zupan (*who is hospitalized in Green Bay recovering from a stroke*); Judy & Steve Hoheneder (*both hospitalized*).

OUR SHUT-INS: Steve & Linda Van Den Huevel

SERVING IN OUR MILITARY: Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Drea 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

Steve Jensen Jan. 23rd