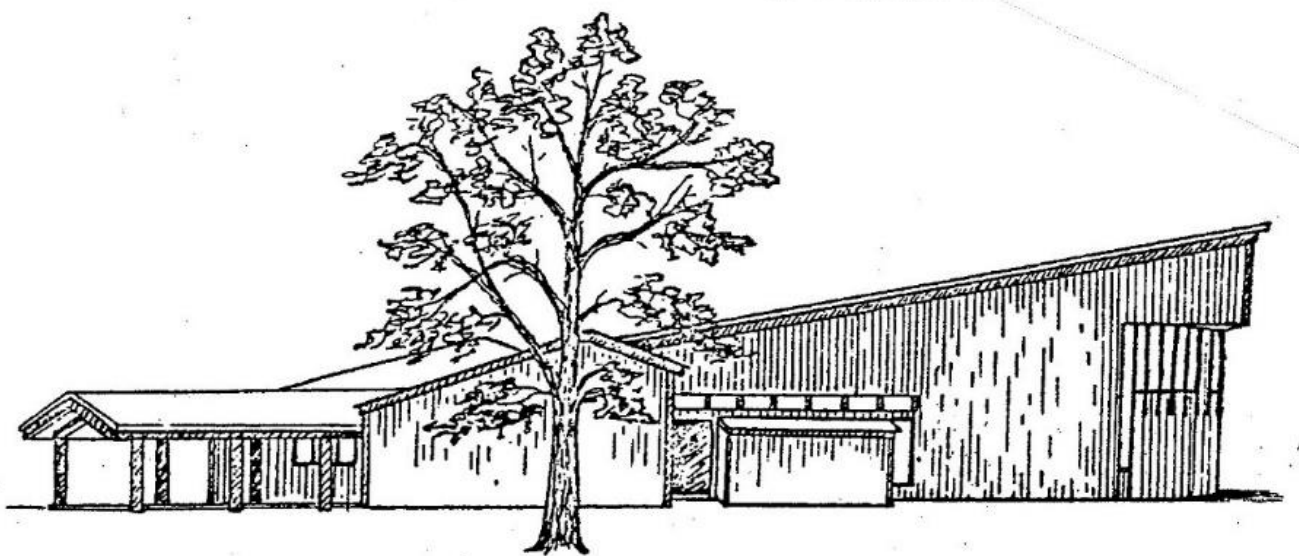


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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



## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 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 SONG – TOSB 234 "This Is the Day"**

**\*\*\* see the lyrics insert or follow the screens**

## **INVOCATION**

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass away from the law until all things are accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, we call on God our Father to forgive our sins and give us spirit of repentance.

**Lord God, You have chosen to break the chains of wickedness, to untie the ropes of the yoke, to set the oppressed free, to tear off every yoke, to share our bread with the hungry, to bring the poor and homeless into our house, to clothe the naked when we see Him, and not to ignore our own flesh and blood, yet so often we have been tasteless salt. Therefore, because Jesus broke the chains of wickedness and set us free on the cross, forgive us our sins and set us free to live joyfully and obediently under Your commands.**

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

When you call, the LORD will answer; when you cry out, He will say, "Here I am." What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived — God has prepared these things for those who love Him. Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God that you know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 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. Hallelujah! His righteousness endures forever!**

## ☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

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'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and You take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow

down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE READING**    *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

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And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him"-- these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly

to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:13-20*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED** (inside back cover of the hymnal)

## **CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE SONG BOB 27** "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

**\*\*\* see the lyrics insert or follow the screens**

## SERMON

"How Salty Are You?" Sermon Text: Matthew 5:13a

### 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 609** "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

**#2 LSB 535** "How Wide the Love of Christ"

**#3 LSB 409** "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

**#4 LSB 829** "Christ the Eternal Lord"

## **WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

### **BENEDICTION**

Go in peace and serve as those who are filled with the salt of the Spirit. The Almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you, and bless and strengthen you for continued and faithful service both here and beyond these walls.

**Praises be to the one true God forever and ever. Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG: BOB 204** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Go in Peace...

**Thanks Be to God.**

### **Serving Today**

**Elder:** Jeff Durocher

**Pianist** Lois Zill

**Altar:** Kelly Coan

**Reader:** Jim Olsen

**Nursery:** Judy Stroming

**Ushers:** John Nygren

### **Serving February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Elder:** Dennis Froehlich

**Pianist** Marilyn Theel

**Altar:** Rosie Wolbrink

**Reader:** Jeff Durocher

**Nursery:** Sharon Starks

**Ushers:** Warren Johnson and  
Jeff Starks

**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 Betty Becker** in memory of her late husband Bernie.

## **In Our Prayers**

**MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; Karl Baumann; Steve Hoheneder; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Don Thorley.**

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

**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) Hannah and Jordan Morel (Hannah is the director of Bay Area Pregnancy Center. She and her husband Jordan desire to become parents but have thus far been unable to become pregnant.**

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

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