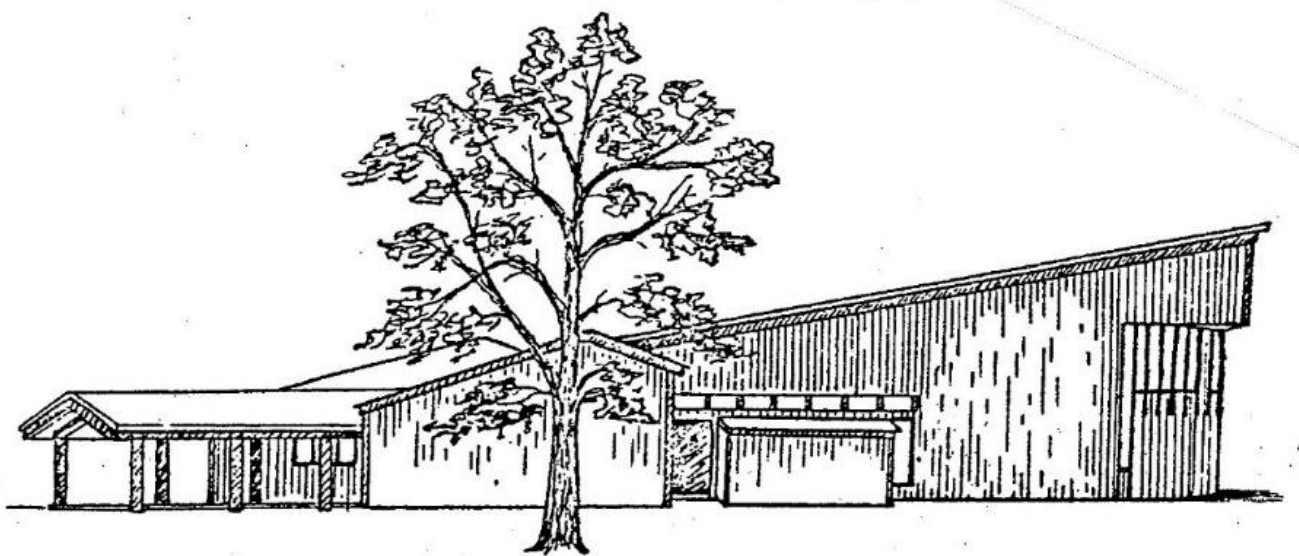


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD  
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER



## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 12<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 HYMN (BOB 115) “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**  
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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**

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are a gathering of imperfect people.  
**Although we may possess saving faith and trust in You and Your Son Jesus, we live each day with doubts, fears, and uncertainties.**

Jesus's own disciples sometimes doubted His daily presence with them.

**We are sometimes unsure of Your daily presence with us, so we don't always call upon Your comforting name.**

We live in a world filled with demands. Sometimes we forget that You are our one true guide and help.

**Sometimes, we choose to face anxieties alone rather than turning to You. Help us to see how Your Holy Spirit is working in us and for us in all things.**

Now, we ask that You hear us as we make our personal confession of sins in silence.

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

The LORD our God says to us, "Call upon me in the day of trouble I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." Therefore, it is in the stead and by the command of our ever-present, all-powerful, and all-knowing Savior 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** *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

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"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE READING**    *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

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But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**    *Matthew 5:21-37*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes

you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, 'Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED** (inside back cover of the hymnal)

## **CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE SONG (AGPS 195)** "Open Our Eyes"

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## **SERMON**

"Blessings or Curses – It's Our Choice" Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

## **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 ends each petition, "Lord, in Your mercy."*

*Worshippers respond, "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 "In Christ Alone"

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#2 **LSB 389** "Let All Together Praise Our God"

#3 **LSB 525** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#4 **LSB 527** "O Savior, Precious Savior"

### WORDS OF DISMISSAL

### BENEDICTION

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

**Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:** "Brothers and Sisters in Christ" (AGPS 78)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

**Thanks Be to God.**

### Serving Today

**Elder:** Dennis Froehlich

**Pianist** Marilyn Theel

**Altar:** Rosie Wolbrink

**Reader:** Jeff Durocher

**Nursery:** Sharon Starks

**Ushers:** Warren Johnson and  
Jeff Starks

### Serving February 19<sup>th</sup>

**Elder:** Dan Everson

**Pianist** Lois Zill

**Altar:** Lisa Charlesworth

**Reader:** Lois Zill

**Nursery:** Rosie Wolbrink

**Ushers:** Bob Charlesworth  
and Jesse Sebero

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THE 2023 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS POSTED.

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**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 Grandson Max's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

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### A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

**February 12, Epiphany VI** – Jesus affirms that God forbids both murder and adultery (Matthew 5:21, 27). The Lord categorically says, "No!" to abortion because He emphatically says, "Yes!" to marriage, family, and community. His "Yes!" even extends forgiveness and salvation to those who have aborted their own children. We may advocate the sanctity of human life with the same courage and compassion (Matthew 5:37)—no matter who calls us a fool (Matthew 5:22).

# In Our Prayers

**MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; 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)**

## **Birthdays Last Week**

Emma Kaster	Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberly Pieper	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>

## **Birthdays This Week**

Mike Anuta	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Cassie Nygren	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Warren Johnson	Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>

## **Wedding Anniversary**

Steven & Betty Schuelke	Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Jeff & Sharon Starks	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>