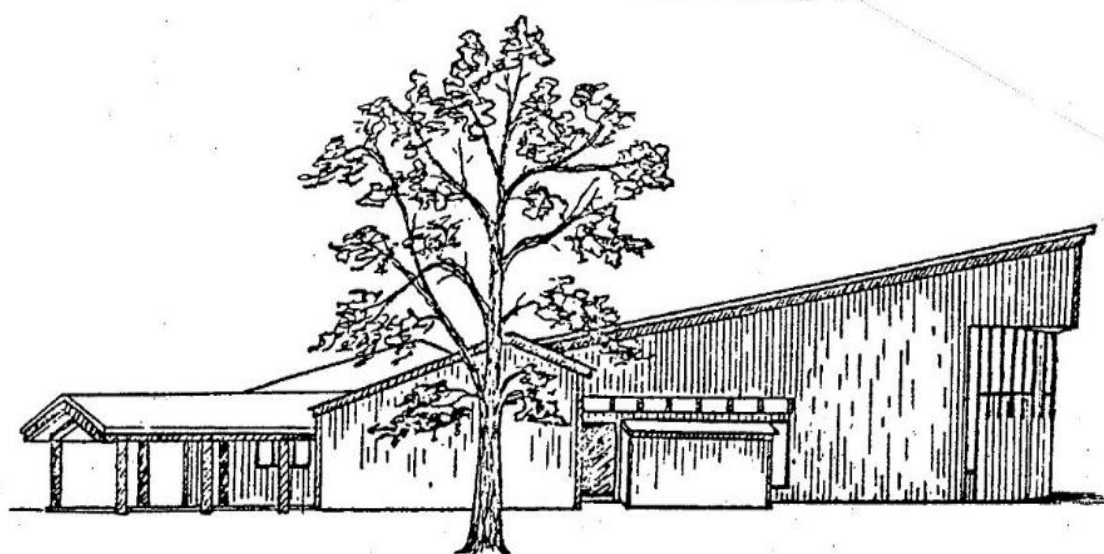


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GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER



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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 – LSB 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

**what our hearts can no longer bear, and what can
become a consuming fire of guilt and judgment.**

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we are changed by Your Spirit.

And grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image;

through our Savior Jesus – the light of the world.

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

In the mercy of the Almighty God, we are redeemed through Jesus, and in Him we are freely and fully forgiven. Since He is also our refuge and strength, our ever-present Savior, we find peace in the forgiveness of sins that He earned for us on the cross. Therefore, it is in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus 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 *Genesis 3:1-21*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I

hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:12-19*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through

that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1-11*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But He answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command His angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG - LSB 425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

SERMON

"Jesus is Our Strength" Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

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 LSB 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

#2 LSB 437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

#3 LSB 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

#4 LSB 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: LBS 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks Be to God.

Serving Today

Elder: Elroy Stroming

Organist: Marilyn Theel

Altar: Sandy Lesperance

Reader: Dan Everson

Nursery: Roxanne Mueller

Ushers: Dennis Froehlich,

Roy Gill and Keith Mueller

Serving March 5th

Elder: Bill Ritson

Pianist: Lois Zill

Altar: Rosie Wolbrink

Reader: Betsy Gill

Nursery: Judy Stroming

Ushers: John Nygren

In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Karl Baumann; Betty Becker; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Don Thorley; Jeff Voeks Warren Schrank; Eric & Devin Scuderi and Lois Zill.

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-Marquette; **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** (great-niece of Dennis & Christine Froehlich); **Emma** (niece of Keith & Roxanne Mueller); **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

Jerry Wenzel

March 2

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

February 26 – Lent I – The devil suggested Jesus attempt death as a solution (Matthew 4:6). Our Savior rejected the deception and rested Himself in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Death only delivers oppression because it serves sinfulness (Romans 5:14). But the victory Jesus gives over our ultimate enemies—Satan and the grave—frees us to leave life-and-death decisions to the Lord our God.