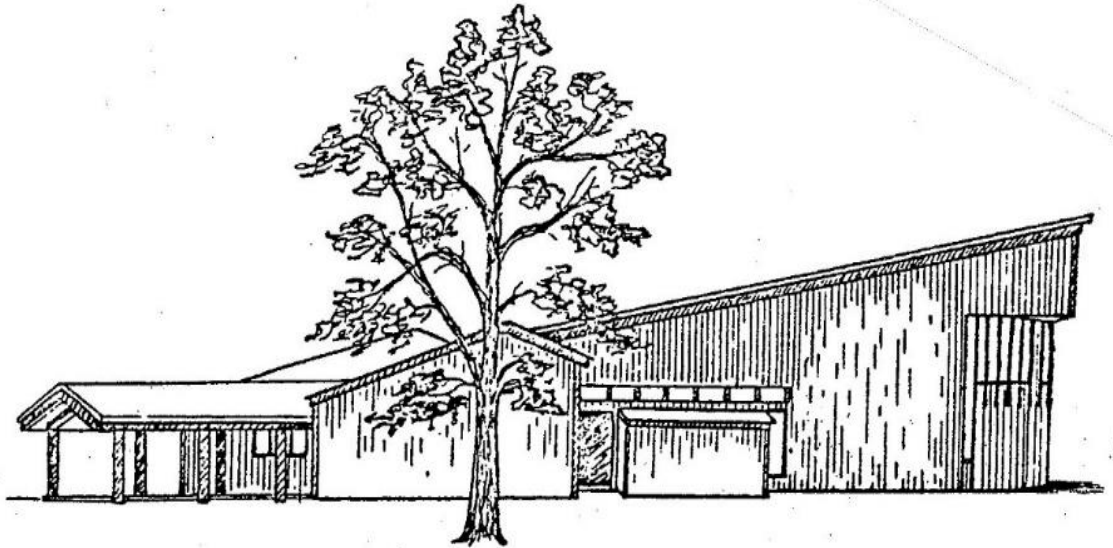


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
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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 549 vs. 1,2,3 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Gracious Lord and God,

we know that we will remain less than the whole persons You have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, so we bow before You and pray:

We confess that we have tried to run away and hide from You.

We often deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live parts of our daily lives without You.

We have made idols of our own achievements.

We sometimes treat other people as though they do not matter quite as much as we do.

We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Christ Jesus, our Savior.

And we have left undone those deeds of loving kindness and divine justice that You teach us to pursue in Your name.

Continue to send Your Holy Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way.

Mold us to be agents of reconciliation as we live daily in Your holy presence. Amen.

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

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and with His authority, I therefore 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 *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, thus says the Lord GOD: come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to

me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, thus says the Lord GOD: behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *Romans 8:1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:17-27, 38-53*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their

brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent Me." When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put Him to death.

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 720 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

SERMON: "I am the resurrection"

Sermon Text: John 11:17-27

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."

Worshipers 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 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

#2 LSB 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#3 LSB 763 "When Peace, Like a River"

#4 LSB 662 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

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: LSB 549 vs 4,5,6,7 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Serving March 26th

Elder: Jeff Durocher

Organist: Marilyn Theel

Altar: Sandy Lesperance

Reader: John Nygren

Nursery: Roxanne Muller

Ushers: Dennis Froehlich, Roy Gill
and Keith Mueller

Serving April 2nd

Elder: Elroy Stroming

Pianist: Lois Zill

Altar: Kelly Coan

Nursery: Judy Stroming

Ushers: John Nygren

FLC MARCH & APRIL CHALLENGE



In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; Dennis & Christine Froehlich (as the morn the passing of their great-niece Amy); Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Don Thorley; Warren Schrank and Eric & Devin Scuder.

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

SERVING IN OUR MILITARY: Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Drea Detry UW-Oshkosh; Gwyn Hanson UW-Marinette; 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: 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

Roxanne Mueller March 28 Vincent Hanson March 30
Bob Charlesworth April 1

Anniversary This Week

Jim & Jean Olson March 30 Sid & Maggie Meyers April 2