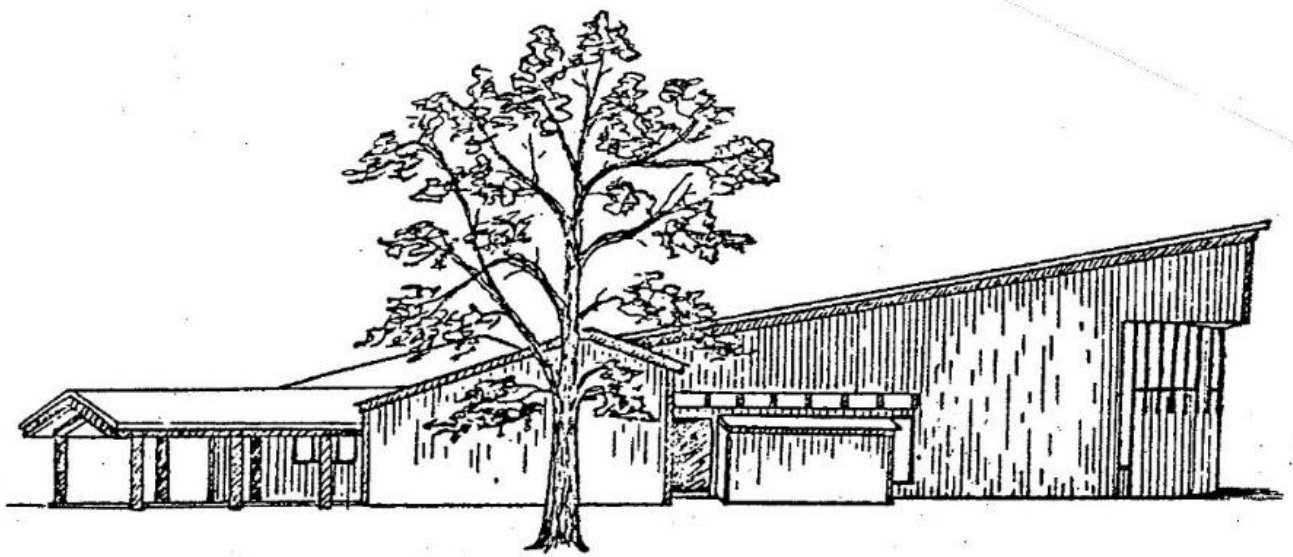


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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



**SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
JANUARY 15, 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 LSB 362 “O Sing of Christ”**

## **INVOCATION**

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Our vindication is with the Lord, and our reward is with our God. Therefore, we confess our sin to Him.

**Lord, You formed us from the womb to be Your servants, but we daily disobey and turn from You in our thoughts and thoughtlessness, our words and our silence, our actions and inaction. For the sake of Jesus, Hear our confession, forgive us our sins, and restore us as we eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

Behold, Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! He is the Son of God, a light for the nations, to be the Lord's salvation to the ends of the earth. He strengthens us so that we will be blameless in the day of His return. God our Father is faithful. We were called by Him into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## ☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 49:1-7*

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Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid me away. And He said to me, "You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." And now the LORD says, He who formed me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him; and that Israel might be gathered to Him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the

earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

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Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by Whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:29-42a*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose

I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

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 397** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

### **SERMON**

"What Are You Seeking?" Sermon Text: John 1:38

## **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 550 "Lamb of God"**

**#2 (BOB 24) "Blessed Assurance"**

**#3 (BOB 211) "There Is a Redeemer"**

**#4 LSB 392 "God Loves Me Dearly"**

## **WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

### **BENEDICTION**

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG: LSB 387 "Joy to the World"**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Go in Peace...

**Thanks Be to God.**

### **Serving Today**

**Elder:** Jeff Durocher

**Pianist:** Lois Zill

**Altar:** Lisa Charlesworth

**Reader:** Warren Johnson

**Nursery:** Rosie Wolbrink

**Ushers:** Bob Charlesworth  
and Jesse Sebero

### **Serving January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Elder:** Dan Everson

**Pianist:** Marilyn Theel

**Altar:** Sandy Lesperance

**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 will be placed in your mailbox). **Two bouquets are available per Sunday.** *Please be sure to pick your flowers up from after the worship service!*

# In Our Prayers

**MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Bill & Doris Ritson; Patrice Smukalla; 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; and Sally Zupan (*who is hospitalized in Green Bay recovering from a stroke.*)**

**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*)**

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Sharon Starks

Jan. 18