

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 take the time to fill out one of our attendance/ information cards in the Narthex.** If you are 'visiting' at Faith Lutheran, please 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)

Out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper, we ask those who are not instructed in the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and / or doubts the 'REAL presence' of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak with the Pastor before the service.

PRESERVICE MUSIC – *please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*

OPENING HYMN “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” **LSB 912**

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Ps 31)*

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ. *(1 Cor 3:11)*

We are no longer strangers and foreigners,
but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.

In Whom the whole structure, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In Him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. *(Eph 2:19-22)*

Come to Him as a living stone, rejected indeed by men,
but chosen by God and precious, (1 Peter 2:4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Loving Father,

we confess to You that we do not always act like 'living stones'.

Caring Father,

we do not always act like we are built on the foundation of Jesus.

Merciful Father,

we confess that we often crumble under the weight of sin and its many temptations of mind and body.

Forgiving Father,

we find our own strength fleeting in the face of temptation, and we now bring and confess to You those sins of which we are aware.

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

God, our Father, has heard your confession. Through the gift and work of His Holy Spirit, we receive the gift of faith --

faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation.

It is through faith in the shed blood of our Savior Jesus that I declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Praise and thanksgiving we raise to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Acts 6:1-4; 7:2a, 51-60*

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Stephen said, "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." Now when they

heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-6*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.

And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

MESSAGE SONG "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" **LSB 761**

SERMON: "Built On the Rock – Still Standing After the Storm"

Text: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Guest Preacher – Reverend Steve Haag

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor ends each petition, "Lord, in Your mercy."

Worshippers respond, "Hear our prayer."

Risen Lord Jesus, 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 time for us to prepare to receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

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 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB 623

#2 "On Eagles' Wings" LSB 727

#3 "Because He Lives" TOSB 11

#4 "The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Do, Lord! : Psalm 27 " TOSB 41

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks Be to God.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

May 7 "We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose."

Serving May 7th

Elder: Dan Everson
Pianist: Lois Zill
Altar: Kelly Coan
Reader: Jim Olson
Nursery: Judy Stroming
Ushers: John Nygren

Serving May 14th

Elder: Jeff Durocher
Organist: Marilyn Theel
Altar: Rosie Wolbrink
Reader: John Nygren
Nursery: Sharon Starks
Ushers: Jeff Starks

THE 2023 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS POSTED.

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 after the worship service!*

EMERGENCY MEDICAL KITS
(for 80 law enforcement officers)

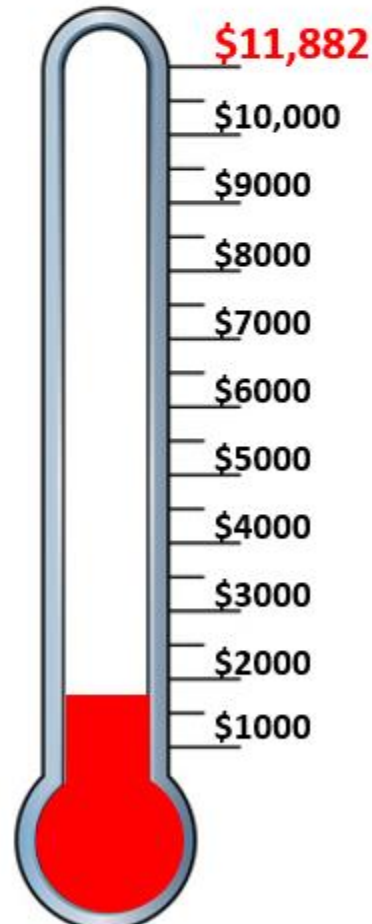
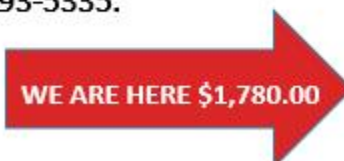


Help Faith Lutheran (Marinette) to purchase

- Trauma Medical Kits
- Combat Application Tourniquets (CAT)
- D-BCRK Individual Bleeding Control Kits

For 80 law enforcement officers in the following areas: Marinette, Niagara, Crivitz, Coleman, and Peshtigo City Police Departments; The Marinette County Sheriff's Office, and 2 local WI DNR officers **at a cost of \$11,822.**

Questions can be directed to Pastor Jim Krueger at the following # (989)293-5335.



FOR ON-LINE GIVING GO TO OUR WEBSITE
www.faimarinette.org/make-a-gift/

In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Betty Becker; Bob Helmuth; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Irene Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Don Thorley; Warren Schrank; and Angela Hoheneder.

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: Emma (niece of Keith & Roxanne Mueller); Cassie Nygren; Brenda Johnston (daughter-in-law to Betsy & Roy Gill – 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) Rick & Debi Buetow's grandson, Miles (Sharon Stone requested prayers for Miles who has major medical issues; Bob & Cindy (neighbors of Roy & Betsy Gill); Nick (Jacquie Voeks friend who is in the ICU); Lisa Smith (niece of Sig & Maggie Meyers) - cancer; Tom Hunt (family friend of Roy & Betsy Gill); Patrice Smukalla (prayers of thanksgiving for all the prayers offered on her behalf); The Marquardt Family (Roger Marquardt's "sister-in-law" Charmaine has passed away. She is the wife of Roger's brother Marvin) and Judy Hoheneder requests prayers for her brother, Dale, (who has inoperable lung cancer).

Birthdays This Week

Donna Payne

May 8th

Marianne Evancheck

May 9th