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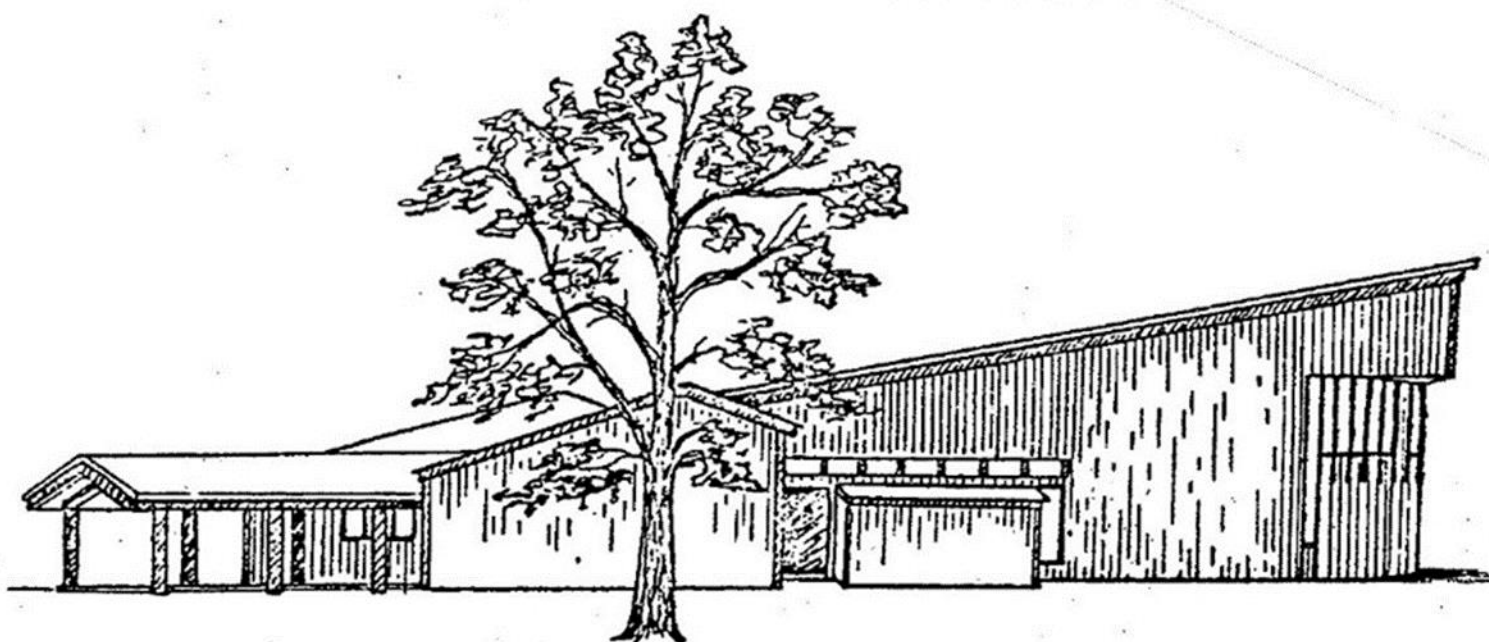
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Growing in Faith Towards God...and in Love for One Another



CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN INDEPENDENCE

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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 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.*

WELCOME & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

**I pledge Allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.**

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" ... The Hymnal 576

**O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,**

**o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROSS

**I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal
with mercy and grace for all.**

"GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND" ... LSB 965

**God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand
through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, do Thou our country save
by Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies;
on Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye, to Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

INVOCATION ✕ CONFESSION ✕ ABSOLUTION

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

Good and gracious God, You have given us the privilege and the responsibility of living in the most resourceful land in the world.

**From sea to shining sea, most of us enjoy unparalleled freedom,
comfortable homes, nutritious meals, preferred vocations; and
religious liberty.**

Even as we count the many wonderful blessings we share in this great land,
we also sense that we live in times of heightened concern and anxiety.

These concerns remind us of our need to confess our sins, personally and collectively,

and to embrace Your plan for living our life with purpose and integrity.

We confess that we have too often taken our freedom for granted, and we have too frequently been negligent in our citizenship.

**We confess that at times we are too quick to criticize naively and too slow
to intercede prayerfully.**

We confess that our self-interests have too often taken priority over what you have in mind for our nation and for our world.

We confess that we have been irresponsible in our stewardship of health and wealth, often consuming and storing compulsively without conscious regard for sharing generously and investing wisely.

You teach us, "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)

Therefore, as we prepare to celebrate "Independence Day," we ask You to forgive our many sins and work healing in our land.

We pray for the leaders of our nation, our state, and our community that they lead with wisdom and discernment.

We pray for the men and women who serve in our nation's military that they fulfill their mission safely and return home soon.

We pray for our enemies that their swords, as well as ours, are "turned into plowshares."

We pray for all the centers of worship across our nation, and that each of us are 'living stones' and lighthouses of Your grace and mercy, as we live each day to Your high calling.

Because You are the freedom-loving and grace-giving God,

lead us to exercise our civil and Christian freedom responsibly and to pursue "liberty and justice for all" Your created people around the world.

(personal confession of sins against God and against His creation)

For the sins you have confessed, may Almighty God give you peace in these words and strength to give yourselves to repentant living – I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We give thanks in the strong and powerful name of Jesus Who came to set us free, so that we may daily live our civil and Christian freedom to His glory and our constant witness of the love of God for all sinners in Jesus. Amen.

Choir sings: "America the Beautiful"

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

First Reading ... Galatians 5:1, 13-14

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel ... John 8:31-36

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day "GOD OF OUR FATHERS " ... The Hymnal 573

**God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor thru the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!**

Sermon "Celebrating and Living Our Christian Freedom"

Text: Galatians 5:1, 13-14

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

Worshippers respond, "Hear our prayer."

Lord and Savior 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.

✠ 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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR" ... LSB 842

"CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD" ... LSB 829

"BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW" ... LSB 966

"ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS" ... LSB 662

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

We are not simply dismissed today to go our own way for our own purposes.

We are not just free to go to serve our own needs, but to defend and protect the freedoms we live under each and every day.

We are "Christians" because we bear the name of Christ Jesus and follow Him.

As "Christians" we are not 'free' to live our lives in any way we want to.

We are called to live our lives in a way that bears witness to Jesus alone as the source of God the Father's forgiveness of sins and the only 'Way' to eternal life in heaven.

Go in the peace and freedom provided through a life of saving faith in Jesus.

We go in peace to serve Him with great joy. We go in love to serve the needs of others with all that we are and all that we have. Praise be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn "ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE" ... LSB 717

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
o'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low;
wherever, Lord, Thy brethren go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
from every peril on the land.**

**O Spirit, Whom the Father sent
to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by Thy watchful care
from ev'ry peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our people shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise
from air and land and sea.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks Be to God.



In Our Prayers



Members of our Church: Betty Becker; Joel Cain; Karen Haag; Bob Helmuth; Judy Hoheneder; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Irene Marquardt and Doris Ritson.

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-Stevens Point; 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)
Cindy Wrucke (Czech Republic)**

Prayers requested by our Church Family: Emma (niece of Keith & Roxanne Mueller); Cassie Nygren; Dave & Jan Krueger (Traci Meyer's parents); and Pat Staudenmaier (nephew of Sid & Maggie Meyer), Lisa Smith (niece of Sig & Maggie Meyers) - cancer; Tom Hunt (family friend of Roy & Betsy Gill); Judy Hoheneder requests prayers for her brother, Dale, (who has inoperable lung cancer); Brent (Roxanne Mueller's brother-in-law whose cancer has returned) and Debra (Keith Mueller's sister).

