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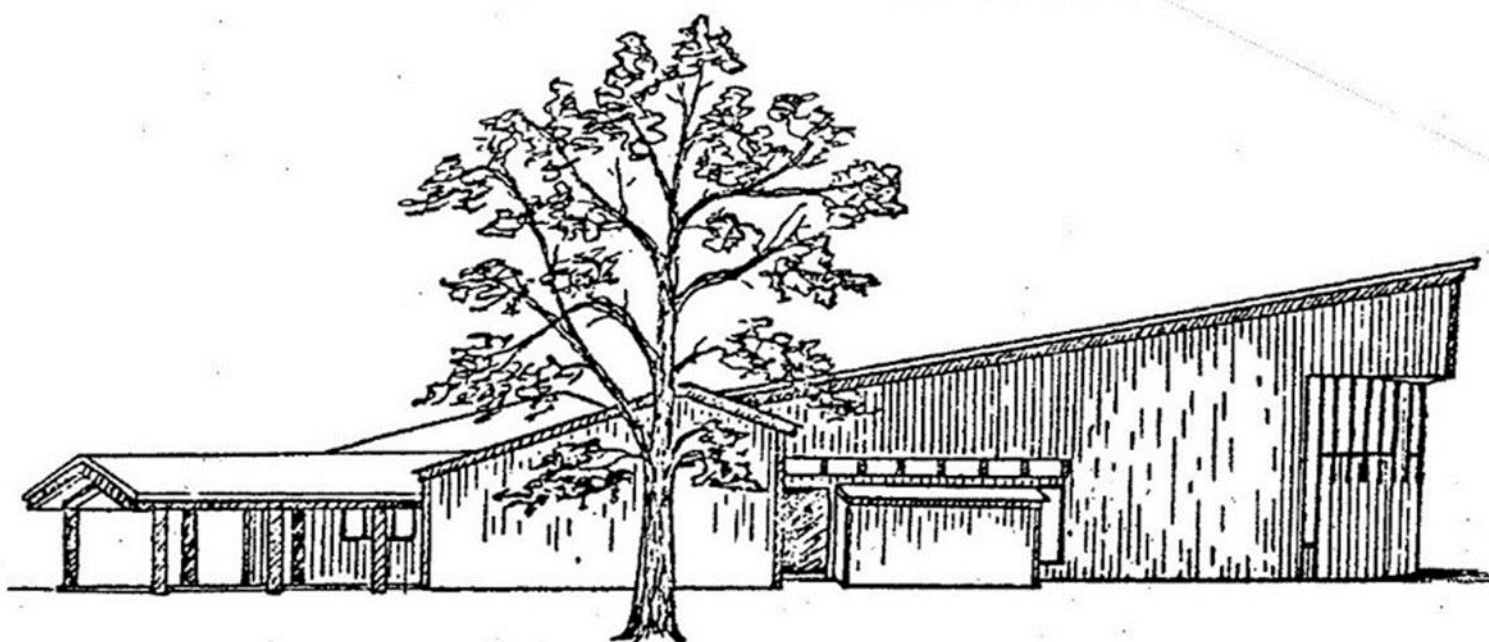
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Growing in Faith Towards God...and in Love for One Another



THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

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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 for worship)*

OPENING SONG: BOB 12 “As the Deer”

**As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.**

**You're my friend,
and You are my brother.
Even though You are a King,
I love You more than any other
so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.**

**I want You more
than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.**

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Seventh Commandment from God contains the command, "You shall not steal." What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help them to improve and protect their possessions and income.

Truth, faithfulness, and justice are some of the virtues required by the seventh commandment.

We are further required to actively protect and advance our neighbor's possessions and income.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us confess our sins against the Lord God's seventh commandment.

Father, we confess that we are guilty of breaking this commandment. We take what is not ours. We use the word 'deserve' to justify acquiring or stealing what we do not earn. We do not always work to "improve and protect" our neighbor's income and possessions. Forgive us, Father, for these and our many other sins against Your commandment.

God our Father hears, and because of His unconditional love, He freely and fully forgives the sins of those who believe, confess, and follow Jesus as their Lord and personal Savior from sin. With the authority granted to me through my calling and ordination as your pastor, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thank you, Father. Amen.

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Malachi 3:6-10

"I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me. But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ... James 4:1-4

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ... Matthew 6:19-24

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 730 "What Is The World To Me?"

Sermon "Do Not Steal"

Text: Exodus 20:15

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

Worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."

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.

✠ 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

DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION SONGS

LSB 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

BOB 141 "Let It Be Said of Us"

**Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
that with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
that we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.**

**Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.**

**Let it be said of us, we were marked by forgiveness,
we were known by our love and delighted in mercy.**

**We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.**

**Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.**

**Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.**

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

LSB 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

BOB 65 "Give Thanks"

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."**

Give thanks, give thanks.

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Go in peace as loved and forgiven children of Almighty God.

I will love as God loves me. I will forgive as God forgives me.

You have heard the Good News.

I will share the Good News of Jesus with all the lost I meet.

The Lord God is with you. Go and serve in the saving name of Jesus.

I go in peace and with strength to serve the Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: The Hymnal 455 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

**Come, all Christians, be committed
to the service of the Lord.**

**Make your lives for Him more fitted,
tune your hearts with one accord.**

**Come into His courts with gladness,
each his sacred vows renew,**

**turn away from sin and sadness,
be transformed with life anew.**

**Of your time and talents give Him
they are gifts from God above
to be used by Christians freely
to proclaim His wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior,
tithes and off'rings with you bring.
In your work, with Him find favor,
and with joy His praises sing.**

**God's command to love each other
is required of ev'ry one.
Showing mercy to each other
mirrors His redeeming Son.
In compassion He has given
of His love that is divine.
On the cross sins were forgiven,
joy and peace are fully thine.**

**Come in praise and adoration,
all who on Christ's name believe.
Worship Him with consecration,
grace and love will you receive.
For His grace give Him the glory,
for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the Gospel story
till the world His Name has heard.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...
Thanks Be to God.



In Our Prayers

Our Church Family: Betty Becker; Joel Cain; Karen Haag; Bob Helmuth; Judy Hoheneder; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Irene Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Marilyn Theel and Carrie Thorley.

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; and Samantha Pieper UW-Whitewater.

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: Roy & Betsy Gill request prayers for their daughter-in-law, **Brenda Johnston (her leukemia is gone and she has no restrictions); **Emma** (niece of Keith & Roxanne Mueller); family of Bruce Burgemeister (Uncle of Kelly Coan,) who passed away and Judy Porter (Kelly Coan's Mother); **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; Judy Hoheneder requests prayers for her brother, **Dale**, (who has inoperable lung cancer); Elroy & Judy Stroming's Daughter, **Kelly Hogan**, (Her breast cancer has returned after being cancer free for 11 years. She will be undergoing chemo treatments for the next couple of months); **Brent** (Roxanne Mueller's brother-in-law whose cancer has returned) and **Debra** (Keith Mueller's sister).**

