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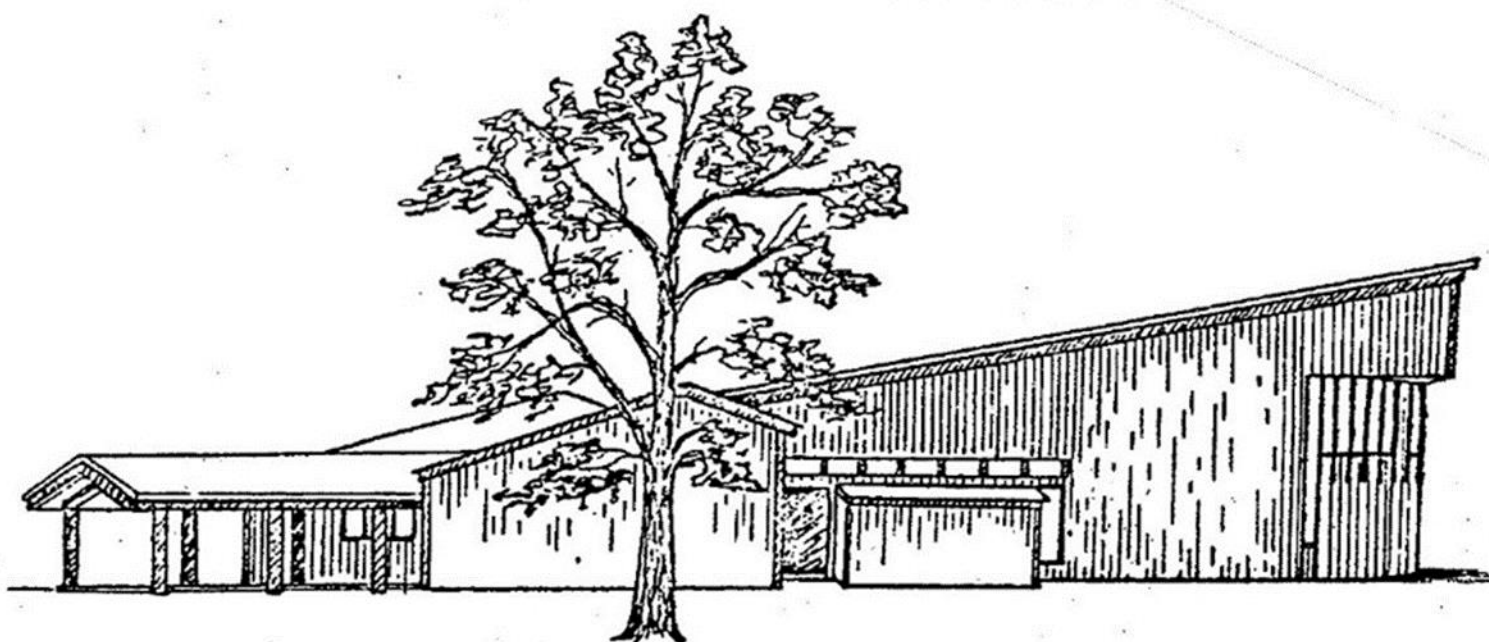
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Growing in Faith Towards God...and in Love for One Another



THE EIGHTH 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 66 “Glorify Thy Name”

**Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Spirit we love You, we worship and adore You,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray, or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

God of grace,

You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit,

guide us by Your Word, and help us as we seek to follow You and Your commandments. Amen.

We confess that we have not kept Your eighth commandment.

We have engaged in the sins of sharing gossip and rumors that does not build up, but harms the reputation of others.

We have not always lived by the "Golden Rule."

We do not always treat others the way we want them to treat us.

We do not always speak well of others.

Sometimes we talk about others in ways that does not build up, but we talk in ways that tears them down.

We don't always defend those who are absent and can't defend themselves.

Rather than preserve, protect, and defend others, we are often quiet. Forgive us for these and many other sins against this commandment and against others.

Our heavenly Father has heard your confession and with the authority given to me by His divine calling as your pastor I announce to you that your sins are forgiven 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 ... Proverbs 12:19-26

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment. Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy. No ill befalls the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble. Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight. A

prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly. The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ... Ephesians 4:25-32

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ... Luke 6:27-36

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do

good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Sermon "Our Life in Christ is 'Other-Focused'"

Text: Exodus 20:16

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

BOB 173 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!**

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

**Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own; how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean full of blessing, 'tis a haven giving rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

BOB 54 "Fear Not"

Fear not, all my children, for I will always stay
in all of your tomorrows, and I'm with you today.
Fear not, all my children, I'll always be with you
in ev'ry moment of your life in ev'rything you do.

[CHORUS]

*For I love you this much My arms are opened wide,
for I love you this much I bled for you and died.
For I love you this much there's nothing you can do
to take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.*

Fear not, all my children, don't ever be dismayed,
for all your pain and sorrows, the price has all been paid.
Fear not, all my children, courageous ever strong,
for I'll not fail you or forsake you all your whole life long.

[CHORUS]

Fear not, all my children, I won't leave you alone,
I will prepare a mansion, right at my Father's throne.
Fear not, all my children, I'll rise up from the dead,
I am God's Son; the vict'ry's won, remember what I've said.

[CHORUS]

LSB 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LSB 848 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

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: LSB 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



In Our Prayers

Members of our Church: Betty Becker; Joel Cain; Karen Haag; Bob Helmuth; Judy Hoheneder; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Irene Marquardt; Doris Ritson, Marilyn Theel, Carrie Thorley, Rev Steve & Karen Haag on the death of Steve's son Curt – including prayers for Curt's former wife Pam and their children Cassie, Zach and Elijah.

Our Shut-ins: 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: Karlie (Karl Baumann's daughter who possible stroke and is now in a coma); Sue (college roommate who is underwent surgery for lung cancer); 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); Brent (Roxanne Mueller's brother-in-law whose cancer has returned) and Debra (Keith Mueller's sister).

