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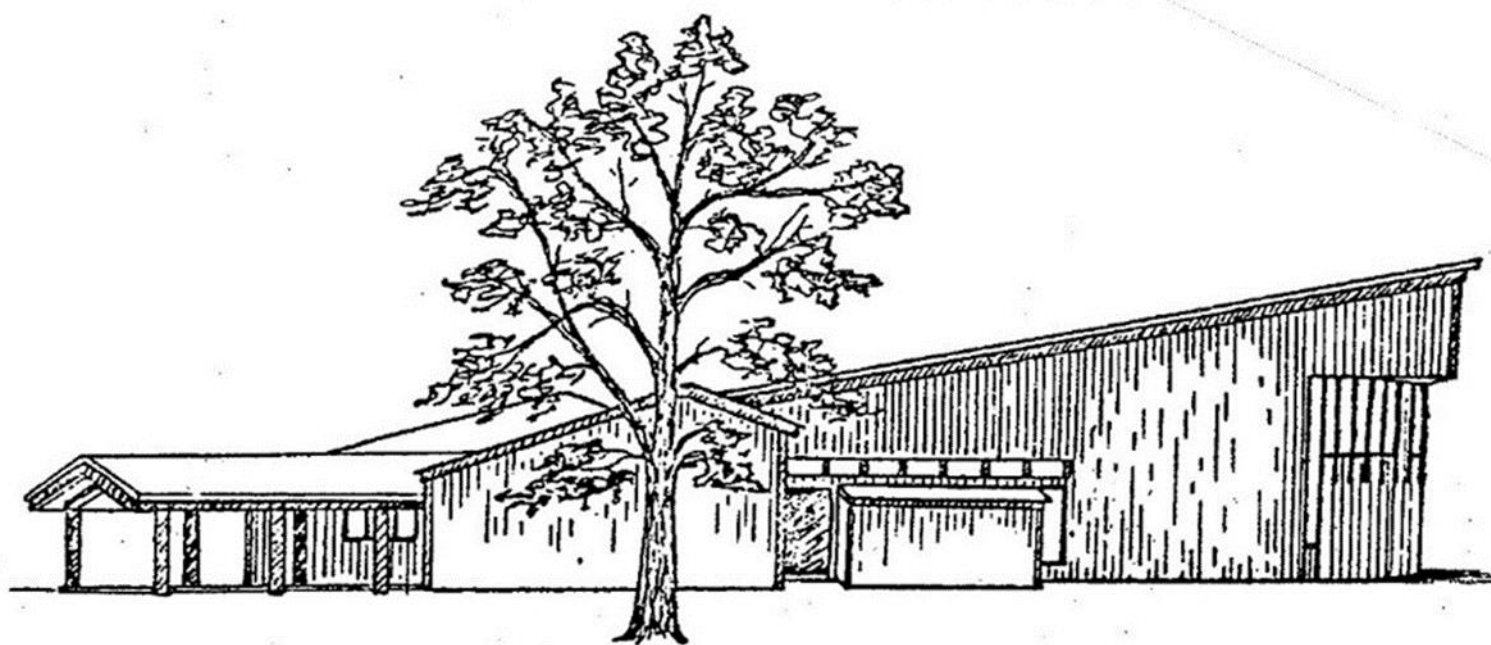
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Growing in Faith Towards God...and in Love for One Another



“God’s Stewards are GOD’S stewards”

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WELCOME!!! We extend a warm welcome 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 BOTH SIDES 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 in the hallway past the entrance to 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. 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: "Here I Am to Worship"

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.**

[CHORUS]

**So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came
to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. [CHORUS]**

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord God, Creator of the world,
**draw us into prayer and celebration as we gather to remember the gift
of Your creation, and the stewardship You have entrusted to us as
caretakers of all You have made.**

As we gather for worship, Your powerful presence fills us with joy.

Your Holy Spirit stirs and moves and gives us courage to remember that all good gifts descend on us from Your throne of blessing above.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

We humbly confess that we do not always care for Your creation as the stewards You call us to be.

We sometimes applaud ourselves for what we have and fail to recognize and give thanks to You as our sole Provider and Caregiver.

Out of Your abundant grace Father we ask You to forgive and renew us.

Because of Your love and goodness, Father, have mercy on us.

Give us lives that reflect Your blessings, lives ready to bear the fruit of goodness, and love toward all that You created and entrust into our care.

For Your grace and goodness, we give You thanks. For all the times we have failed to be loving and caring stewards of Your creation, forgive us. Help us to use Your gifts to bring new hope to lives among us and beyond us in the saving name of Jesus. Amen.

God our Father hears, and motivated by 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 ... Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ... Titus 3:4-8

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ... John 15:15-17

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY BOB 245 "You Are My Own"

**The splash of the water! The pow'r of the Word!
The Spirit now binds you to Jesus your Lord!
And wonder of wonders! Though by sin defiled
the Father in heaven now makes you His child!**

[CHORUS]

**A child of the promise His death has fulfilled!
An heir of the covenant sure as His throne!
His promise is "I shall be always with you."
His covenant, "You are My own."**

**To Him you belong now: His grace be adored!
His grace which sustains as you grow in the Word!**

**And grace of all graces! The vict'ry He won
is your victory now through your faith in the Son! [CHORUS]**

**Your faith is a gracious miraculous gift:
a miracle just like His rising from death.
Both miracles yours now in Baptism's flood
secured by the covenant and sealed with His blood. [CHORUS]**

SERMON THEME "God's Stewards Are GOD'S Stewards""

TEXT Genesis 1:26; Ephesians 2:10

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Worshippers respond, "Hear our prayer"

Lord Jesus, remember 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.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION SONGS

BOB 210 "The Lamb"

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

[CHORUS]

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing. [CHORUS]**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. [CHORUS]**

**He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. [CHORUS]**

**He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'till ev'ry heart to Him belong. [CHORUS]**

BOB 211 "There Is A Redeemer"

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

[CHORUS]

**Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. [CHORUS]**

**When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
and there I'll serve My king forever in that holy place. [CHORUS]**

BOB 24 "Blessed Assurance"

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

[CHORUS]

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, Christ on the cross, for my salvation He suffered loss,
gave up His life and gave up His throne, purchased and won me,
made me His own. [CHORUS]**

**Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness,
lost in His love. [CHORUS]**

**Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own, all glory, praise,
be to God alone! [CHORUS]**

BOB 238 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Go, now, into the world, inspired by the radiant love of God.

We will live generously with open hands, giving thanks to God who provides all we need, and loving others as they are loved by God.

Be good stewards of all the gifts you receive, so that God your Father may be glorified in all that you say and do.

May His abundant love surround us, may the grace we receive through Jesus sustain us, and may the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and encourage us in every good deed and word.

Live as lights to the world, be content with God's gifts for body and soul, and continue sharing how the saving name of Jesus is working in your lives.

We will live this week praising and sharing the work in us accomplished by God the Father, God the ✠ Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING SONG – BOB 77 "Grace Alone"

**Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
ev'ry difference we will make is only by His grace.**

**Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.**

**Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
ev'rywhere, we share His peace is only by His grace.**

**Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.
We will go forth in grace alone.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks Be to God



In Our Prayers

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

Our Shut-ins: Larry & Sally Zupan

Serving in Our Military: Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

Our College Students: Dreya Detry UW-Oshkosh; Sariah Frederiksen UW-Green Bay; 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: Cassie Nygren; Dave & Jan Krueger (Traci Meyer's parents); Pat Staudenmaier (nephew of Sid & Maggie Meyer), Lisa Smith (niece of Sig & Maggie Meyers); Judy Hoheneder's brother, Dale, (inoperable lung cancer); Roxanne Mueller's brother-in-law, Brent, whose cancer has returned), Amy Sierra (wife of Bette Becker's grandson) and prayers for the residents on the Hawaiian island of Maui who grieve loved ones who have died, those who are hospitalized, and for rescue workers as they continue their search for those who are still missing.

Financial support for the ongoing work of recovery, for the care of displaced residents, and future costs related to the wildfire on the island of Maui:

Visit our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod website at [lcms.org](https://www.lcms.org) then type "Maui Fire" in the search box. Scroll down the page and see the 'links' to the sites listed below so that you can share a gift to support the ongoing relief work and recovery following the devastating wildfire on Maui.

LCMS Disaster Response

CNH District Disaster Relief Fund

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Maui (indicate for disaster relief)