

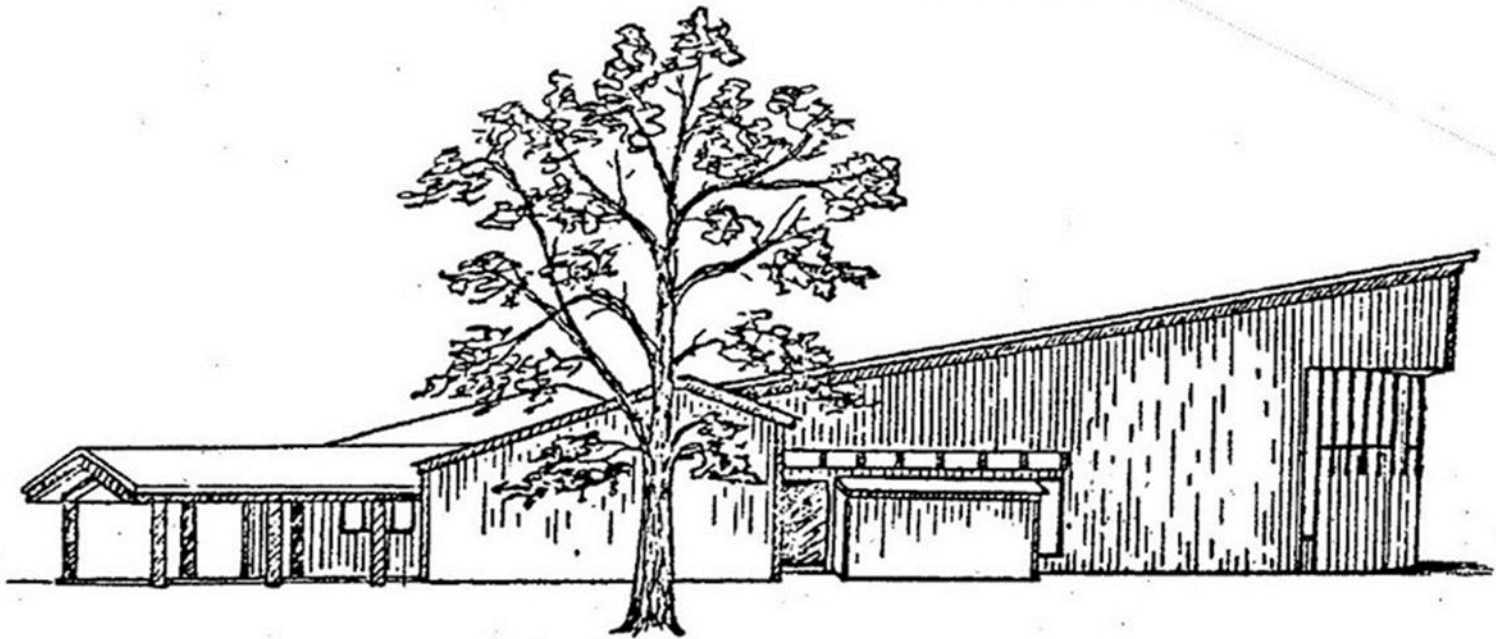
# FAITH

## LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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



## “The Second Sunday after the Epiphany”

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**OFFICIANT..... Pastor Jim Krueger**

**WELCOME!!!** We extend a warm welcome to ALL joining us today. May we experience 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' us today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger. As our 'special guest,' please do not feel obligated to contribute to today's offering.

**RESTROOMS, NURSERY, ETC** Restrooms are located in the hallway past the sanctuary entrance. The nursery room is available through the Fellowship Hall. Hearing assistance devices are also available. If you need anything, our "Elder on Duty" and ushers are willing 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 all who come to the Lord's Supper, we ask those 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.*

**"BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST"** (AGPS 78)

**Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.**

**Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!**

**Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.  
And assembled as one in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.**

**We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Man walked alone and in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed;  
wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;  
that God in His mercy would save all His people from death and the grave.  
And assembled as one in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.**

**We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Lord, teach us how to proclaim all Your goodness, Your love and Your name!**

**Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.**

**Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong.**

**And assembled as one in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.**

**We are brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

## **INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**Amen.**

In the midst of so much chaos and uncertainty in our nation and world, why have you come to this place to worship?

**I have come because the Bible teaches me that no amount of pain – or suffering -- or hardship -- or loss -- or uncertainty -- can separate me from the hope that comes to me and to all who put their full faith and trust in presence and work of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.**

During this season of Epiphany,

**I hear the Prophet calling, “Arise, shine for your light has come!” That ‘guiding’ light is ours in Jesus, our Immanuel – “God with us.”**

We come to worship and celebrate and connect our lives to God’s light in us -- God's light in Christ so that we may share in carrying that ‘light’ to the world.

**What a beautiful reason to gather together to worship!**

The light of Christ that shines in us and through us is shown --

**in our compassion for others – when we provide for the poor and needy -- when we lovingly welcome the stranger in our midst – when we love and forgive as we are loved and forgiven. These are just some of the ways that we shine the light of Christ into the world.**

So come, brothers and sisters in Christ,

**let us bring the joys and hardships of life to worship and celebrate that God’s light is already with us and within us.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

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Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel, and He said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE READING -- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

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“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and

the stomach for food" - and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, Whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter -- John 1:43-51**

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

**"HERE I AM, LORD"** (Best of the Best 86)

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.**

**All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.**

**I, Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

[CHORUS]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? [CH]**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? [CH]**

<b>SERMON -- "The Lord is Still Calling" -- 1 Samuel 3:1-10</b>
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**OUR 'FIRSTFRUITS' OFFERINGS ARE RETURNED TO OUR GOD WHO PROVIDES**

*If you have not done so, please register your attendance in the booklets provided in each pew. Pass them along to others sitting with you. They will be collected following the service.*

**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 ✠**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Before we partake of the body and blood of Jesus in this holy sacrament, let us make our confession of sins together and be both comforted and convinced that our sins are forgiven through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

**Holy and loving God, I admit to You and to others that I often choose the darkness of sin rather than the light of obedience. I often give in to the temptations of the world and my own sinful flesh rather than delighting in living according to Your commands. Forgive the darkness and pain that my sins have caused You and others.**

Trusting in Your mercy and grace, we earnestly pray:

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew right spirit within me.**

Children of God, the message of Epiphany is still 'good news'! The "Light" has come not to sear and to blind, but to save us. Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In His name and by His command, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven!

**Praise and thanks be to God our Father and our Savior Jesus. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *(followed by singing the lyrics below)*

**Be present at our table, Lord; be here and ev'rywhere adored;  
Thy creatures bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee.**

## COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION WITH SINGING

#### **"CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE"** (LSB 611)

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me.  
Died that I might live on high, lived that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, higher than the heav'ns above,  
deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me--wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,  
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n.  
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.  
All my wants to Him are known, all my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;  
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

#### **"THERE IS A REDEEMER"** (BOB 211)

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. [CH]

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

#### **"HAIL, O SOURCE OF EVERY BLESSING"** (LSB 409)

Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, in Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You, in Your Church rejoice to live,  
see Your glory and adore You, thankful for the grace You give.

Once far off but now invited, we approach Your sacred throne,  
in Your covenant united, reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to Eastern sages, see the Star of Mercy shine,  
myst'ry hid in former ages, myst'ry great of love divine.

Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,  
in Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit, live devoted to Your praise,  
glorious realms of bliss inherit, grateful anthems ever raise.

**“STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS”** (LSB 660)

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.**

**Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.**

**From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;  
stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.**

**Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone.**

**The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.**

**Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.**

**Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;  
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.**

**The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see  
and with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.**

**WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

**PARTING BLESSING**

Go now as lights to the nations. Honor the Lord; preach what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfil all righteousness through obedience to Almighty God.

**May God strengthen and bless us with peace. May Jesus bring forth justice for us and among us. May the Holy Spirit increase His light in us and send us as lights to the world.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all we meet,  
**in the name of Christ – the 'Light of the world'. Amen.**

**“BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM”** (Best of the Best 27)

**You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the Kingdom of God!**

**Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the Kingdom of God!**

[CHORUS]

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!**

**You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!**

**Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! [CH]**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!**

**Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God! [CH]**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!**

**Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! [CH]**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Prayer for healing

**HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH** – Kay Helmuth & family (as they mourn the passing of her husband “Bob”), Judy Hoheneder, Roger Hoheneder, Roger Marquardt, Doris Ritson, and Traci Meyers.

**OUR SHUT-INS** -- Larry & Sally Zupan and Jerry Wenzel

**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*, Katelyn Krueger *Saginaw Valley State University* (Saginaw, MI); and Samantha Pieper *UW-Whitewater*.

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY ADOPTED STUDENTS** -- Justin Brockman; Jedidiah McClellan; Grant Thiel; Joel Werner

**OUR MISSIONARIES** Pastor Camp (*Russian Ministry*)  
Rev. Samuel & Erica Bobby (Latvia)

**PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY** – **Cassie Nygren, Dave & Jan Krueger** (*Traci Meyer’s parents*), **Joseph** (*brother of CarolAnn Krakau*), **Tom** (*brother-in-law to Kelly Coan*), **Valerie Clemens** (*older sister of Kent Newby*), **Kelly Hogan** (*Elroy & Judy Storming’s daughter*), **Kathee** (*sister of Sandy Lesperance*), and **Brenda** (*daughter-in-law of Roy and Betsy Gill*) who is had a bone marrow biopsy on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>; prayers that doctors do NOT find leukemia.