

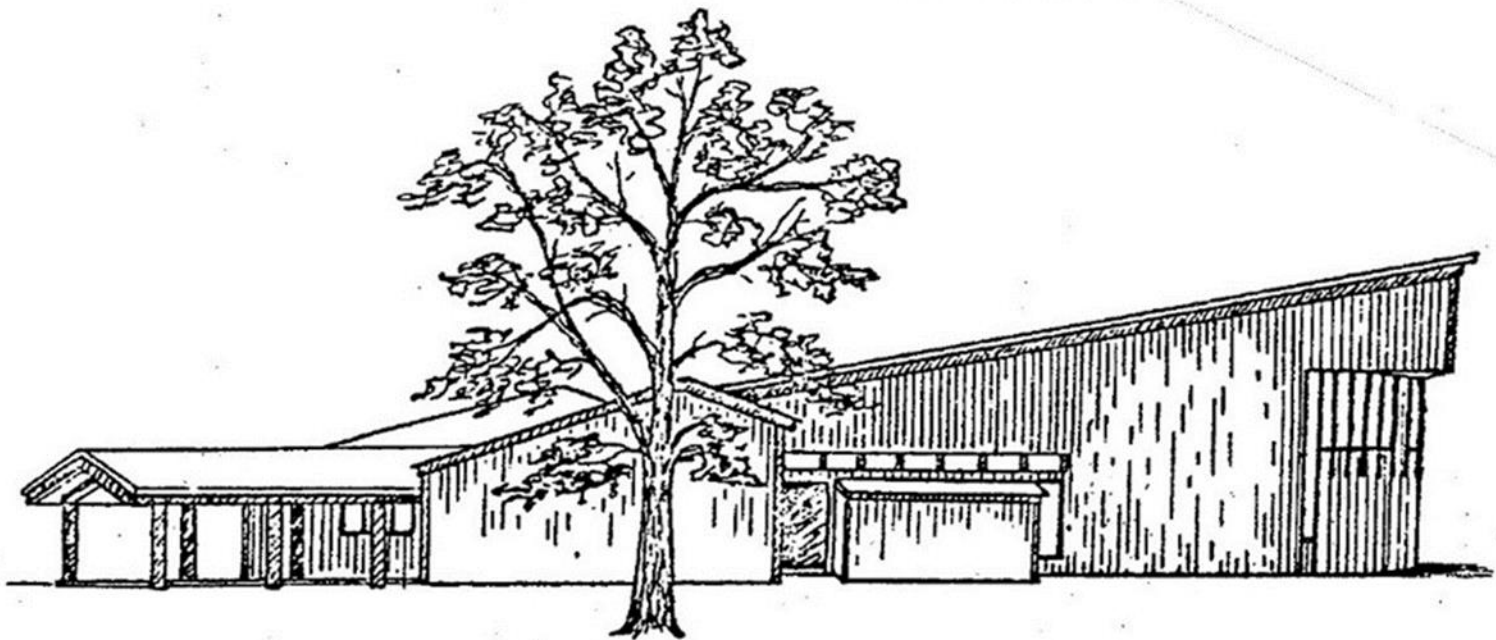
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Sanctity of Human Life Sunday”

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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 the blue folder in each pew.** If you are ‘visiting’ us today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger.

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.*

“THE HEART OF WORSHIP” (All the Best Songs of Praise & Worship)

**When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
longing just to bring something that’s of worth that will bless Your heart;
I’ll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
is not what You have required. You search much deeper within
thro’ the way things appear; You’re looking into my heart.**

[CHORUS]

**I’m coming back to the heart of worship, and it’s all about You;
all about You, Jesus. I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it,
when it’s all about You; all about You Jesus.**

**King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Tho’ I’m weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev’ry single breath.
I’ll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
is not what You have required. You search much deeper within
thro' the way things appear; You’re looking into my heart. [CH]**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (selected verses from Psalm 139)

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

Amen.

Lord, You have seen what is in my heart. You know all about me.

**You know when I sit down and when I get up. You know what I’m
thinking even though you are far away. You know when I go out to
work and when I come back home. You know exactly how I live.**

Lord, even before I speak a word, You know all about it.

**You are all around me, behind me and in front of me. You hold me safe
in your hand.**

I'm amazed at how well you know me. It's more than I can understand.

You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body.

How You made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that.

What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.

✠ THE WORD OF GOD FOR OUR LIVING ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 2 (selected verses)

The LORD God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to farm its land and take care of it. He gave the man this command, "You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you will certainly die." Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." He caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man was sleeping, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and He closed the opening in the man's side. From the man's rib the LORD God made a woman, and He brought her to the man.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 18:15-17

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

People were bringing babies to Jesus. They wanted Him to place His hands on the babies and bless them. When the disciples saw this, they told the people to stay away. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me. Don't keep them from Me. The kingdom of God belongs to people like them. What I'm about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God's kingdom like a little child will never enter it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

"I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY" (BOB 116)

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to Whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.**

SERMON THEME "From Invisible to Indispensable"

TEXT 1 Corinthians 12:22

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2024

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 row.

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

Almighty God, our Maker and Father,

You despise nothing You have made, and You desire not the death of the sinner. You provide for all needs of body and soul, even for those who do not confess Your holy name or the name of Jesus.

We confess that we have often abused Your blessings for our life.

Our sins, within and without, known and unknown, have made us and our world unrighteous. Mercifully turn us from temptation and transgression to be sorry for our sins, confess them to You, and amend our lives in acts of true repentance.

Graciously take away the guilt and punishment our sins deserve for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who is both our Substitute and Advocate.

Grant that His atonement for sins and dominion over death reconcile us in holy faithfulness to You and humble fellowship with one another. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

**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. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION WITH SINGING

"WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU" (The Hymnal 117)

**We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,
by Whom all things consist, in Whom all life began:
in You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.**

**You are the way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne
absolved we stand, Your love has met Your law's demand.**

**You are the living truth! All wisdom dwells in You,
the Source of every skill, the One Eternal True!
O great I AM! In You we rest, sure answer to our every quest.**

**You only are true Life, to know You is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in You: in us each day Your life renew!**

**We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You!**

“HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS” (LSB 524)

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart’s unrest;
’tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.**

**Dear Name! The Rock on which I build, my Shield and Hiding Place;
my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.**

**O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.**

**How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I’ll praise Thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would Thy love proclaim with ev’ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death!**

“THE OLD CROSS” (The Hymnal 186)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff’ring and shame; and I love that old cross
where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

[CHORUS]

**So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.**

**O, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God
left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [CH]**

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see; for ’twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. [CH]**

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He’ll call me someday
to my home far away, where His glory forever I’ll share. [CH]**

“BECAUSE HE LIVES” (The Hymnal 213)

**God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

[CHORUS]

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives,
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because He lives. [CH]**

**And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. [CH]**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

PARTING BLESSING

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant to all of us the desire to live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, the Author of life - **so that, together, we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – through Whom we have each receive new life for each new day and forever. Amen.**

FEED MY LAMBS" (Best of the Best 55)

[CHORUS]

**Feed My lambs, feed My lambs that's what Jesus did say.
Feed My lambs, feed My lambs, feed them My love today.
Feed them hope, feed them joy. Feed them wisdom from above.
If you love Me, feed My lambs with My love.**

**Teach them all that He's done to give them life.
Teach them Jesus in all you do.
Teach them how they are loved and how they should live.
Teach them Jesus loves me and He loves you. [CH]**

**Show them all that He does to care for them.
Show them Jesus so they can see.
Show them how they must love and worship His name.
Show them how He first loved you and me. [CH]**

**Tell them how He's their Friend and holds their hands.
Tell them He's there in day and night.
Tell them He lights their way and shows what to do.
Tell them shine for Him, little Gospel light. [CH]**

**Feed them all they will need to grow up strong.
Feed them food that our Shepherd does give.
Feed them God's saving grace and wisdom for life.
Feed His lambs so in heaven they will live. [CH]**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer for healing

HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – 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 -- Drea 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 had a bone marrow biopsy on Jan 12th, prayers that doctors do NOT find leukemia.

HOST A LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER

First Midweek Meal -- Wednesday, February 14th @ 5:30pm

Last Midweek Meal -- Wednesday, March 20th @ 5:30pm

signup sheet posted on bulletin board in Narthex