

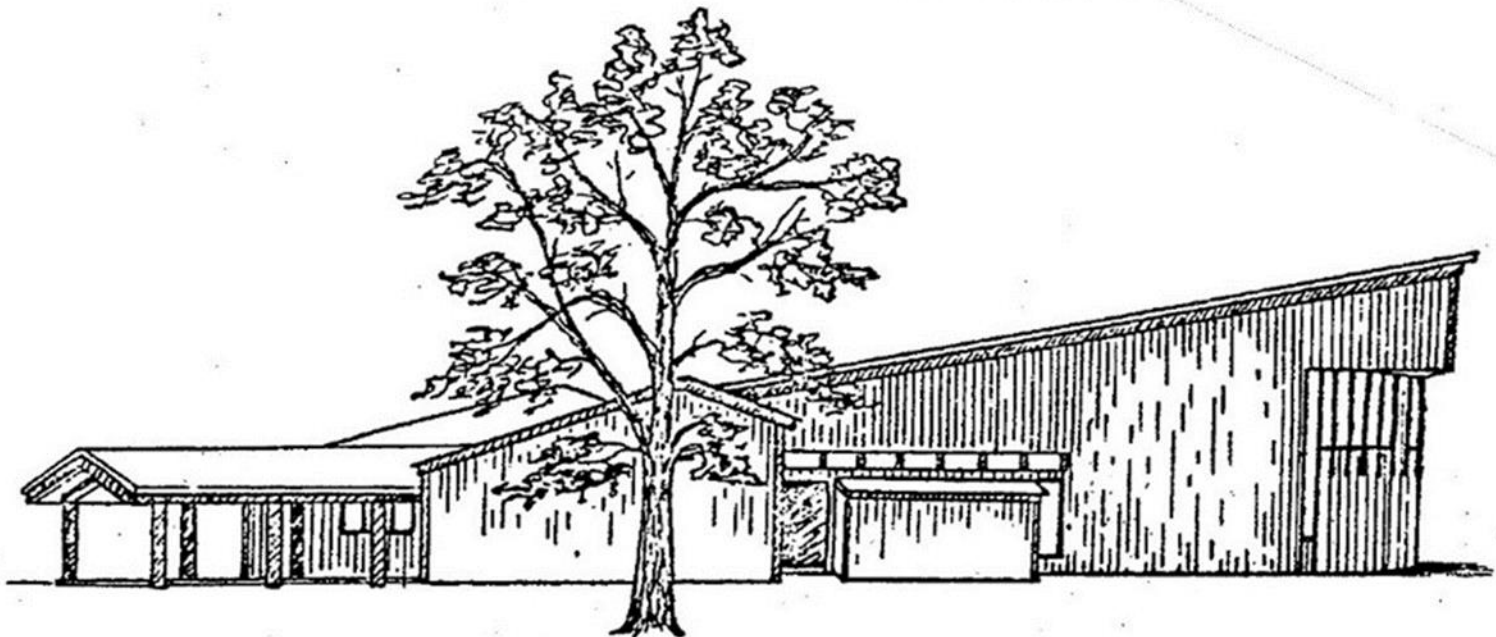
# FAITH

## LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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



## **“Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany”**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:00AM**

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

**WELCOME!!!** We extend a warm welcome to everyone joining us today. May we ALL experience God's love and mercy through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. **Please record your attendance in the BLUE FOLDER in each pew.** 'Guests' are encouraged to introduce themselves 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 an abundance of Christian love and care for all who come to the Lord's Supper,** we ask those who are not instructed in the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and / or doubt 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.*

**"GRACE ALONE"** (BOB 77)

**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.**

[CHORUS]

**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. [CH]**

## **INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**Amen.**

Loving God, Whose touch can heal the broken places of life,  
**touch us today.**

God of peace, Whose Spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair,  
**reassure us with Your Spirit of peace today.**

You, Who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, Who brings justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness,

**pour out Your Spirit of power on us today, and may Your name be glorified in us and through us.**

We ask this all in the name and through Christ Jesus, Your only begotten Son.

**He is our Lord and our Savior, our brother, and our friend. Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING -- Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

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"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to My words that he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE READING -- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

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Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from Whom are all things and for Whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things and through Whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so, by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 1:21-28**

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

**"LET IT BE SAID OF US"** (BOB 141)

**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 pow'r of the risen Lord.**

[CHORUS]

**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. [CH]**

**SERMON THEME -- "God Still Lifts Up and Sends His Servants"  
TEXT -- Deuteronomy 18:18**

## **OUR 'FIRSTFRUITS' OFFERINGS ARE RETURNED TO GOD WHO PROVIDES**

*If you have not done so, please register your attendance in the BLUE booklets 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 for us.

**Holy and loving God, I freely admit to You and to others that my sinful nature would rather choose the darkness of temptation and 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 and living according to Your holy commands. Father, forgive the darkness and pain that my sins cause You and others.**

Father, trusting in Your mercy and grace, we cry out with the tax collector:

**God, be merciful to me, a sinner!**

Children of God, Jesus is the "Light of the World." He did not come to condemn, but to save. Jesus came into the world to save sinners. So, it is by His command and in His name that I declare to you that "Your sins are forgiven in His holy name!"

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

**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, lives 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.**

**"O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM"** (The Hymnal 167)

**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air:  
the light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.**

**O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy:  
for now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;  
now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.**

**O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,  
of Him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still:  
for though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.**

**O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;  
of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away:  
for He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored, is mighty now to save.**

**"THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT"** (LSB 710)

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

**"I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM, LORD"** (LSB 651)

**I love Your kingdom, Lord, the place of Your abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways,  
its sweet communion, solemn vows, its hymns of love and praise.**

**I love Your church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land,  
dear as the apple of Your eye and graven on Your hand.**

**For them my tears shall fall; for them my prayers ascend;  
for them my cares and toils be giv'n till toils and cares shall end.**

**Sure as Your truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield and brighter bliss of heav'n.**

## **WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

### **PARTING BLESSING**

May the blessing of God, our Father, Who established heaven and earth  
**fill our hearts and pour out His blessings upon all people through us.**  
May the blessing of Jesus – Whose birth and continual revelation to us in the Bible,  
**call and guide us all of our days with His peace to receive and to share.**  
May the blessing of the Holy Spirit, Who refreshes and renews us,  
**guide and lead us with words of hope and comfort for all. Amen.**

**I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**” (Best of the Best 115)

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

[CHORUS]

**In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. [CH]**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [CH]**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# Prayer for healing

**HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR "FAITH" FAMILY** – Judy Hoheneder, Roger Hoheneder, Roger Marquardt, Doris Ritson, and Traci Meyers

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

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY** -- Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

**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 (ST. LOUIS, MO) 'ADOPTED' STUDENTS** -- Justin Brockman, Jedidiah McClellan, Grant Thiel, and Joel Werner

**MISSIONARIES**      Rev. Leif Camp (*Russian Ministry*)  
Rev. Samuel & Erica Bobby and family (*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 of Kelly Coan*), **Valerie Clemens** (*older sister of Kent Newby*), **Kelly Hogan** (*Elroy & Judy Storming's daughter*), and **Brenda** (*daughter-in-law of Roy and Betsy Gill*) who had a bone marrow biopsy on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, -- prayers that doctors do NOT find leukemia.

## **SIGN UP TO HOST A LENTEN 'MIDWEEK' MEAL**

Wednesdays starting at 5:30PM from February 14<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>

A 'sign-up sheet' is posted on the bulletin board in Narthex. **Thank you!!**