

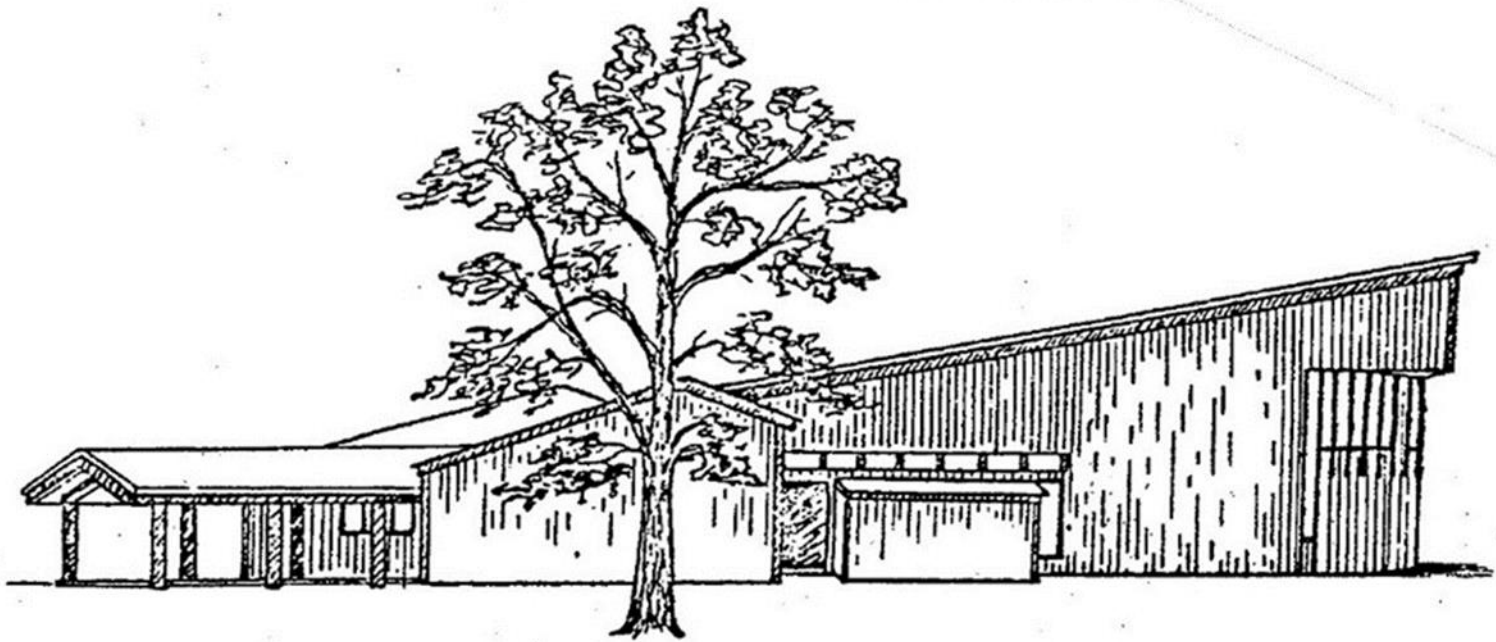
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany”

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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 *is an opportunity to prepare yourself for worship. Please do so.*

"WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE" (Best of the Best 234)

**We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;
we bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.**

"CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD" (Best of the Best 33)

**Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.**

**You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like you.**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

Jesus, our Savior, in response to Your call to be Your faithful disciples,

we are baptized in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, our Savior, Who sends us into the world,

**open our minds, and teach us how to follow Your great commission -- to
make disciples of all nations, to baptize, and to teach them Your ways.**

Let us always know and be eager to share the full blessings of the Triune God –

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; Who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when He blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare Me, that I should be like Him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to Him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 1:29-39

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

And immediately He left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her. And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening at sundown they brought to Him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. And He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for you." And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

"LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION" (Tune: Joyful, Joyful ...)

Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard.

Help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity:

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service: "In My name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust Your promise, life abundant meant for each.

Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

SERMON THEME -- "Winning is EVERYTHING for Christians!"

TEXT -- 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

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.

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us a regret and sorrow for the wrongs we have done, and Your commands that we have left undone. Father, You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Bind up that which is broken. Enlighten our minds. Strengthen our wills. Give rest to our souls. Speak to us through Your Holy Word which is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Amen.

In the name of Jesus and by His command, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and 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.**

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION WITH SINGING

"YOUR TABLE I APPROACH" (Lutheran Service Book 628)

**Your table I approach; dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart prove hurtful to me there.**

**Lord, I confess my sins and mourn their wretched bands;
a contrite heart is sure to find forgiveness at Your hands.**

**Your body and Your blood, once slain and shed for me,
are taken at Your table, Lord, in blest reality.**

**Search not how this takes place, this wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more than what we think could be.**

**O grant, most blessed Lord, that earth and hell combined
may not about this sacrament raise doubt within my mind.**

**Oh, may I never fail to thank You day and night
for Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.**

“BLESSED ASSURANCE” (Best of the Best 24)

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

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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!
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.**

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS” (Lutheran Service Book 425)

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!**

“O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME” (All the Best Songs ... 83)

**O how He loves you and me! O how He loves you and me!
He gave His life; what more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me:
O how He loves you and me!**

**Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there bro't hope from despair.
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!**

PARTING BLESSING

Let us go into the 'mission field' in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,

to make disciples of all nations, to baptize, and to teach all that Jesus has commanded.

Remember that Jesus is with us always to the end of the age.

Amen.

"PASS IT ON" (The Other Songbook 164)

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going
and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing
that's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it
You spread your love to everyone You want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding
the birds begin to sing; the flowers, start their blooming
that's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it
you want to sing it's fresh like spring; You want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top I want the world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

**I'll shout it from the mountaintop I want my world to know,
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer for healing

HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Roy Gill, Betsy Gill, Judy Hoheneder, Roger Hoheneder, Roger Marquardt, Doris Ritson, and Traci Meyers

OUR SHUT-INS -- Larry & Sally Zupan, Kand 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 and their 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 to Kelly Coan*), **Valerie Clemens** (*older sister of Kent Newby*), **Kelly Hogan** (*Elroy & Judy Storming's daughter*), **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, **Sandi Luedke** (family of Kim Peterson who is recovering from a 'double lung' transplant operation), Roxanne Mueller requests prayers for **her brother-in-law, Pat, and his mom, Sherri**. Pat's stepdad passed away last Sunday.

SIGN UP TO HOST A MIDWEEK LENTEN MEAL

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

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

Please sign up on the sheet posted on bulletin board in Narthex.

Thank you!