

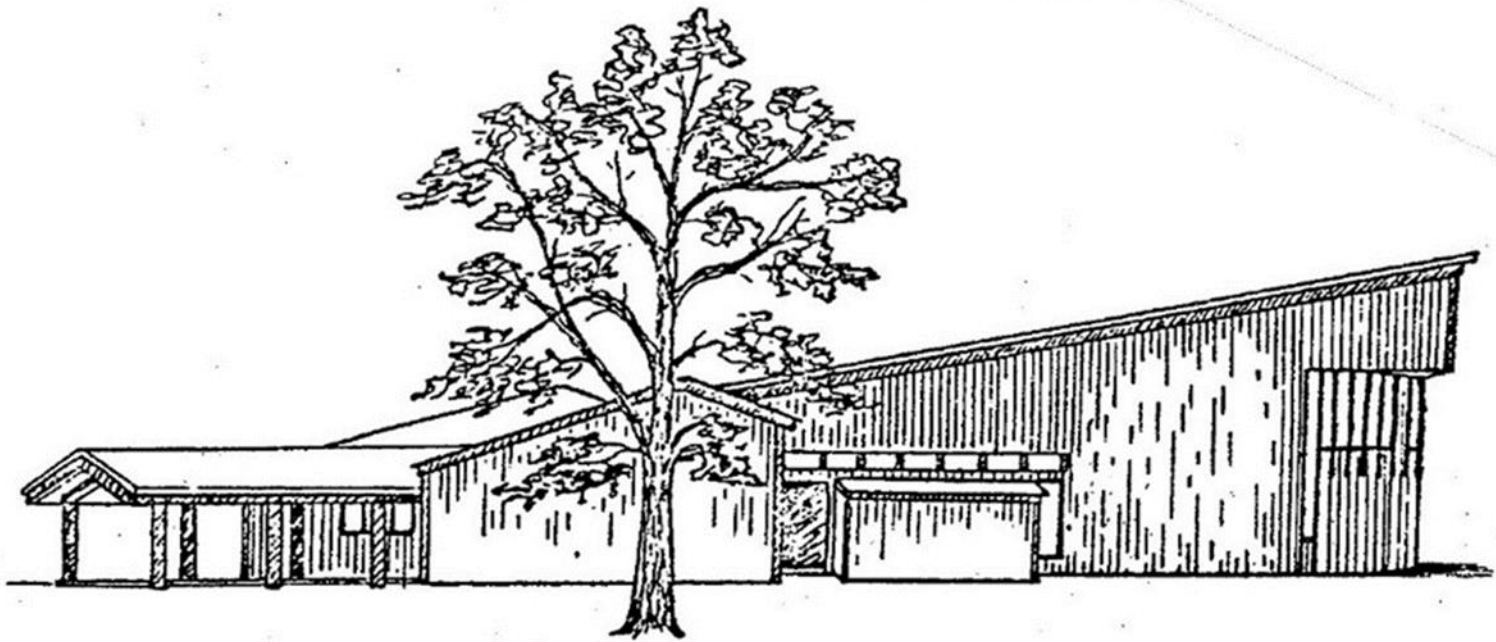
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



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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.*

"BETTER IS ONE DAY"

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

**Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

**Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,
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**One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.**

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INVOCATION & LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 34 and Joel 2)*

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

Amen.

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING -- Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled His donkey, and took two of His young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out His hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide" as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my

beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 1:9-15

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

"GOD IS SO GOOD"

**God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good He's so good to me.**

**He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me.**

**I'll do His will, I'll do His will,
I'll do His will, He's so good to me.**

**He loves me so, He loves me so,
He loves me so, He's so good to me.**

**He answers prayer, He answers prayer,
He answers prayer, He's so good to me.**

SERMON -- "Life is hard, but God is good"

TEXT – James 1:12

WE RETURN OUR TITHES AND FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO GOD OUR FATHER

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 *(adapted from Psalm 80)*

We come to the altar as sinners in need of forgiveness.

We, like sheep, often wander from the commands of the Lord our God. We do not always follow the voice of our Good Shepherd, Jesus.

Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts,

we have turned away from You.

We neglect the welfare of Your creation.

We ignore the plight of people who are right in front of us.

We do not live as if we love You with our whole heart and soul and mind.

We do not live as if we love all our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Jesus, and lead us to a more gracious life.

By Your powerful Holy Spirit, turn us to a new way – Your way – The Way.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let Your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

(silence is observed for personal confession of sins)

As a called and ordained servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His stead and by His command, 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.**

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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"JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY" (LSB 423)

**Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
often have Your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.**

**Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
though we see You wounded, bleeding, see Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest;
only what Your grace hath taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for You;
may our eyes be ever turning to behold Your cross anew
till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

"DRAWN TO THE CROSS" (LSB 560)

**Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed with healing gifts for souls distressed,
to find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my mis-spent years;
yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain; let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.**

**And then for work to do for Thee, which shall so sweet a service be
that angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.**

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" (LSB 525)

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but down-ward bends their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,
crown Him the King to Whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.**

"JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING" (LSB 421)

**Jesus, grant that balm and healing in Your holy wounds I find,
ev'ry hour that I am feeling pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
show the peril, and from sinning keep me from its first beginning.**

**Should some lust or sharp temptation fascinate my sinful mind,
draw me to Your cross and passion, and new courage I shall find.**

**Or should Satan press me hard, let me then be on my guard,
saying, "Christ for me was wounded," that the tempter flee confounded.**

**If the world my heart entices with the broad and easy road,
with seductive, sinful vices, let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure
and to master each temptation, calm in prayer and meditation.**

**Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me by Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
when I'm faint, Your Cross revives me, granting new life to my soul.**

**Yes, Your comfort renders sweet ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
for Your all-atoning passion has procured my soul's salvation.**

**O my God, my rock and tower, grant that in Your death I trust,
knowing death has lost its power since You crushed it in the dust.**

**Savior, let Your agony ever help and comfort me;
when I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

LENTEN BENEDICTION

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness as a beloved child of God, walk in peace under the shelter of the Most High, walk in faith knowing that our Lord Jesus Christ walks with you.

I walk with Jesus all the way. Amen.

"GIVE THANKS"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer for healing

HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Roy Gill, Betsy Gill, Roger Hoheneder, Roger Marquardt, and Traci Meyers. Prayers for the families of Doris Ritson (Bill) and Judy Hohender (Roger) whose souls now live in the mansions of heaven.

OUR SHUT-INS -- Larry & Sally Zupan, Jerry Wenzel, Kay Helmuth

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 and their family (*Latvia*)

PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY – **Cassie Nygren**, **Joseph** (*brother of CarolAnn Krakau*), **Tom** (*Kelly Coan's brother-in-law recovering from heart surgery*), **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*), **Sandi Luedke** (*family of Kim Peterson who continues recovering from a 'double lung' transplant*), Roxanne Mueller's **brother-in-law, Pat, and his mom, Sherri** – on the passing of Pat's stepdad.

MIDWEEK LENTEN MEALS EACH WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM

This coming week the "Holy Rollers" will host diner
Please sign-up so we can get an idea how many to plan for.

This week the menu is

