

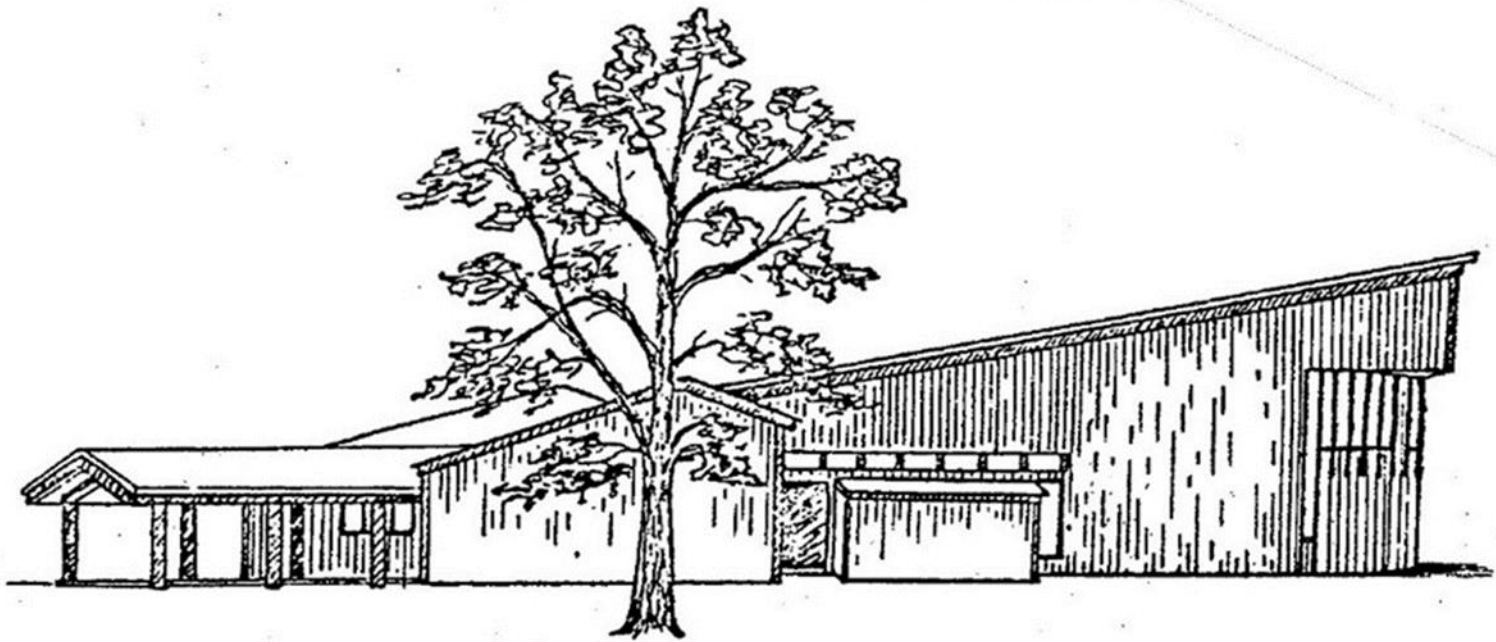
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“The Second Sunday in Lent”

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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.*

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE" (LSB 803)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Friends, let us worship in this time set apart,

a time to come together;

a space filled with silence

a space filled with song;

hearts seeking solace,

hearts overflowing with joy.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

"THIS IS THE DAY" (The Other Song Book, 234)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it,

this is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING -- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to Him, "I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless, that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on His face. And God said to Him, "Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that,

we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL -- Mark 8:27-38

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told Him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ." And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him. And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let Him deny himself and take up His cross and follow Me. For whoever would save His life will lose it, but whoever loses His life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit His soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of Him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

"NOT WHAT THESE HANDS HAVE DONE" (LSB 567)

**Not what these hands have done can save this guilty soul;
not what this toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.**

**Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.**

**Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.**

**Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord to Thee,
can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free.**

**Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.**

**I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine,
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart I call this Savior mine.**

SERMON THEME -- "We are Saved Because God Says So!"

TEXT -- Romans 5:1-2

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

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 and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes,

our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,

our envy of those who have more than we have,

our obsession with creating a life of daily pleasure,

our indifference to the treasures of heaven,

our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life

so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus and by His command, I forgive you all your sins 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

"BY GRACE I'M SAVED" (LSB 566)

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; my soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain; by grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, and we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit that Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, that brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; so long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, what in His Word our God commands,
our faith in what our God has done depends on grace--grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, in tribulation's furnace tried,
by grace, in spite of fear and trouble, the Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure if grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; in Jesus' promise I rejoice;
for though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace alone.

"JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS" (LSB 563)

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day, cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, which at the mercy seat of God
pleads for the captives' liberty, was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, for all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me,
for me, and all Thy hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.

"THE LAMB" (LSB 547)

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR" (LSB 537)

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be Thine!**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

PARTING BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

"GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE" (LSB 571)

**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death;
all then who trust in Him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares how we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins which you have done;
and, justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.**

**If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Roy Gill, Betsy Gill, Roger Marquardt, and Traci Meyers. Prayers for the families of Doris Ritson and Roger and Judy Hohender 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 -- 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**, **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*), and **Oscar Froehlich** (*father of Dennis Froehlich*) whose chemo treatment has ceased and is now receiving hospice care.