

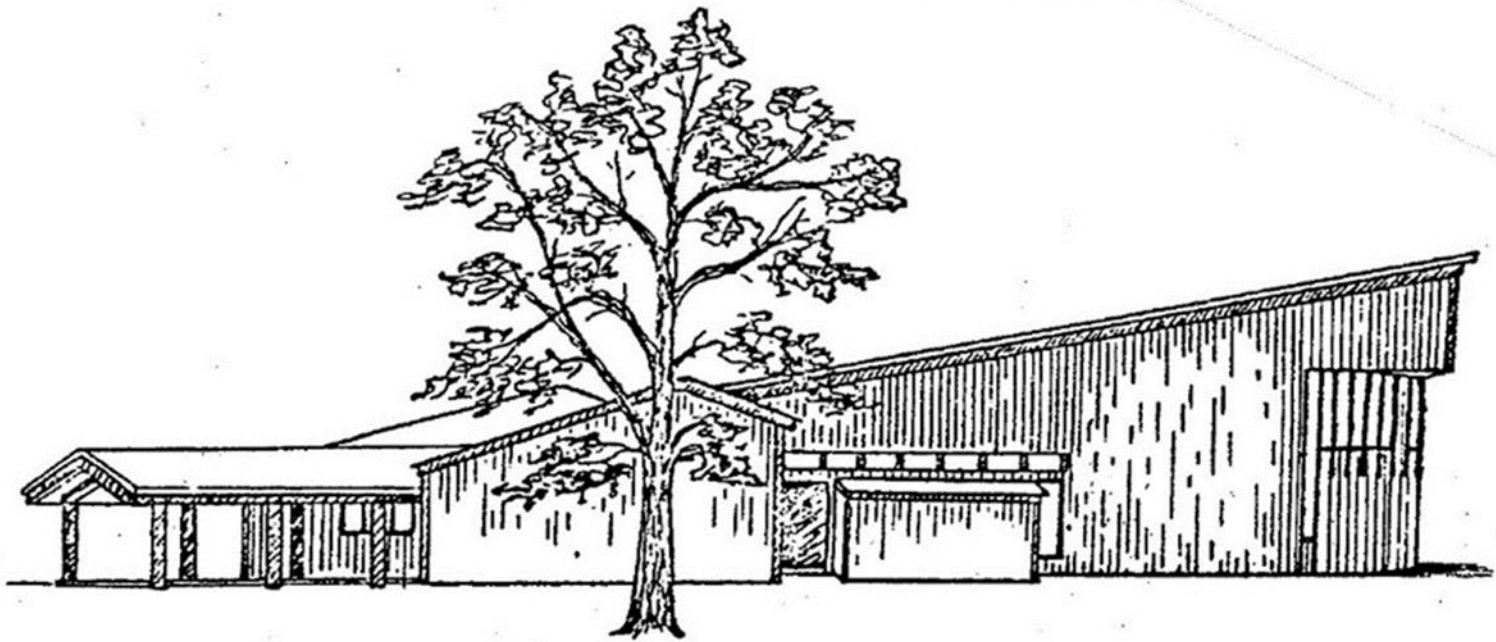
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Third 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 (*Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*)

"OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART" (All the Best Songs ... 111)

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. [REPEAT]**

[CHORUS]

**To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. [REPEAT]**

[CHORUS]

**To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy, holy, holy – holy, holy, holy;
holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.**

"WE WILL GLORIFY" (All The Best Songs ... 67)

**We will glorify the King of Kings; we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I AM.**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness; we will worship Him alone.**

**He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.**

**Hallelujah to the King of Kings; hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I AM.**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

What is Lent?

Lent is the season of the Christian church year that prepares us for Easter, just as Advent is the season that prepares us for Christmas.

What should our hearts and minds be focused on during the season of Lent?

We should be focused on the life and teachings of Jesus. We should make room for hearing and responding to Jesus' call to us. We should confess all that stands in our way of responding to His call and invitation. We should practice humility and recognize our daily need for the work of the Triune God in our lives. We should make space for God to lift us up! Lent is when we walk 'side by side' with Jesus all the way to His cross – and beyond.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING -- Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold Him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or His ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called,

both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL -- John 2:13-25

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make My Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him, "What sign do You show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing. But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

"WE PRAISE YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOU, O GOD" (LSB 941)

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
the Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.**

**To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
the cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:**

**"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"**

**The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
the fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:**

**“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
and Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**

**You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.
You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
so help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
may we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
in glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

SERMON THEME -- “Bragging Rights”

TEXT -- 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

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

Before we receive the true body and blood of Jesus in this sacrament, let us prepare ourselves by confessing our sins – sins for which Jesus died to earn our forgiveness.

Father in heaven, I confess to You that in my thoughts, words, and deeds I have not kept Your laws and commands. I often walk my own way, and stubbornly ignore Your call through my Shepherd Jesus to “Return to You.” For the sake of Jesus, forgive me all my sins, and create in me a clean heart.

God our Father has heard your confession of sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, 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

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"THERE IS A REDEEMER" (All the Best Songs ... 144)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

[CHORUS] **Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. [CH]**

**When I stand in glory, I shall see His face;
there I'll serve My king forever in that holy place. [CH]**

"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" (TOSB 220)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering 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 ruggd 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 some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share. [CH]**

“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS” (LSB 575)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev’ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

**His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;
when ev’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found,
clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne!**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

“HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS” (LSB 531)

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, Thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!

By Thy merit we find favor; life is given through Thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on Thee were laid;

by almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.

All Thy people are forgiven through the virtue of Thy blood;

opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;

all the heav’nly host adore Thee, seated at Thy Father’s side.

There for sinners Thou art pleading; there Thou dost our place prepare,

ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, pow’r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;

highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.

Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;

help to sing our Savior’s merits, help to chant Immanuel’s praise!

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.

“SANCTUARY” (All the Best ... 158)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You. (repeat acapella)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer for healing

HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Betsy Gill, Roger Marquardt and Traci Meyers. Prayers of comfort and strength for the families of Doris Ritson and Roger and Judy Hohender whose souls live forever 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 received result of NO Leukemia*), **Sandi Luedke** (*family of Kim Peterson who continues recovering from a 'double lung' transplant*), and **Oscar Froehlich** (father of Dennis Froehlich) who is receiving hospice care.