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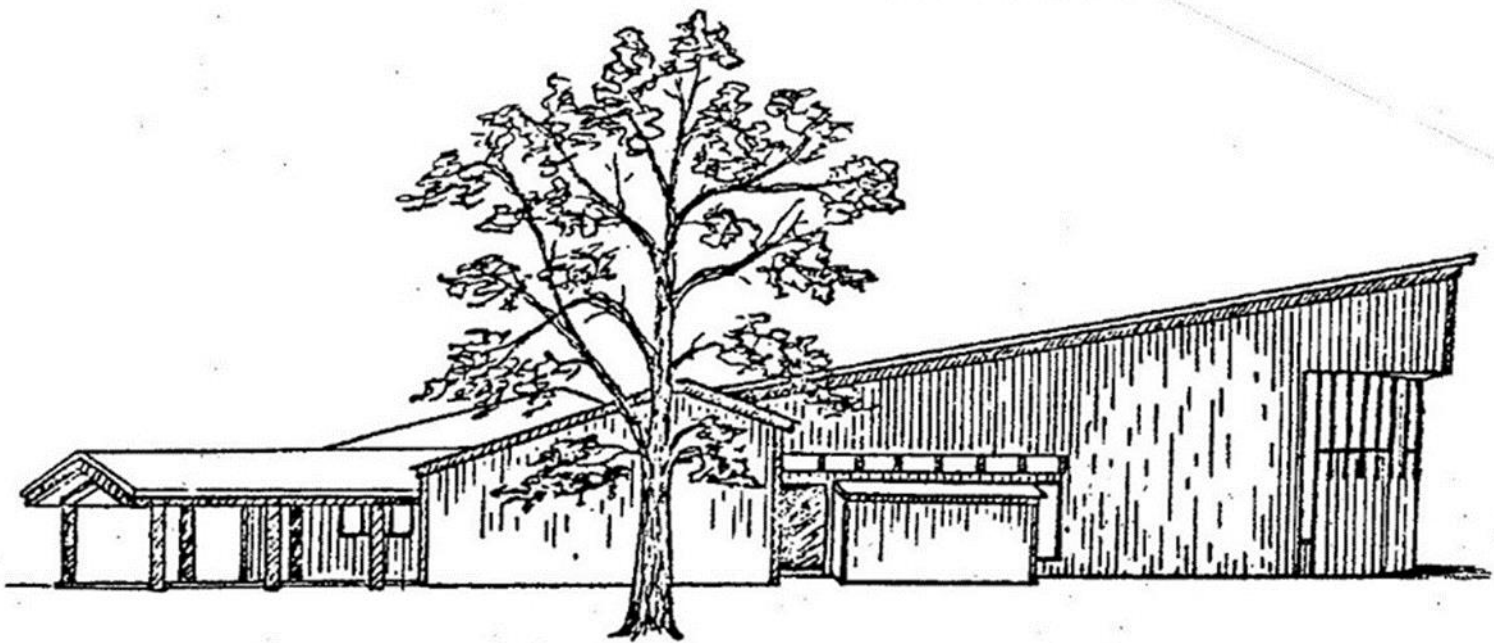
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



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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 – *please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*

**"DIVINE SERVICE: SETTING FOUR"
Lutheran Service Book pg. 203**

The worship screens will provide liturgy headings and page numbers included in our worship today.

Opening Hymn

LSB 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Hymn of the Day

LSB 555 vs 1, 6, 9, 10 "Salvation Unto Us has Comen Christ Alone"

Communion Distribution hymns / songs

LSB 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"
LSB 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"
LSB 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
LSB 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Closing Hymn

LSB 707 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide my Ways"

OPENING HYMN

"BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD" (LSB 904)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word we are gathered all to hear You.

**Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You,
by Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till Your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.**

You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

**Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open now our heart and mind; help us by Your Spirit's pleading.**

Hear the cry Your Church now raises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, praise to You and adoration!

**Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our salvation,
while we here below must wander, till we sing Your praises yonder.**

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING -- Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us." So, Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So, Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our

trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL -- John 3:14-21

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the Light and does not come to the Light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the Light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME" (LSB 555 vs 1, 6, 9, 10)

**Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor;
good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.**

**Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
for You have paid my ransom.**

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in Him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.**

**All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by His grace; all glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**

SERMON THEME -- "Our Purpose-Driven Life in Christ" -- Ephesians 2:10

WE RETURN OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO OUR FATHER WHO PROVIDES

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor ends each petition, "Lord, in Your mercy."

Worshippers respond, "Hear our prayer."

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Silence is observed as the communion vessels are prepared, and time for us to prepare to receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE COMMUNED

CONGREGATIONAL DISTRIBUTION WITH SINGING

"JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING" (LSB 620)

**Jesus comes today with healing, knocking at my door, appealing,
off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,
and I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."**

**Christ Himself, the priest presiding, yet in bread and wine abiding
in this holy sacrament, gives the bread of life, once broken,
and the cup, the precious token of His sacred covenant.**

**Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
blood and body, giv'n for me, very Lamb of God from heaven,
who to bitter death was given, hung upon the cursed tree.**

**God descends with heav'nly power, gives Himself to me this hour
in this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing that I taste His love divine.**

**Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
with a robe of white He hides me, fits me for the royal hall.**

**Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.**

"JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA" (LSB 570)

**Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE" (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O, let me from this day be wholly Thine!

**May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

"JESUS SINNERS DOTHT RECEIVE" (LSB 609)

**Jesus sinners doth receive; oh, may all this saying ponder
who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander!**

Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

**We deserve but grief and shame, yet His words, rich grace revealing,
pardon, peace, and life proclaim; here our ills have perfect healing.**

Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

**Sheep that from the fold did stray no true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
in His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**I, a sinner, come to Thee with a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me; grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scarlet my transgression,
it shall be as white as snow by Thy blood and bitter passion;
for these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Now my conscience is at peace; from the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Jesus sinners doth receive; also I have been forgiven;
and when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

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CLOSING HYMN

"OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS" (LSB 707)

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!**

**Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in Thy commands -- 'tis a delightful road--
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING – Revitalization 2024 goals



Prayer for healing

HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Betsy Gill, Roger Marquardt, Karen Hagg, Lois Zill, Alfred Marquardt, and Traci Meyers. Prayers of comfort and strength for the families of Doris Ritson and Roger and Judy Hoheneder 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*), **Jason Zill** (*son of Jim & Lois Zill*), **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.