

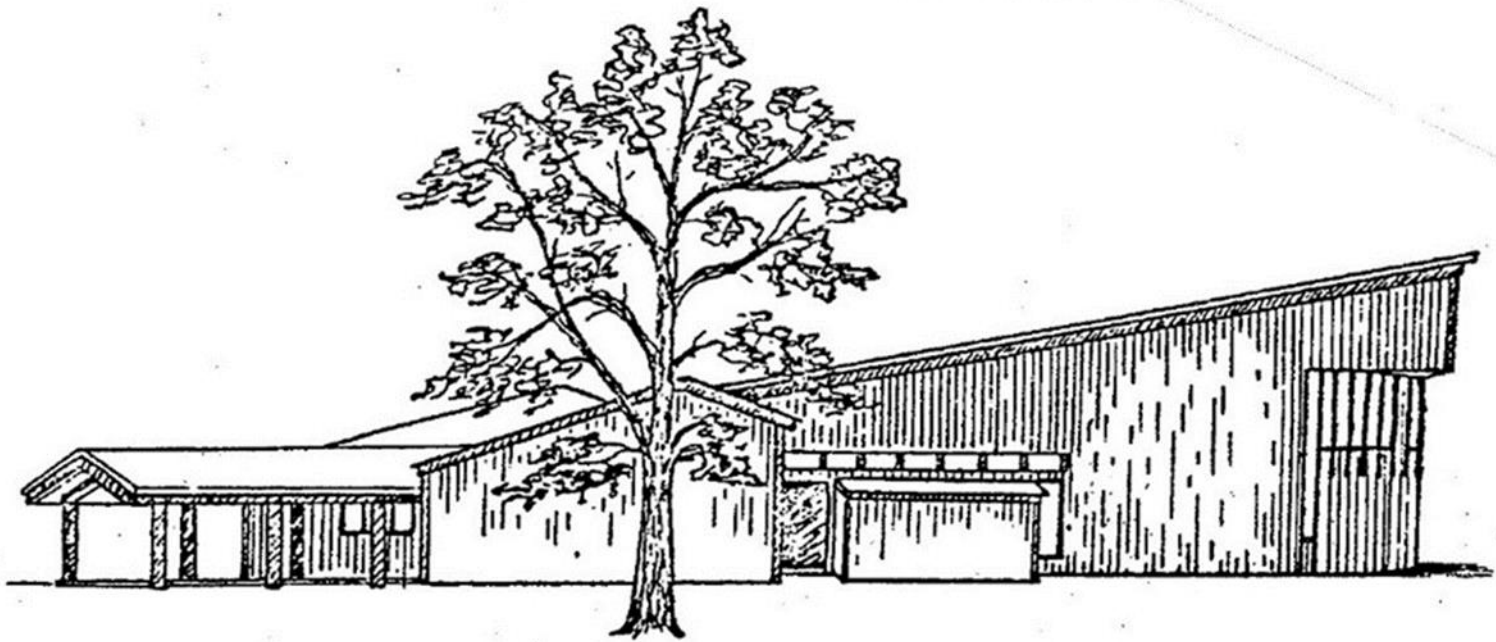
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Second Sunday of Easter”

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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 holy meal as Jesus Himself giving us His true Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. God's Word says, "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 doubt the 'REAL presence' of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak with the Pastor before the service begins.

PRESERVICE MUSIC *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)*

PRESERVICE VIDEO -- "Jesus Is Alive!"

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

**In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

We proclaim with confidence the Easter truth that "Christ is risen!"

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Sin and death have lost their grip. We have no reason to fear for Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

New life is ours to live to His glory. In Jesus, there is no eternal condemnation under the Law. The Gospel message of forgiveness and eternal life is our peace.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

A READING FROM "THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES" -- Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- 1 John 1:5-2:2

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL -- John 20:19-31

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending

you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But He said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe." Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

"CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA" (LSB 466 vs 1, 4, 5)

**Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

[REFRAIN]

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done; even the battle with sin is won."** [REF]

**Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.** [REF]

SERMON THEME -- "Doubt Is An Opportunity for Christians"

TEXT -- John 20:24-27

WE RETURN OUR TITHES AND FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO GOD OUR FATHER

If you have not done so, please register your attendance in the booklets 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 my risen Lord and Savior Jesus, forgive my sins, and create in me a clean heart, a heart that desires to follow and obey You.

(personal reflection and confession of sins)

God our Father has heard your confession of sins. Through faith in our crucified and risen Lord and Savior Jesus, you have a new and lasting hope for today and every tomorrow. Therefore, to you who believe in Jesus as the Son of God and promised Savior who died for your sins and rose for your salvation, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

My sins are forgiven in Christ Who is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

“LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY” (LSB 623)

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray that we may feast on You today;
beneath these forms of bread and wine enrich us with Your grace divine.**

**Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
the grateful peace of sins forgiv’n, the certain joys of heirs of heav’n.**

**By faith Your Word has made us bold to seize the gift of love retold;
all that You are we here receive, and all we are to You we give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body, we, rejoicing in our unity, proclaim Your love
until You come to bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
when each will be Your welcomed guest in heaven’s high and holy feast.**

"I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS" (LSB 606 - TUNE: TLH 652)

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
clean in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus; all fulness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; my soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

"JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON" (LSB 490)

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; this shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne high above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, to Jesus living,
pure in heart and act abide, praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; this shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well nothing me from Him shall sever,
neither death nor pow'rs of hell part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; this shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm my trembling breath when I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!**

"ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN" (LSB 477)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He Who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled -
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;
once He died, and once was buried; now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Who we worship and adore.**

(STAND) **Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

PARTING BLESSING

And now, may the God of peace, Who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will.

May He produce in us, through the power of the risen Jesus, all that is pleasing to Him. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

“GRACE ALONE” (Best of the Best 77)

**Ev’ry promise we can make, ev’ry prayer and step of faith,
ev’ry difference we will make is only by His grace.**

**Ev’ry mountain we will climb, ev’ry ray of hope we shine,
ev’ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.**

[CHORUS]

**Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.**

**Ev’ry soul we long to reach, ev’ry heart we hope to teach,
ev’rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.**

**Ev’ry loving word we say, ev’ry tear we wipe away,
ev’ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. [CH]**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE GO IN PEACE FILLED WITH HOPE AND JOY BECAUSE
CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!**



Prayer for healing

HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Mike Anuta, Roger Marquardt, Karen Haag, Traci Meyer and CarolAnn Krakau.

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 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.