

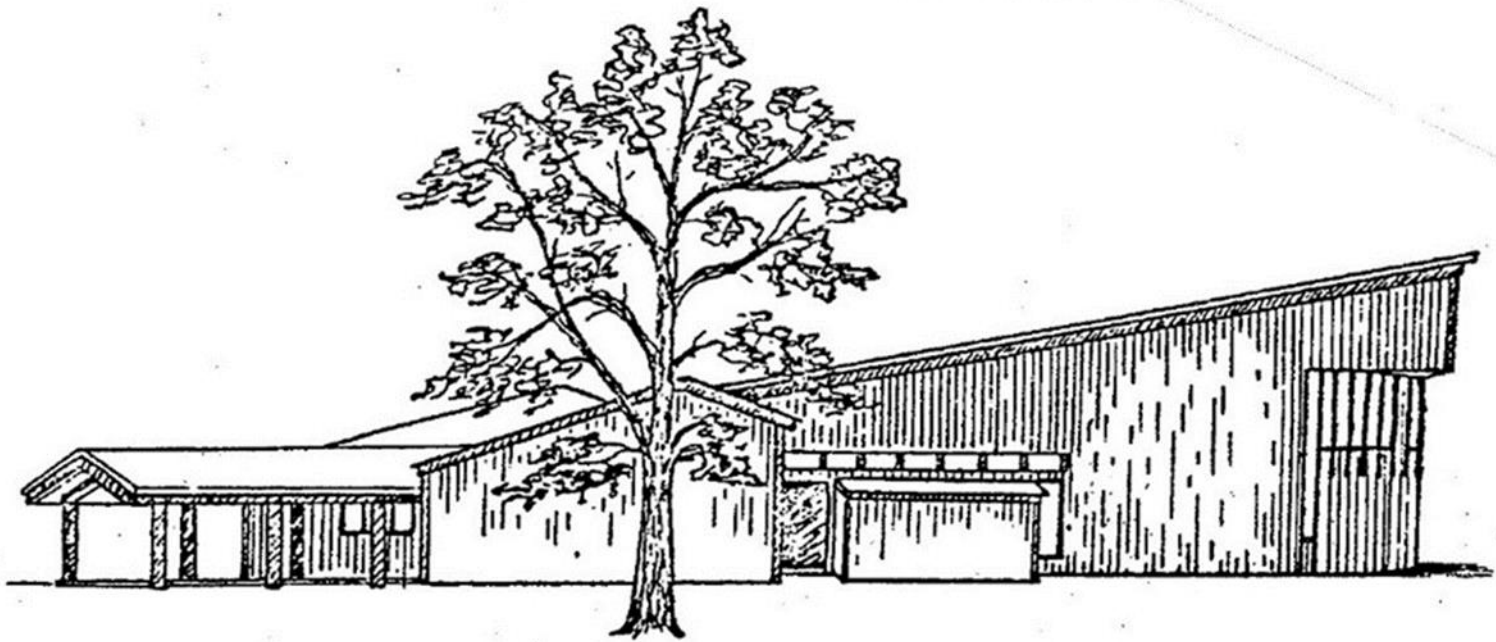
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



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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 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.)*

"WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE" (All the Best ... 10)

**We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord,
we bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy!**

"MAJESTY" (All the Best ... 8)

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His Majesty -

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

We are branches, rooted in the vine Who is Christ Jesus our risen Savior.

We come because we seek to remain in Christ Who is the 'true vine.'

The branches that remain in the vine are healthy and bear the fruits of faith.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and productive.

While we remain in Christ, then His words will remain and be visible in us.

We come because we want to be faithful followers of our risen Savior.

We gather for worship now to the glory and praise of the Triune God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Christ, our Lord and Savior is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

A READING FROM "THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES" -- Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the LORD said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And He rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in His chariot, and He was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And He said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that He was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the LORD carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING -- 1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and He in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in Him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 15:1-8

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in Him, He it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

NICENE CREED

“SHINE, JESUS, SHINE” (All the Best ... 120)

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me. Shine on me.**

[CHORUS] **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me,
consume all my darkness. Shine on me. Shine on me. [CH]**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me. [CH]**

SERMON -- “Are You Connected to the True Vine?” -- John 15:4-5

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

Father in heaven, hear us as we prepare to receive by faith the true body and the true blood of Your Son – our risen Savior Jesus.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, while on earth, we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by temptation and sinful ways that lead to death. Because of our sinful nature we do not always provide for the poor and the hungry, we do not always comfort those who mourn, we do not always respond to the cries of the oppressed, and we do not always lift up those who are weak. Forgive us, O God of mercy, and make us new again in the True vine Who is our Lord and Savior Jesus, that we may know the joy of abundant life in His name.

(personal reflection and confession of sins)

God your Father has heard your confession of sins and your desire to be forgiven and strengthened for new and abundant life through Jesus the True vine. For His sake and by His command to His called and ordained servants, 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

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" (The Hymnal 323)

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

[REFRAIN] **When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
let us drink the cup together on our knees. [REF]**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [REF]**

"LAMB OF GOD" (All the Best ... 30)

**Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**[CHORUS] Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died,
the humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. [CH]**

**I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. [CH]**

"THERE IS A REDEEMER" (Best of the Best 211)

**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 'til 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,
and there I'll serve My king forever, in that holy place. [CH]**

"FEED MY LAMBS" (Best of the Best 55)

**(Chorus) "Feed My lambs, feed My lambs," that's what Jesus did say.
"Feed My lambs, feed My Lambs, feed them My love today.
Feed them hope, feed them joy. Feed them wisdom from above.
If you love Me, feed My lambs with My love."**

**Teach them all that He's done to give them life.
Teach them Jesus in all that you do.
Teach them how they are loved and how they should life.
Teach them Jesus loves me and He loves you. [CH]**

**Show them all that He does to care for them.
Show them Jesus so they can see.
Show them how they must love and worship His name.
Show them how He first loved you and me. [CH]**

**Tell them how He's their Friend and holds their hands.
Tell them He's there in day and night.
Tell them He lights their way and shows what to do.
Tell them shine for Him, little Gospel light. [CH]**

**Feed them all they will need to grow up strong.
Feed them food that our Shepherd does give.
Feed them God's saving grace and wisdom for life.
Feed His lambs so in heaven they will live. [CH]**

"THE DAY OF RESURRECTION" (LSB 478)

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light
and, list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!**

**All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!**

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.

"LET IT BE SAID OF US" (BOB #141)

**Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
that with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
that we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.**

**[CHORUS] Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.**

**Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.**

**Let it be said of us, we were marked by forgiveness,
we were known by our love and delighted in mercy.**

**We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. [CH]**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEALING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – 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*), **Sandi Luedke** (*family of Kim Peterson who continues recovering from a 'double lung' transplant*), and the family of **Oscar Froehlich** (*father of Dennis Froehlich*) who has received His eternal crown of life in heaven.