

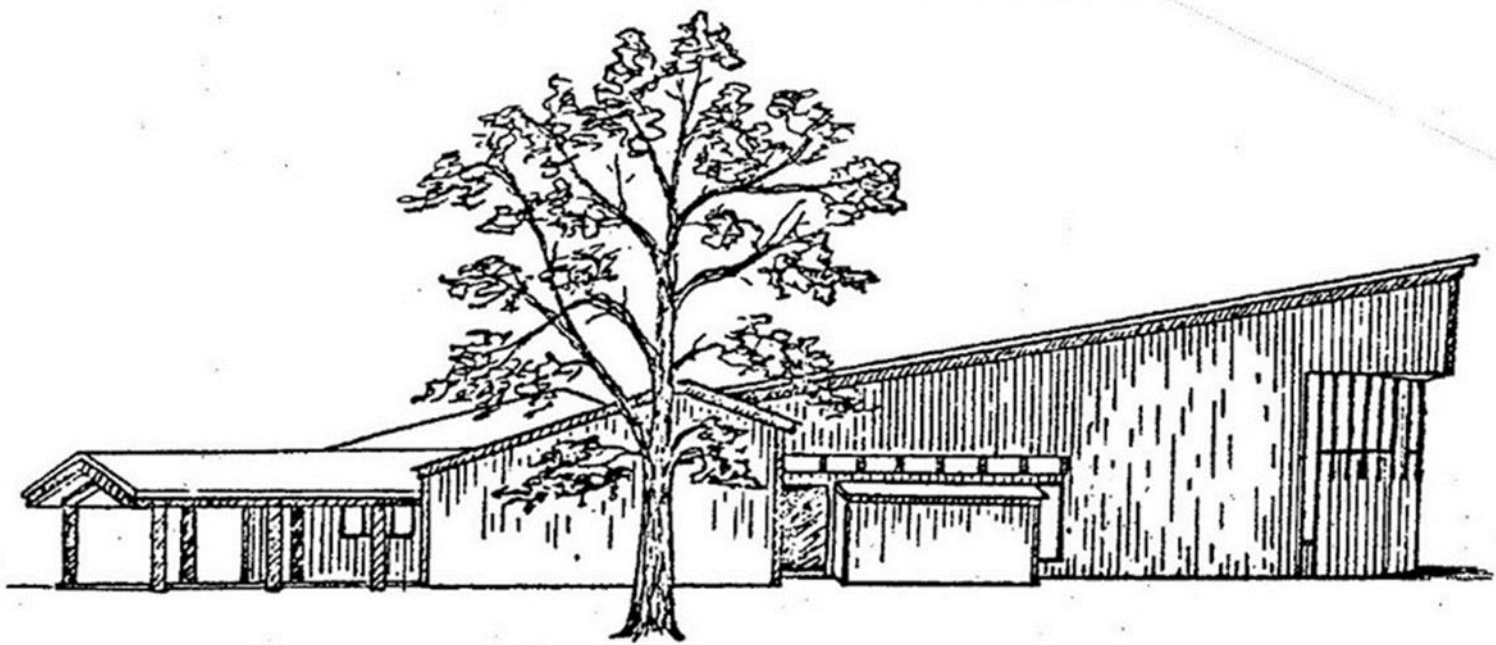
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



2024 Summer Sermon Series Continued

“The Exodus from ‘The Church’ -- Part Two”

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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 Jim.

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 Pastor Jim before the service begins.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL WELCOME AND INTRODUCING OUR THEME

"THIS IS A JOYOUS, HAPPY DAY" (Jesus' People Sing 76-77)

**This is a joyous, happy day; we celebrate Your gift of life.
Christ is with us, joy surrounds us. Christ takes our sin and sets us free;
He fills our lives with endless life. Christ is with us, Christ unites us.
Praise our Maker, praise the Spirit, praise Christ Jesus.**

"MAJESTY" (Best of the Best 154)

**Majesty, worship His Majesty!
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, Kingdom authority, flows 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 & PRAYER

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

Amen.

Holy Spirit, You are the Giver and Sustainer of saving faith in Jesus,

Thank You for Your life-saving gift of faith in Jesus as the Son of God, my Savior from sin, the source of my forgiveness and eternal life in heaven.

Holy Spirit, You move and work in the Christian Church on earth through the clear and

saving words recorded by Your inspiration in the Bible and the holy sacraments.

You not only gave authors the words to write, but You have also preserved those clear teachings that I have today – teachings that continue to instruct and guide my life and all Christians on earth for generations to come.

Holy Spirit, it is Your work alone that increases the number of faith-filled believers on earth, those who are saved through faith in Jesus alone.

It is also my privilege to follow the command of Jesus to “make disciples” - to “teach” others what I know, and “share” how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are active, living, and guiding my daily life and walk of faith.

Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

for Your life-giving and life-saving work in my life as a follower of Jesus. Amen.

✠ WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD OF GOD ✠

OUR FIRST READING -- SELECTED VERSES FROM 1 TIMOTHY CHAPTERS 4 AND 6

“Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather, train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.” **(1 Timothy 4:7-10)**

“If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.” **(1 Timothy 6:3-5, 11-12, 20-21)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 18:15-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him, saying, “Let the

children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

"THE SERVANT SONG" (All the Best Songs of P&W 40)

**Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey thro'.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

SERMON -- "The Exodus from 'The Church' -- Part 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 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."

*Worshipers 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 true blood of Your Son – our personal Lord and Savior Jesus.

Father, I confess that I do not always fear, love, and trust in You above 'all things.' I do not always love my neighbor as myself. I do not always follow the command of Jesus to "teach" what I have learned about forgiveness and salvation to others who do not know You. I do not always follow the lead of the Holy Spirit and nurture the saving faith He gives by my study of Your Word and of prayer. I now confess other sins which I have committed against You and others ...

(reflect and confess your sins against God and others)

God your Father has heard your confession of sins and your desire to be forgiven through faith in the victory of Jesus over sin, death, and the grave. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and 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)*

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. Amen.

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION WITH SINGING

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY" (TOSB 241)

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son.**

**Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

[REFRAIN]

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [REF]**

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [REF]**

"ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME" (LSB 761)

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment Throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

"MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE" (TOSB 144)

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow.
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

"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!**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

"RAISED FROM DEATH TO LOVE AND LIVING" (TOSB 176)

**Raised from death to love and living, freed from sin to serve our Lord;
called to share His holy purpose, know His likeness here restored.
Holy God, I stand before You pardoned, cleansed, and reconciled.
Help me live as in Your presence: holy Father, holy child.**

**What a loving, faithful Father, Mighty God who knows each need.
All His paths are truth and kindness when we daily let Him lead.
Father God, I stand before You pardoned, cleansed, and reconciled.
Help me live as in Your presence: caring Father, trusting child.**

**God, who knows our thoughts and actions, soon will judge us by His Son.
Each will then appear before Him, see His perfect justice done.
Judge of all, I stand before You pardoned, cleansed, and reconciled.
Help me live as in Your presence: righteous Father, watchful child.**

**God, who planned and gave and suffered, took our pain and death and sin.
What a price to buy a sinner. Where can gratitude begin?
Father, Lord, I bow before You, no response could be enough.
Fill my life with all Your fulness: constant, holy, selfless love.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING
THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

ATTENTION --- ATTENTION --- ATTENTION ---

**Volunteers are needed as hosts for the time of "Fellowship" that follows
our worship service. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you.**



Prayer for healing

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Roger Marquardt, Traci Meyer, CarolAnn Krakau, Irene Marquardt, Steve Van Den Heuvel, Jack Glonek, Bill Ritson, Charlotte Kielcheski, Jacquie Voeks, and Judy Stroming.

FOR OUR SHUT-INS -- Larry & Sally Zupan, Jerry Wenzel, Kay Helmuth

FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY -- Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

FOR 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*

FOR OUR CONCORDIA SEMINARY 'ADOPTED' STUDENTS -- Justin Brockman; Jedidiah McClellan; Grant Thiel; Joel Werner

FOR OUR MISSIONARIES Pastor Camp (*Russian Ministry*)
Rev. Samuel & Erica Bobby and their family (*Latvia*)

PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY – **Cassie, Joseph** (*brother of CarolAnn Krakau*), **Valerie** (*sister of Kent Newby*), **Kelly** (*daughter of Elroy & Judy Storming's*), **Sandi** (*family of Kim Peterson who continues recovering from a 'double lung' transplant*), "thanksgiving" that **Carson** (*infant son of a friend of Kim Peterson*) is finally home after a long period of hospitalization following birth, **Kade** (*grandson of Paul & Cheryl Lubahn*) who has returned to the hospital for monitoring and treatment, and **Mary** (*sister of Sandy Lesperance*).