

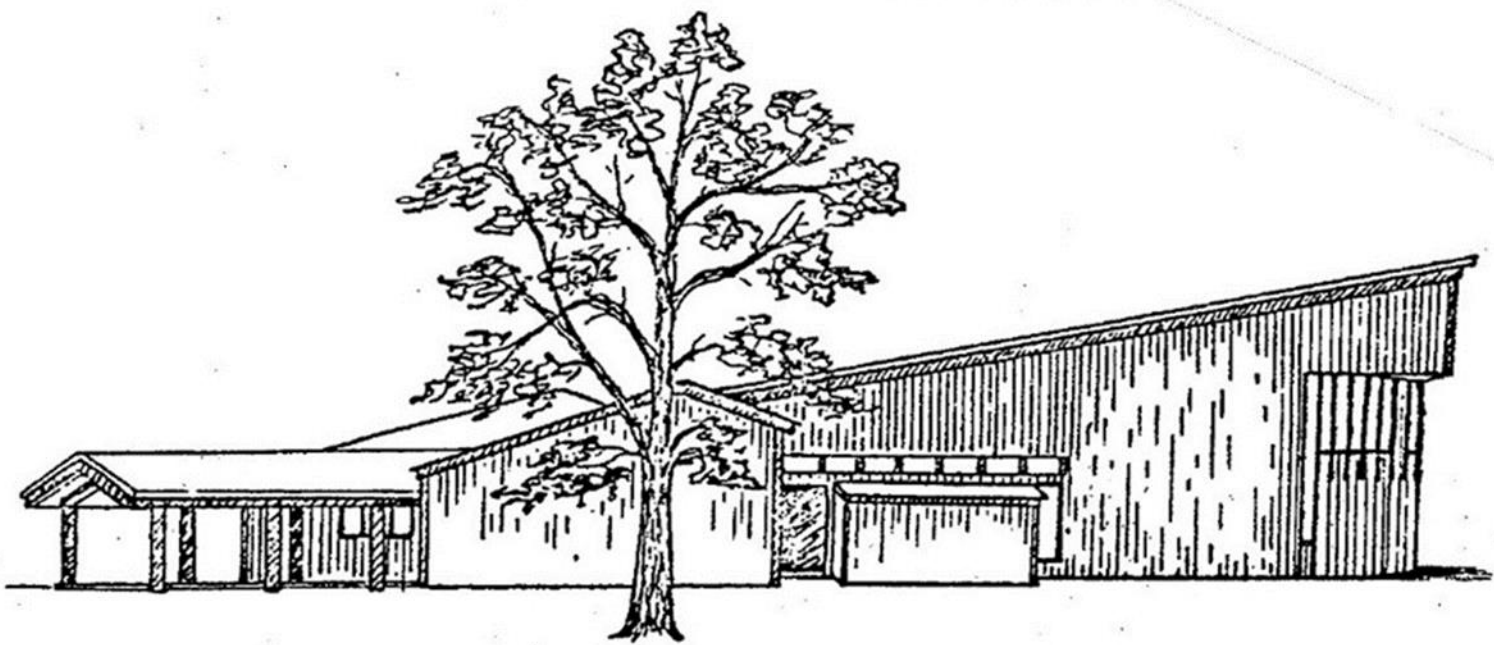
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



2024 Summer Sermon Series Continued

“The Cry of Hypocrisy”

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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

"THE HEART OF WORSHIP" (All the Best Songs of P&W 7)

**When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart;
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within thro' the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.**

[CHORUS]

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
and it's all about You; all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
when it's all about You; all about You, Jesus.**

**King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Tho' I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within thro' the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart. [CH]**

INVOCATION & PRAYER

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

Amen.

We join in praying –

Father in heaven, bless the worship we bring to Your holy name. May all our 'worldly' thoughts be replaced with the joy that is ours in Jesus. Fill us with

eagerness to grow in being a more faithful follower of our Savior. Keep us mindful of the gifts the Holy Spirit provides for our life of service and example to others. We live to share the “hope” that fills us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD” (Best of the Best 201)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

✠ WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD OF GOD ✠

A READING FROM -- GALATIANS 5:16-26

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM -- COLOSSIANS 3:5-17

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 5:14-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS’ MESSAGE

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“BIND US TOGETHER” (All the Best Songs of P&W 212)

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with Love.

**There is only one God, there is only one King,
there is only one body; that is why we can sing:**

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with Love.

SERMON -- “The Cry of Hypocrisy”

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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

Father, I confess that I fall short of Your commands every day. I am aware of my words and actions that do not build up but rather tear down. Help me to submit my entire life to the work You created me to do with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that You have given to me. I want to live as Your child. Hear my confession of sins so that I may receive Your forgiveness and the strength to follow Your will for me.

(reflect and confess your sins to Your loving and forgiving heavenly Father)

God, your Father, hears your confession of sins and your desire for forgiveness 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

"O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT" (AGPS 182)

**O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in Your sight, to live our lives in You.**

**You sent your Son to die for all that our lost world might hear Your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in You.**

**Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those His blood has bought,
that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for You.**

**For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in You.**

**In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, each other's burdens help us share;
may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to You.**

**And may Your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,
till You receive in heav'n above all those who live in You.**

"WHAT IS THIS BREAD" (Lutheran Service Book 629)

**What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
this bread we break, this life we take, was crushed to pay for our release.**

O taste and see – the Lord is peace.

**What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
the cup of grace brings His embrace of life and love until I sing!**

O taste and see – the Lord is King.

**So, who am I, that I should live and He should die under the rod?
My God, my God, why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see - the Lord is free.**

**Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
in mouth and soul He makes us whole – Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see – the Lord is real.**

**Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe that I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see – the Lord is good.**

“HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD” (TOSB 26)

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in Thy presence humbly I bow.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power, surely is Thine,
touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way;
hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.**

“JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL” (The Lutheran Hymnal 345)

**Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide; Oh, receive my soul at last!**

**Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee.
Leave, ah, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.**

**Wilt Thou not regard my call, wilt Thou not accept my prayer?
Lo, I sink, I faint, I fall; lo, on Thee I cast my care;
reach me out Thy gracious hand! While I of Thy strength receive,
hoping against hope, I stand, dying, and, behold, I live!**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness,
false and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

"JESUS LOVES ME" (TOSB 114)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**



Prayer for healing

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Roger Marquardt, Traci Meyer, CarolAnn Krakau, Irene Marquardt, Steve Van Den Heuvel, Jack Glonek, Bill Ritson, Jacquie Voeks, Judy Stroming, Peyton Decker, Jeremy Decker, Kay Helmuth and her family.

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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 continues recovering at home, and **Mary** (*sister of Sandy Lesperance*).