

# FAITH

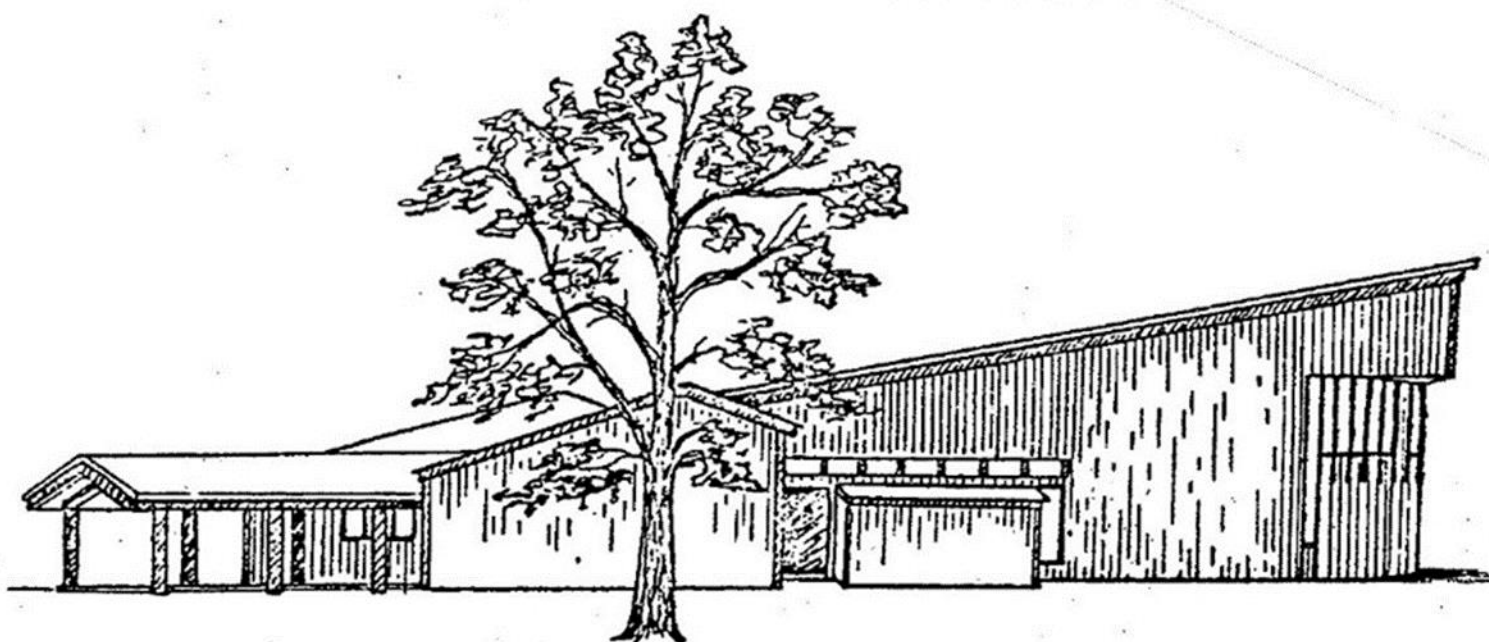
## LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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



## INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

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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** (*use this time to prepare yourself for worship*)

**PASTORAL WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – SETTING THE STAGE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,  
with Liberty and Justice for all.**

**"MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE"** (The Hymnal 571)

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from ev'ry mountain side let freedom ring!**

**My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees, sweet freedom's song:  
let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing:  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROSS**

**I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal  
with mercy and grace for all.**

**"GOD OF OUR FATHERS"** (The Hymnal 573)

*(CHOIR) God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor thru the skies,  
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

**(WOMEN) Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

**(MEN) From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

*(CHOIR) Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!*

## **INVOCATION & RESPONSIVE VERSES**

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

**Amen.**

**Men & Boys:** *Almighty God, You have enriched and blessed us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and streams, the marvels of medicine and technology. Look with favor upon this community, this state, and this nation. Preserve our cherished liberties.*

**Women and Girls:** *Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, integrity, and justice. Protect all those who serve in the armed forces, law enforcement, first-responders, and all who seek to maintain safety and peace in our communities. Give us all willing hearts that are eager to obey the authorities and laws as we work alongside each other for the common good.*

**Men & Boys:** *Bless our fields that they may produce an abundant harvest to feed all who hunger. Guard us from natural catastrophes, disease, domestic and foreign terrorism, and violence and division among our nation's citizens.*

**Women & Girls:** *Strengthen the homes of our nation. By Your Spirit, lead all husbands and wives to love and support each other, parents to train up and nurture their children in Your love, children who love and obey their parents, and for an end to all discord in our homes.*

**ALL:** *When times are prosperous, may our hearts be filled with thanksgiving. During troubling times, let not our confidence and trust in You waver or fail. All this we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus – the source of our Christian freedom. Amen.*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### **First Reading -- Ephesians 6:10-17**

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading -- Matthew 16:13-18**

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**"THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD"** (Best of the Best 205)

**In heavenly armor we'll enter the land. The battle belongs to the Lord.  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand. The battle belongs to the Lord.**

[CHORUS] **We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.  
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.**

**When the power of darkness comes in like a flood. The battle belongs to the Lord.  
He's raised up a standard the power of His blood. The battle belongs to the Lord.**

[CHORUS]

**When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear. The battle belongs to the Lord.  
Take courage, my friend, Your redemption is near. The battle belongs to the Lord.**

[CHORUS]

## **Sermon -- "The Christian Church Is A Soldier"**

### **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 AND LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.**

### **✠ 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.*

### **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 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 own 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 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

#### **"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"** (LSB 657)

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.**

**With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.**

**On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.**

**But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.**

**You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,**

**Christ Jesus, Mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.**

**He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.**

**Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage.**

**His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!**

**One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God Himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.**

**The Kingdom's ours forever!**

#### **"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"** (LSB 644)

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is His new creation by water and the Word.**

**From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.**

**One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,**

**yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"**

**And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
that we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

### **"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!

### **"STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS"** (LSB 660)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;  
stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;  
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see  
and with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

## **DISMISSAL & SENDING BLESSING**

**"AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL"** (The Hymnal 572)

*(CHOIR) O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

**(WOMEN) O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress  
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.**

**America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

**(MEN) O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!**

**America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success by nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

**(ALL) O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,  
thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

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

**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 Clemens** (*sister of Kent Newby*), **Kelly Hogan** (*daughter of Elroy & Judy Storming*), **Sandi Luedke** (*family of Kim Peterson who is 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 in and out of the hospital with complications, and **Mary Sand** (*sister of Sandy Lesperance*).