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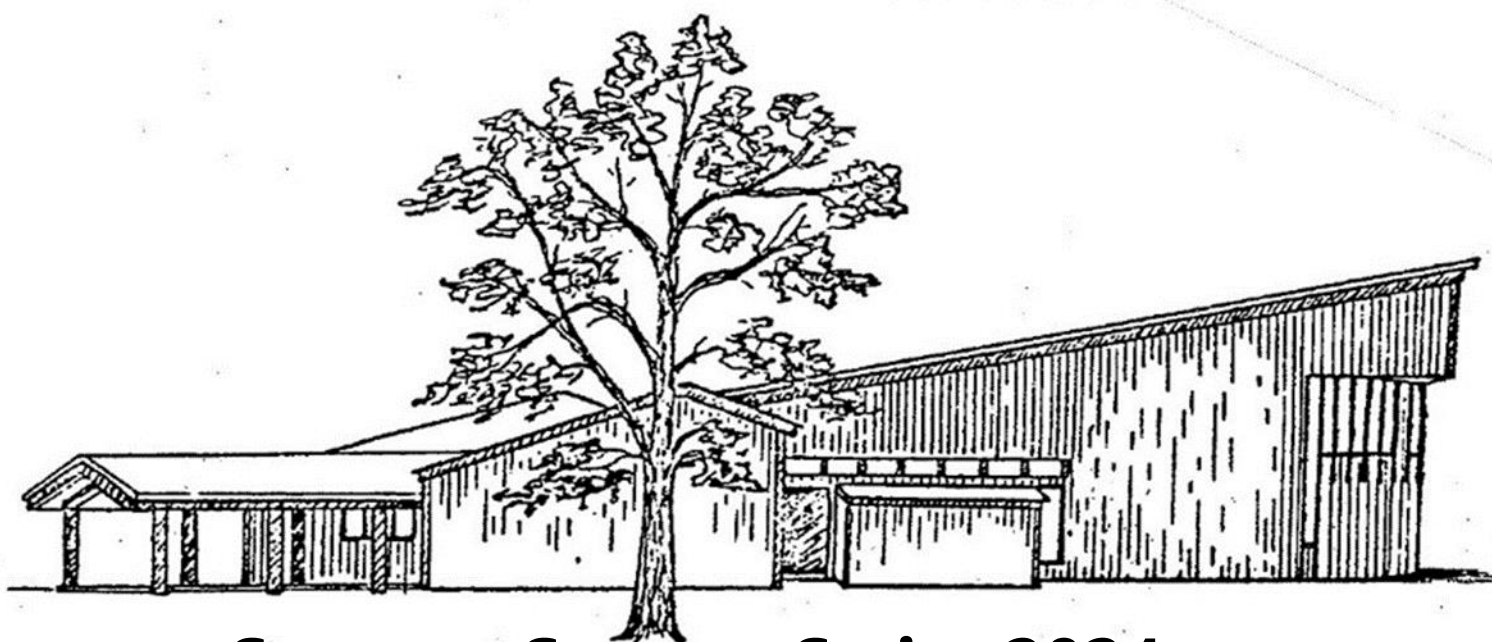
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Growing in Faith Towards God ... and Love for One Another



Summer Sermon Series 2024

Today – “Christianity is NOT Life in a Bubble”

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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*)

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"FATHER WELCOMES" (TOSB 112 / LSB 605)

[CHORUS] **Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. [CH]**

**In the water, in the word, in His promise, be assured:
those who are baptized and believes, shall be born again. [CH]**

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him —
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God. [CH]**

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Men and women, boys and girls, why have you come to this place today?

We have come to join with others in offering our worship, our prayers, and our praises to the Triune God.

What makes our gathering unique in this world?

We are a community of outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, young and old and in-between, but we are also wandering sheep and fallen sinners who need the forgiveness that is offered through faith in Jesus alone.

In this blessed diversity, we are all people created by God the Father, redeemed by Jesus, and sanctified – made holy – by the Holy Spirit.

We have come to worship and praise the Triune God alone. We lay down our earthly wants and desires, and all the distractions of the world around us. Our heavenly Father welcomes us as His own and we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let us, therefore, make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

FIRST READING -- PSALM 96:1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING -- ROMANS 10:14-17

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING -- JOHN 17:5-9, 14-18

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. "I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

"MAJESTY" (TOSB 135)

**Majesty, worship His Majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, power, 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. Unto Jesus be all glory, power, and praise.
Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings!**

Sermon -- "Christianity is NOT 'Life in a Bubble'"

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."

*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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Silence is observed as the communion vessels are prepared. It is 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 in heaven, while I rejoice and am filled with thanksgiving for blessing me with everything I need of body, mind, and soul ... I often live my faith 'in a bubble.' I am not always eager to share the good news of Jesus with all around me – especially the lost. I am not always eager to step 'outside the bubble' of my life as Your loved and redeemed child. Forgive me for sometimes keeping the good news of Jesus more to myself and other Christians rather than proclaiming it clearly to those who don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior from sin.

(reflect and confess your sins against God and others)

Have no fear. Your Father in heaven is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve, but separates them from us as far as the east is from the west. Have faith in these words: 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

"WHAT IS THIS BREAD" (LSB 629)

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

"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" (TOSB 220)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

[CHORUS]

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.**

**O, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [CH]**

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.**

[CH]

**To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share.**

[CH]

"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 life-gate 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]**

"IN THE GARDEN" (TOSB 261)

**I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.**

[CHORUS]

**And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. [CH]**

**I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling;
but He bids me go thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. [CH]**

DISMISSAL & SENDING BLESSING

"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS" (LSB 837)

[REFRAIN] **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [REF]**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [REF]**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. [REF]**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. [REF]**

**Let ev'ry race and language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. [REF]**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the crucified for victory! [REF]**

Prayer Request



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, Sandy Lesperance, and Jeff Durocher.

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 -- Drea Detry *UW-Oshkosh*; Sariah Frederiksen *UW-Green Bay*; Gwyn Hanson *UW-Stevens Point*; 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), **Sandi** (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, **Mary** (sister of Sandy Lesperance), and **Judy** (mother of Kelly Coan) who is experiencing serious health problems.