

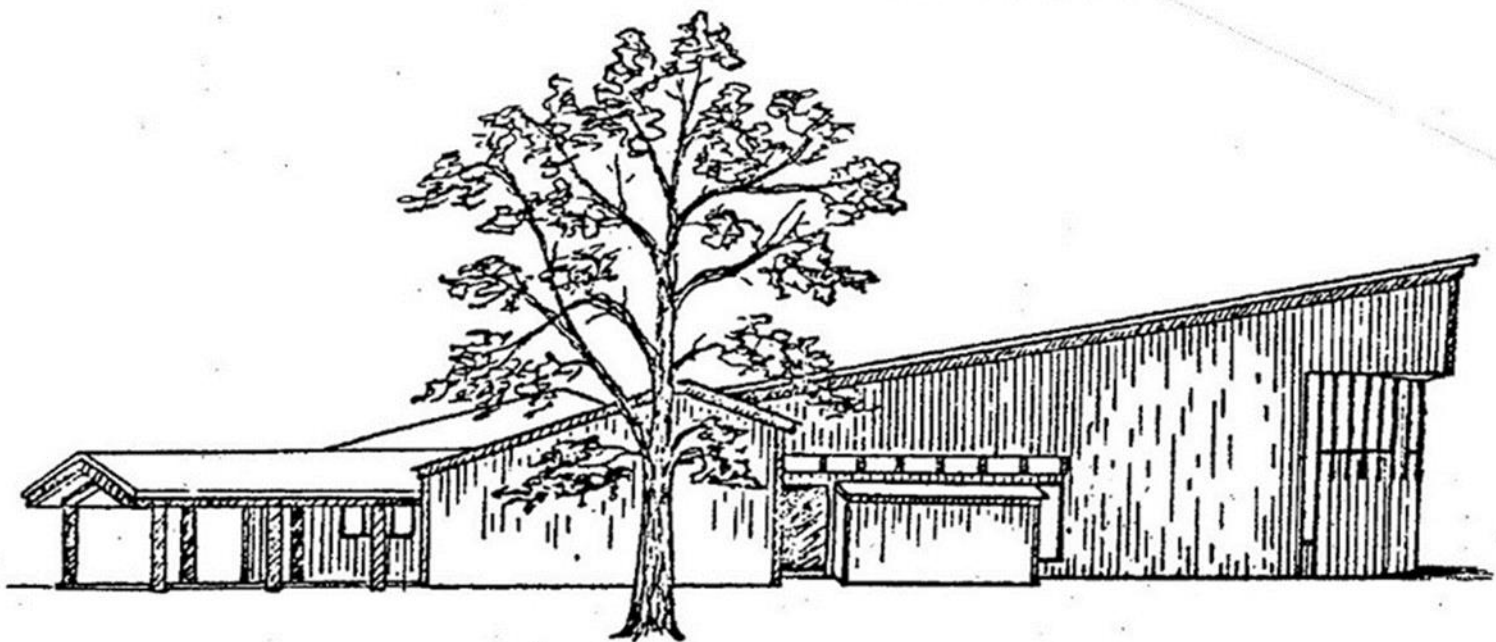
# FAITH

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



## **“Politics & The Christian Church”**

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**OFFICIANT..... Pastor Jim Krueger**

**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 or one of the Elders before the service begins.

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

**PASTORAL WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – INTRODUCING OUR THEME**

**“THIS IS THE DAY”** (TOSB 234)

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it,  
This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION**

This is the day that the LORD has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Friends, let us worship the Lord our God today, for He is great.

**He has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Let us worship the Lord our God today, for He is good.

**His mercy endures forever. He forgives us, encourages us, and loves us.**

Let us worship the Lord our God today.

**We are His chosen people – a holy nation – a people belonging to Him.**

Let us lift up and exalt the name of the Lord our God –

**Our Creator, Provider, and Father from Whom all blessings flow.**

Let us lift up our voices and exalt the name of the Lord our God.

**“BE EXALTED, O GOD”** (ABSPW 88)

**I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.**

**I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.**

**For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,  
and Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.**

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be over all the earth.**

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## ROMANS 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive His approval, for He is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MARK 12:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

And they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap Him in His talk. And they came and said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For You are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But, knowing their hypocrisy, He said to them, "Why put Me to the test? Bring Me a denarius and let Me look at it." And they brought one. And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

## APOSTLES' CREED

**"SEEK YE FIRST"** (TOSB 187)

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!**

<b>SERMON -- "Politics and The Church"</b>
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### **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 true blood of Your Son – our Savior Jesus.

**Father, without Your mercy and grace, we would continue living as 'lost and condemned' sinners. We confess that we daily sin against You through sins we are aware of and sins that we might not be aware of. Your Word teaches us that we are like sheep and sometimes wander from You and Your will. Your Word also teaches us that You sent Your Son Jesus into the world of sinners to suffer and die for the forgiveness of our sins. Hear us as we confess our sins to You ...**

*(reflect and confess your sins against God and others)*

It is a blessing to unburden our minds and hearts from the sins we have kept close – even some sins we have not confessed to our loving and forgiving Father. May these words bring you peace and comfort today and this week until we meet again. As a

called and ordained servant of the Word, 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**

**"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!**

**"THE LAMB"** (Best of the Best 210)

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.  
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to Him belong.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" (LSB 770)**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'ry-thing to God in prayer.  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear -  
all because we do not carry ev'ry-thing to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

**"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US" (TOSB 183)**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
in Thy pleasant pas-tures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the Guardian of our way;  
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Thy children when they pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Thy children when they pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

## WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

**“LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”** (LSB 924)

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.**

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



# Prayer Request



**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH** – Roger Marquardt, Traci Meyer, 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-Stevens Point*; and Gwyn Hanson *UW-Stevens Point*.

**FOR OUR CONCORDIA SEMINARY 'ADOPTED' STUDENTS** -- Adam Urban; Blake Brockman; Christopher Genszler; Robert Laird and Steven Steingraber

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

**PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY – 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, and **Elwood Walstrom** (*son of Jane Bucholtz*) recovering from a heart attack.