

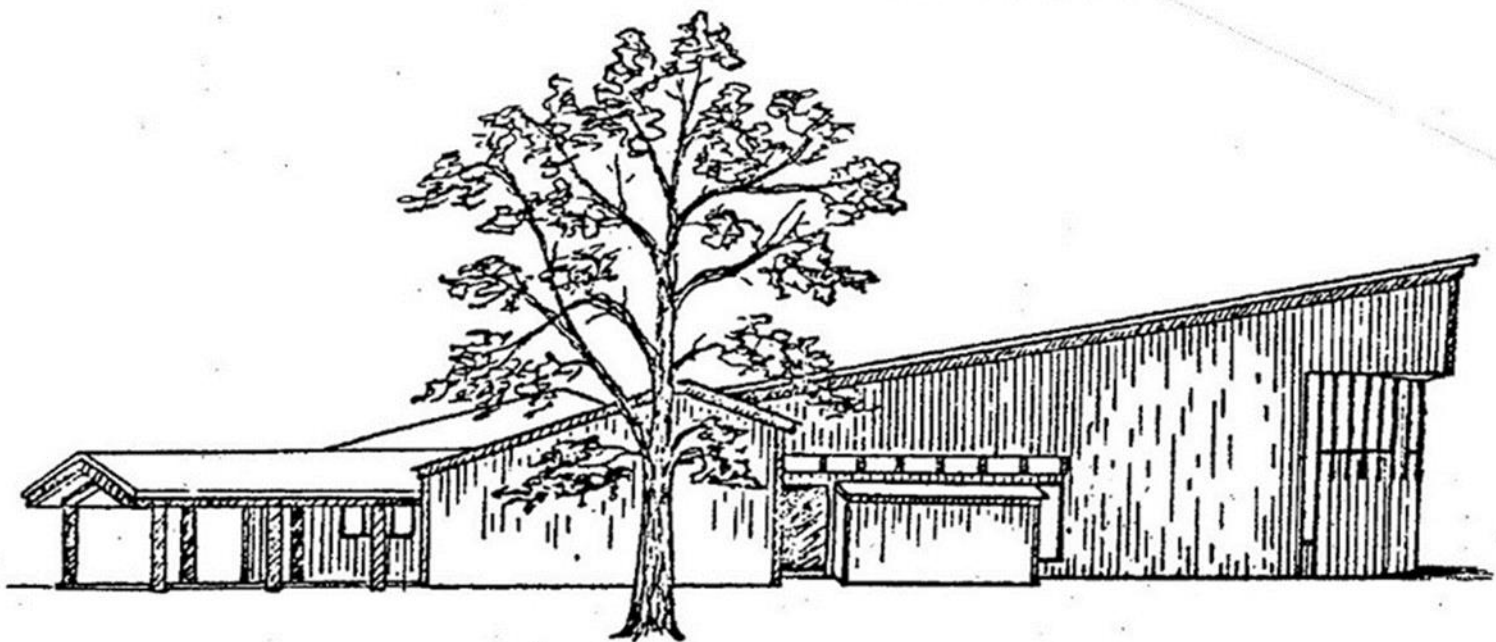
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“The High School and College Years are the Most Dangerous ‘Spiritual’ Battlefield”

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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 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

“HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME” (TOSB 1)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

**O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name,
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty. (repeat)**

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

We praise You – Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

We praise You, our heavenly Father,

our Creator and Provider. There is nothing we possess on this earth that is ours. May we prove to be good stewards of all Your gifts all our life long.

We praise You, Lord Jesus,

our Good Shepherd and Savior from sin. We are the sheep of Your flock. We listen to Your voice that leads us to know and live the will of Almighty God.

We praise You, Holy Spirit,

for You sow the seed of saving faith in Jesus in our hearts and minds. We ask that You would continue to nurture that faith all our lives until the day we enter heaven itself forever.

We begin this time of worship and praise in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

“THY WORD IS A LAMP” (AGPS 247)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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ROMANS 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 PETER 3:15-17

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

"FEED MY LAMBS" (BOB 55)

[REFRAIN]

**Feed My lambs, feed My lambs that's what Jesus did say.
Feed My lambs, feed My lambs feed them My love today.
Feed them hope, feed them joy. Feed them wisdom from above.
If you love Me, feed My lambs with My love.**

**Teach them all that He's done to give them life.
Teach them Jesus in all you do.
Teach them how they are loved and how they should live.
Teach them Jesus loves me and He loves you. [REF]**

**Show them all that He does to care for them.
Show them Jesus so they can see.
Show them how they must love and worship His name.
Show them how He first loved you and me. [REF]**

**Tell them how He's their friend and holds their hands.
Tell them He's there in day and night.
Tell them He lights their way and shows what to do.
Tell them shine for Him, little Gospel light. [REF]**

**Feed them all they will need to grow up strong.
Feed them food that our Shepherd does give.
Feed them God's saving grace and wisdom for life.
Feed His lambs so in heaven they will live. [REF]**

**SERMON -- "The High School and College Years are the
Most Dangerous 'Spiritual' Battlefield"**

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

As we prepare to receive by faith the true body and true blood of Your Son – our Savior Jesus, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Father, I need Your love and mercy every day. It is not easy for me to face my shortcomings and especially my sins against You every day. Help me to turn and trust You for all the answers that I seek for my daily life. Help me to see Your will as a vision of what my life as Your child can be like. Hear me as I confess my sins to You and asking for forgiveness of all my sins.

(reflect and confess your sins against God and others)

It is not easy or natural to admit that we have fallen and failed to live and love the Lord our God as He commands us. Because our heavenly Father's love is unconditional, He offers full forgiveness of sins to all who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. Therefore, it is in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ that I, a called and ordained

servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, 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

"COME, THOU FOUNT" (BOB 37)

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransom'd soul away;
send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.**

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" (LSB 525)

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,
crown Him the King to Whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.**

"THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE" (LSB 680)

**Thine the amen Thine the praise alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**

**Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy – holy – holy celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

"MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS" (LSB 575)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;
when ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found,
clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

"PASS IT ON" (TOSB 164)

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
that's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it,
you spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding
the birds begin to sing the flowers start their blooming
that's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring; you want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found
you can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know;
the Lord of Love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

**I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know,
the Lord of Love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

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



**SPIRITUAL BATTLE
ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS**

Prayer Request



FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Roger Marquardt, Traci Meyer, Irene Marquardt, Steve Van Den Heuvel, Jack Glonek, Bill Ritson, Jacquie Voeks, Judy Storming, Peyton Decker, Jeremy Decker, Sandy Lesperance, Jack Zarling, and Ali Mullins

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

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE 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*)

PRAYER REQUESTS 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, **Elwood** (*son of Jane Bucholz*) recovering from a heart attack, and "**Butch**" (*brother-in-law of Jim Luxem*) battling cancer.