

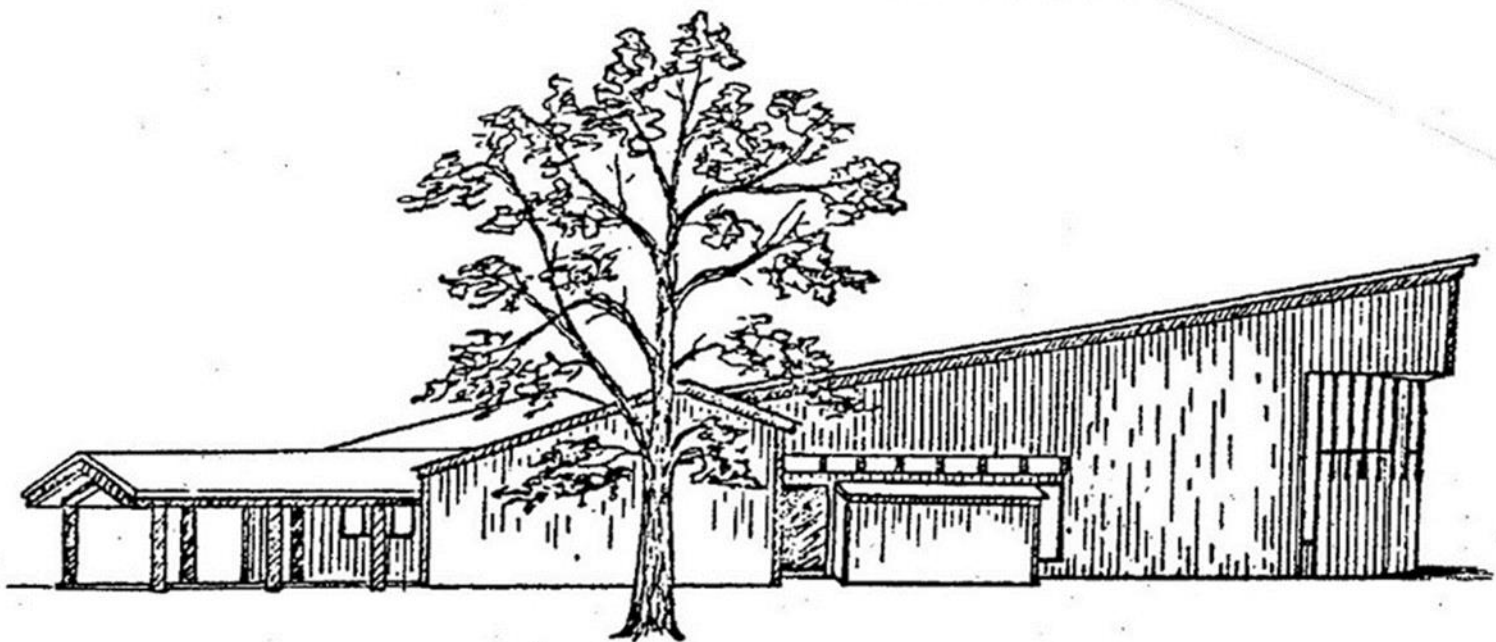
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Take-a-Ways from the Summer Sermon Series”

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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 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

“WE HAVE COME INTO HIS HOUSE” (BOB 249)

We have come into His house gathered in His name to worship Him.

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**We have come into His house gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

So forget about yourself, and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

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**So forget about yourself, and concentrate on Him
and worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him and worship Him.

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CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Why have you come to this place today?

This is the Sabbath Day on which God the Father ‘rested’ from all His creative works, setting it aside for us to rest from our all our labors.

What does it mean to “Keep the Sabbath Day holy”?

It means that we eagerly and willingly gather around the heavenly blessings of word and sacraments to give thanks and praise to the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Word of God and the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion are ‘means of grace’ through we receive the blessings of the Triune God.

We celebrate the creative and providing work of the Father. He forgives all our

sins through faith in Jesus. We celebrate how Jesus earned forgiveness for our sins by His sacrificial death on the cross. We also celebrate the victory Jesus gives us through His rising from the grave. We celebrate how the Holy Spirit plants and nurtures 'saving faith' in Jesus in us through baptism and through hearing the Word of God that guides our living as children of God.

We have come together to celebrate and share in each other's hearing the life-saving work of God the Father, God the ✠ Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD OF GOD ✠

GENESIS 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18a

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, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

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.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

NICENE' CREED

"THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD" (BOB 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!
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**When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,
the battle belongs to the Lord!**

**He's raised up a standard, the pow'r of His blood,
the battle belongs to the Lord! [CH]**

**When your enemy presses in hard do not fear, the battle belongs to the Lord!
Take courage my friend your deliverance is near,
the battle belongs to the Lord. [CH]**

SERMON -- "Take-a-Ways from the Summer Sermon Series"
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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."

*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.

✠ 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, Your Word teaches us that we are like sheep that often wander from You and Your will. You sent Your Son Jesus to suffer and die for the forgiveness of our sins. We seek to unburden our consciences by confessing our sins and receiving the comfort of Your forgiveness in Jesus ...

(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 Father in heaven. May peace and comfort be yours again as you hear these words. 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

"BLESSED ASSURANCE" (BOB 24)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, Christ on the cross, for my salvation He suffered loss,
gave up His life and gave up His throne,
purchased and won me, made me His own.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own, all glory, praise, be to God alone!
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" (BOB 73)

**"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

[REFRAIN]

**"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [REF]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [REF]**

"CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD" (LSB 829)

**Christ the eternal Lord, whose promise here we claim,
whose gifts of grace are freely poured on all who name Your name;
with thankfulness and praise we stand before Your throne,
intent to serve You all our days and make Your glory known.**

**Christ the unchanging Word to ev'ry passing age,
whose timeless teachings still are heard set forth on Scripture's page;
transform our thought and mind, enlighten all who read,
within Your word by faith to find the bread of life indeed.**

**Christ the redeeming Son, who shares our human birth,
and by His death salvation won for ev'ry child of earth;
inspire our hearts, we pray, to tell Your love abroad,
that all may honour Christ today and follow Him as Lord.**

**Christ the unfading Light of everlasting day,
our Morning Star in splendour bright, the Life, the truth, the Way;
that light of truth You give to servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live, till earth's brief journey ends.**

**Christ the ascended King exalted high above,
whose praise unending ages sing, whom yet unseen we love;
when mortal life is past your voice from heaven's throne
shall call Your children home at last to know as we are known.**

"THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES" (LSB 602)

**The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
to be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim
that they were won by Christ and cling to His strong name.**

**The gifts flow from the font where He calls us His own;
new life He gives that makes us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins with water and His Word;
the triune God Himself gives pow'r to call Him Lord.**

**The gifts of grace and peace from absolution flow;
the pastor's words are Christ's for us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need is granted to us there;
the Lord of mercy sends us forth in His blest care.**

**The gifts are there each day the holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself, blest words that give them life,
restoring and refreshing them for this world's strife.**

**The gifts are in the feast, gifts far more than we see;
beneath the bread and wine is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood remove our ev'ry sin;
we leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.**

**All glory to the One who lavishes such love;
the triune God in love assures our life above.
His means of grace for us are gifts He loves to give;
all thanks and praise for His great love by which we live!**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

"THE SERVANT SONG" (ABSPW 40)

**Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey thro'.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**



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 Jack Zarling.

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 -- Dreya 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, "**Butch**" (*brother-in-law of Jim Luxem*) battling cancer, and **Frank** (*brother of Ruth Firnett*) who is recovering from heart surgery.