

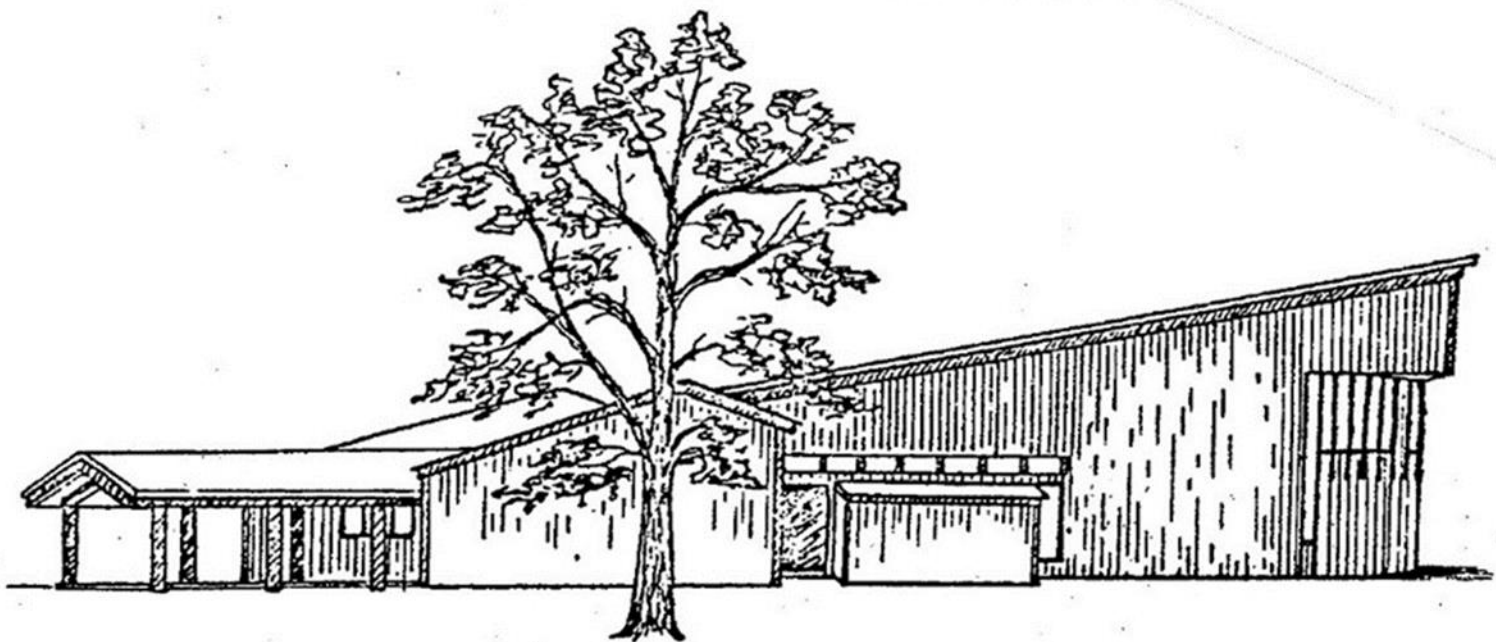
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Our Strength Comes from the Lord”

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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

"AS THE DEER" (BOB 12)

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my Strength, my Shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.

I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are my Strength, my Shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my Strength, my Shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

The Scriptures cry out, "Come, all whose soul thirsts for the living God."

We come thirsting for help, for hope, and for strength.

The Scriptures cry out, "Come, all who are acquainted with grief or oppression."

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

The Scriptures cry out, "Come, all you who are in need of good news."

We come searching for the joy, truth, and light that is in Christ alone.

The Scriptures cry out, "Come, seek, and find refuge in Almighty God Who is your Rock, your Refuge, your Strength, and your Shield."

Let us join in praising the One who is our Help, our Hope, our Strength and Shield, and our Eternal future.

We make our beginning in the holy and saving name of the Triune God – Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD OF GOD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING -- EPHESIANS 6:10-18

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.

GOSPEL READING -- MARK 7:14-23

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

And He called the people to Him again and said to them, “Hear Me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but

the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. And He said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And He said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

"GRACE ALONE" (BOB 77)

**Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
ev'ry difference we will make is only by His grace.**

**Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.**

[CHORUS] **Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown He will provide.**

Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

**Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
ev'rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.**

**Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. [CH]**

SERMON -- "Our Strength Comes from the Lord" -- Ephesians 6:10-12
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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

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

We gather this morning around the table – Christ’s table of blessing.

We gather to drink the cup of blessing that is His holy, precious blood. We gather to eat the bread of life that is His body given unto death for our sins.

In silence, let each one of us from our own heart make our confession of sins to God our heavenly Father.

(reflect and confess your sins against God and others)

Almighty God, through the sacrificial death of His Son Jesus, brings to your hearing today words of blessing and promise. 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

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION” (LSB 728)

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!**

**When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."**

"GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY" (AGPS 110)

**God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving You whom we adore,
serving You whom we adore.**

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE" (LSB 702)

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

"GIVE THANKS" (BOB 65)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks, give thanks.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

"BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (BOB 27)

**You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the Kingdom of God!**

[CHORUS]

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

**You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the Kingdom of God! [CH]**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the Kingdom of God! [CH]**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the Kingdom of God! [CH]**

**AS WE DEPART FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP TODAY, WE
ENTER THE MISSION FIELD TO SHARE THE HOPE
WE HAVE IN JESUS.**

**PLEASE REMAIN FOR OUR TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP AND NOURISHMENT**



FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH -- Roger Marquardt, Traci Meyer, Steve Van Den Heuvel, Jack Glonek, Jacquie Voeks, Peyton Decker, and Jeremy Decker.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING -- for the gift of a healthy baby girl – Charlotte Nicole – to Eric and Devin Scuderi.

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-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 -- **Cassie** (*daughter of John and Maggie Nygren*), **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*) as he recovers from several hospitalizations, **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*), **Frank** (*brother of Ruth Firnett*) recovering from heart surgery, **Dan** (*father of Laura Isaacson*) recovering from surgery to remove a brain aneurysm.