

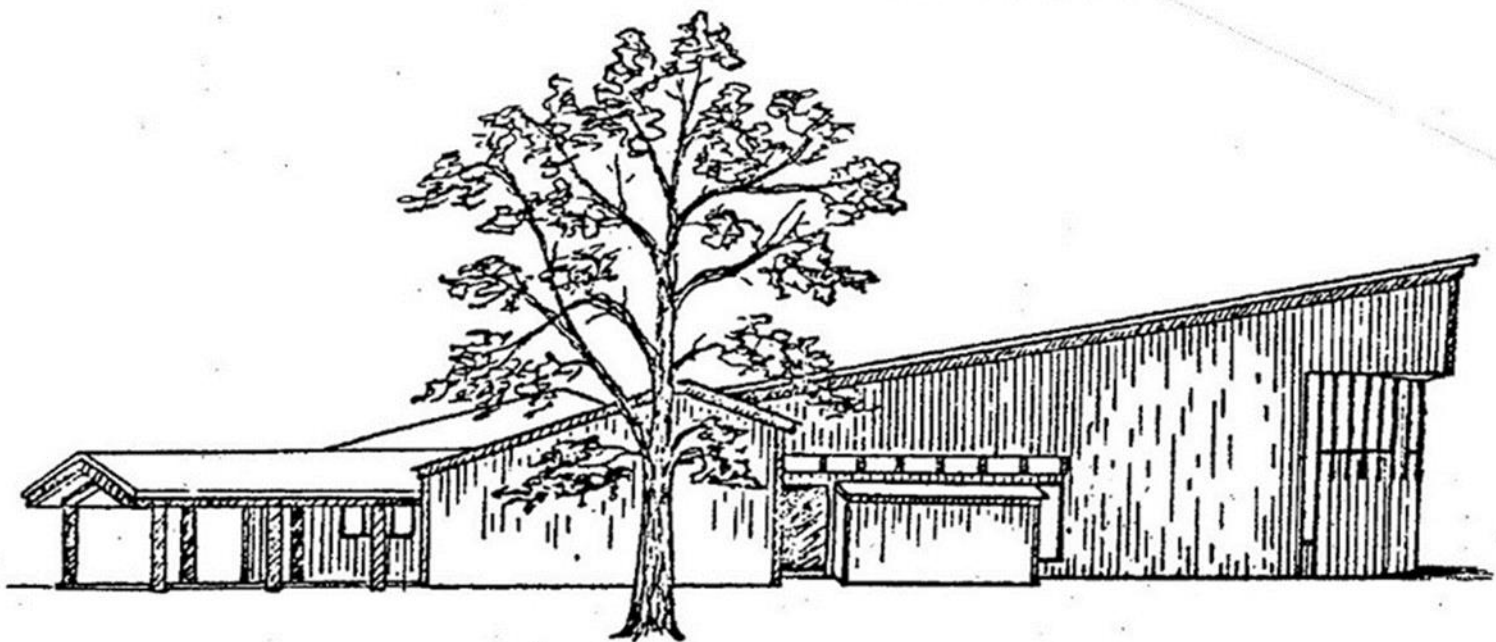
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



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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 Haag.

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

“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.

We rejoice and are glad in it!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we worship and praise the Triune God Who is the source of all our blessings of body and soul.

Among these blessings are new life through our baptism and the work of the Holy Spirit Who blesses us with saving faith Jesus. We are also blessed with a community of believers in this place – who we are blessed to call our family.

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

His mercy endures forever. He loves, forgives, encourages, and sends us into the world to share His saving grace and mercy through Jesus to the lost.

Let us worship and praise the name of the Triune God – Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD OF GOD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 50:4-10

The LORD God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let Him come near to me. Behold, the LORD God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on His God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING -- JAMES 3:1-10

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING -- MARK 9:14-29

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were

greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

"LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING" (LSB 833)

[REFRAIN]

**Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.**

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**Jesus gave His mandate: share the good news
that He came to save us and set us free. [REF]**

**Let none be forgotten throughout the world,
in the triune name of God go and baptize. [REF]**

**Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
walking in Your precepts, led by Your Word. [REF]**

SERMON -- "Words - Living, Powerful Words" -- James 3:1-10

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, like the tax collector in the courtyard, we recognize that we are sinful by nature. We daily by sins of commission and sins of omission in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We recognize that there is nothing in us that can earn Your love or Your saving forgiveness. Like the tax collector in the courtyard, we can only cry out, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Hear us, Father, as we lift from our hearts our personal confession of 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 an 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'S INSTITUTION *(followed by responses)*

Come, come, to the table of the Lord Jesus that is prepared for you.

We come with joy in the forgiveness of our sins. We come with a desire to begin new lives of repentance when we leave this place today.

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION WITH SINGING

"I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS" (TUNE – TLH 652)

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.**

**I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
white in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus, all fulness dwells in Him;
He healeth my diseases, He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces, I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy Child.
I long to be with Jesus amid the heavenly throng
to sing with saints His praises, to learn the angels' song.**

"FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT" (LSB 664)

**Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek His face.**

Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

**Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;
only believe, and you will see that Christ is all eternally.**

"HOW GREAT THOU ART" (LSB 801)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

[CHORUS]

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [CH]**

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. [CH]**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" [CH]**

"JESUS LOVES ME" (TOSB 114)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He Who died, heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

"BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST" (AGPS 78)

**Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.**

[REFRAIN]

**And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Man walked alone in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed;
Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in His mercy would save
all His people from death and the grave.**

[REF]

**Lord, teach us how to proclaim all Your goodness, Your love and Your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong. [REF]**



FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH – Roger Marquardt, Traci Meyer, Steve Van Den Heuvel, Jacquie Voeks, Peyton Decker, Jeremy Decker, and the family of Jerry Wenzel who has passed to the glory of heaven.

FOR OUR SHUT-INS -- Larry & Sally Zupan and 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*), **Kade** (*grandson of Paul & Cheryl Lubahn*), **Mary** (*sister of Sandy Lesperance*), and **Judy** (*mother of Kelly Coan*), **Elwood** (*son of Jane Bucholz*), **"Butch"** (*brother-in-law of Jim Luxem who is battling cancer*), **Frank** (*brother of Ruth Firnett*), **Heather** (*friend of Sandy Lesperance*), and **Dan** (*father of Laura Isaacson*)