

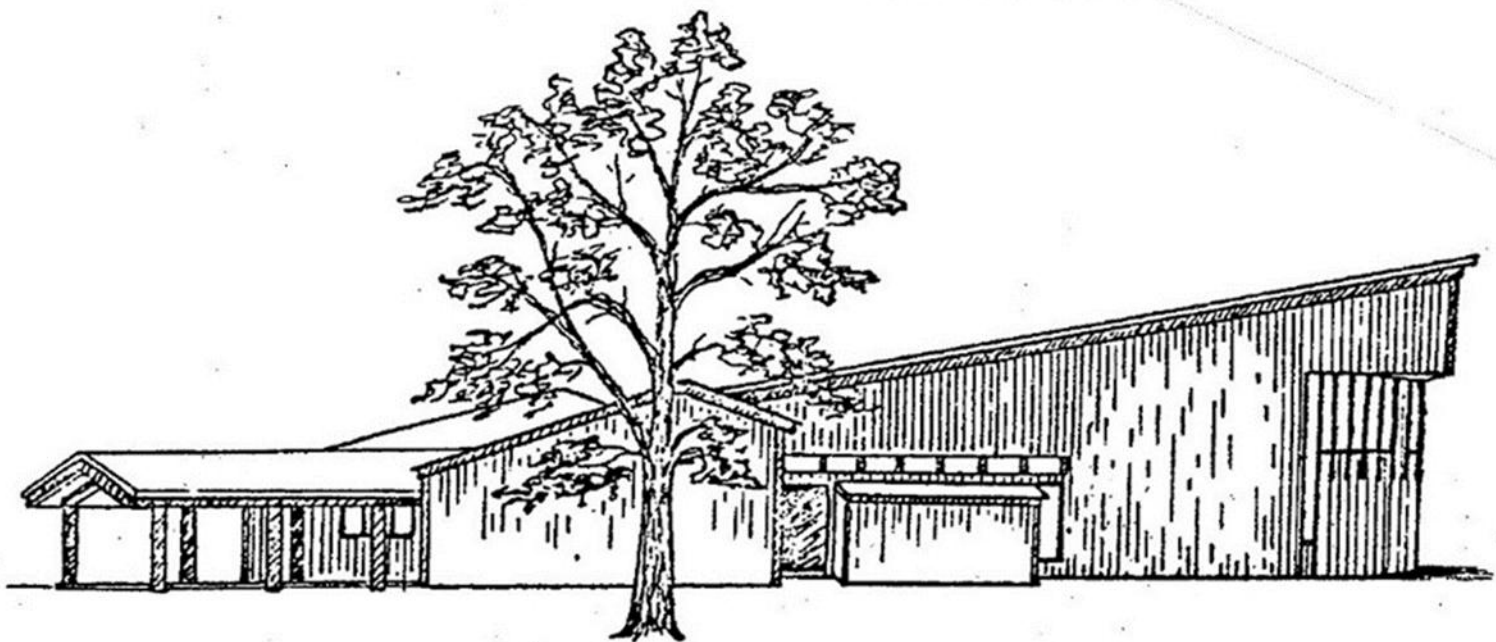
# FAITH

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



**“LWML Sunday – Ready to Serve”**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:00AM**

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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**

**"WE HAVE COME INTO HIS HOUSE"** (TOSB 249 vs 1, 3)

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

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

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

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

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and worship Christ our Lord, worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION**

We gather here today to offer worship and praise to the Triune God --

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We walk with our sisters of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in lives of Christian 'service.'

**The Bible teaches that serving others is a Christian priority. 1 Peter 4:10 says,**

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."**

Each of us is equipped by the Holy Spirit with special gifts to serve others. We take our greatest example of 'service' from the words of Jesus Himself.

**In Mark 10:45 Jesus says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."**

We serve others to honor the love we've received from Christ. God the Father is calling us to serve others and to be a blessing as we are blessed by Him.

**When we help those in need, we build a world in line with God's standards and further His kingdom until Jesus returns.**

We begin in the saving name of the Triune God – Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

✠ **WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD OF GOD** ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING -- 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel, and He said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But He said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But He said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING -- PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING -- LUKE 1:26-38**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of

David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And He came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy - the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**"O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF MIGHT"** (LSB 852 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)

**O God of mercy, God of might, in love and pity infinite,  
teach us, as ever in Thy sight, to live our lives in Thee.**

**And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die that our lost world might live thereby,  
O hear us; for to Thee we cry, in hope, O Lord, to Thee.**

**In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there give help as unto Thee!**

**And may Thy Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love  
till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above all those who live in Thee.**

<b>SERMON -- "Ready to Serve" TEXT -- Luke 1:38</b>
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## **WE RETURN OUR TITHES AND FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO GOD OUR FATHER**

*Please register your attendance in the booklets in each row. Pass them 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, I confess to You my sins of thought, word, and deed. I have not always loved as You love me. I have not always forgiven as I am forgiven. I have not always been eager to serve as Jesus commands me to serve others. Hear my sins that I confess to You, and may I also receive from You the forgiveness that Jesus won for me on His cross.**

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

God our Father gave us His one and only Son – our Savior Jesus – to be our servant and to teach us to serve. Jesus is the source of the forgiveness that I now bestow upon you. 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’S INSTITUTION** *(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**

**“WHAT IS THIS BREAD”** (BOB 239)

**What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:  
this bread we break, this life we take, was crushed to pay for our release.**

**Oh, taste and see – the Lord is peace.**

**What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
the cup of grace brings His embrace of life and love until I sing!**

**Oh, taste and see – the Lord is King.**

**So who am I? That I should live and He should die under the rod.**

**My God, my God, why have You not forsaken me?**

**Oh, taste and see - the Lord is free.**

**Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear.  
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.  
Oh, taste and see – the Lord is real.**

**Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe that I receive  
His very body and His blood. Oh, taste and see – the Lord is good.**

### **“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!**

### **“THERE IS A REDEEMER”** (BOB 211)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**[CHORUS] Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
and leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. [CH]  
When I stand in glory, I shall see His face,  
and there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place. [CH]**

### **“LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US”** (LSB 851)

**Lord of Glory, You have bought us with Your life-blood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;  
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand  
to the unthankful and the evil with Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You gladly, freely of Your own.  
with the sunshine of Your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone  
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe  
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor You have given to our humblest charity  
in Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."**

**Can it be, O gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,  
saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your life-blood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.**

**Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You;  
but, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.**

## **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 might 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 nighttime 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 through.**

**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.**

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



**Please remain for fellowship followed by  
Sunday School and Bible Class**



**FOR OUR FAITH LUTHERAN STAFF** – Pastor Jim (Michele), Lynn Smith, Kathleen Ehlers (Johnathan) and Traci Meyers

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH** – Roger Marquardt, Traci Meyer, Debbie Stroming, Linda and Steve Van Den Heuvel, and Jacquie Voeks

**FOR THE FAMILY OF VICKI CHALTRY** whose soul Almighty God has received into the mansions 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** -- 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*), **Frank** (*brother of Ruth Firnett*), **Heather** (*friend of Sandy Lesperance*), and **Dan** (*father of Laura Isaacson*), and **Diane** (*friend of Sue Luxem*).