

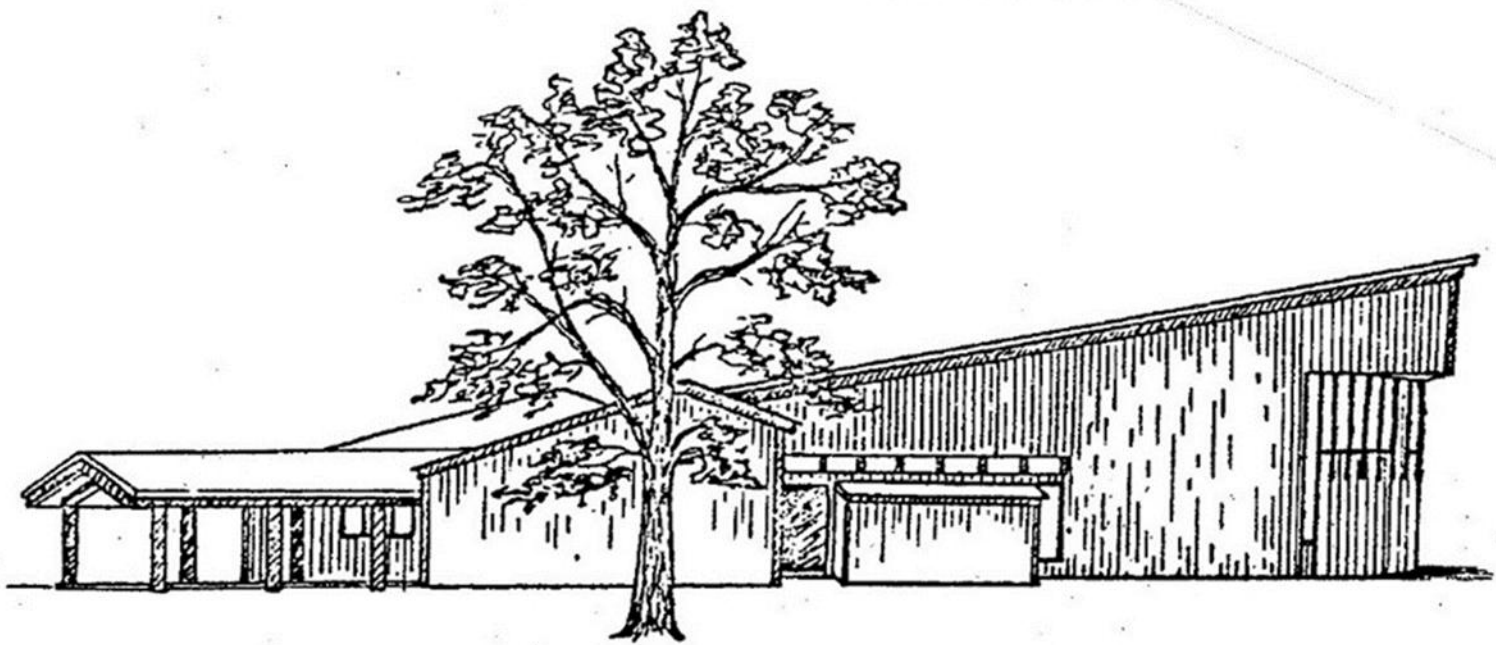
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Reformation Sunday”

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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

"JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES" (TOSB 115)

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Jesus, Way of Salvation, King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
the way the truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.**

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

The earth shakes, the mountains quake - tempting our hearts to fear.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl - destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence continues in our communities and around the world - causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

God is their refuge.

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

God is their strength.

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

God is present.

For the distraught and displaced in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and

elsewhere,

God is a very present help in their trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

THE FIRST READING -- REVELATION 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And He said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING -- ROMANS 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING -- JOHN 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, 'Truly,

truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

NICENE CREED

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" (LSB 657)

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.**

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.

With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son adored.

He holds the field victorious.

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.**

Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage.

His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!

One little word subdues him.

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God Himself is by our sins with weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.**

The Kingdom's ours forever!

SERMON -- "Faithful Christians in a Contentious World" -- Matthew 11:12, 18-19

"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'"

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."

*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

Lord of all, the demands of Your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we often rush off making excuses and ignoring Your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we often abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence, and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood Your Son, yet we often cheapen it by not living lives of repentance. We are Your people, but do we live as Your people? Forgive us, Father.

(reflect and confess your sins against the Triune God and others)

God is our refuge and strength. He sends us His Holy Spirit so that we may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, sets us free from our slavery to sin. Through faith in Him, our sins are forgiven. Through faith in His death and resurrection a place is made for us in His spiritual household, and we are known as children of God. Therefore, 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

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" (LSB 644)

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word.**

**From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
that we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.**

"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" (TOSB 220)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest
and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

[CHORUS]

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.**

**O, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His glory
above to bear it to dark Calvary. [CH]**

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [CH]**

**To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share. [CH]**

"I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" (TOSB 93)

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.**

[CHORUS]

**I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat
what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.**

**I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [CH]**

**I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long. [CH]**

"THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED" (LSB 794)

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my Light, my Life from heaven;
my Maker, Who to me has soul and body given;
my Father, Who will shield and keep me day by day
and make each moment yield new blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my Trust, my Life from heaven,
the Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned with His most precious blood
and gives to me by faith the highest heav'nly good.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my Hope, my Life from heaven,
the Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow'r,
help, comfort, and support in sorrow's gloomy hour.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my God, the Ever-Living,
to whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, in Whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

"CATCH THE VISION" (TOSB 75)

**O every'one of eager heart, God's message to the world impart.
Catch the vision of His mission, proclaim how Jesus lived and died
that man might thus be justified; catch the vision of His mission,
catch the vision of His mission, Alleluia!**

**Let Jesus' work your pleasure be say, "Here am I, send me, send me!"
Catch the vision of His mission, let not the answer heard from you be,
"There is nothing I can do." Catch the vision of His mission,
catch the vision of His mission, Alleluia!**

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 Meyers, Debbie Stroming, Linda and Steve Van Den Heuvel, and Jacquie Voeks

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 -- Drea Detry (*UW-Oshkosh*); Sariah Frederiksen and Gwyn Hanson (*UW-Stevens Point*); Katelyn Wilson (*Delta College*)

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*), **Diane** (*friend of Sue Luxem*), **Carol** (*daughter-in-law of Kent & Sherry Newby*), **family of Vicki Chaltry** (*as they mourn her physical death*).