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John 6:63, NRSV

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA
MELO LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA**

Mission Statement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who are willing to take risks to serve and worship God. We exist to inspire each other in reaching out to others in God's love through worship, youth ministry, ecumenical cooperation and stewardship of all our resources.

Our Savior's/ Melo Lutheran Churches

Warren and Rural Angus, Minnesota

Pastor David Peterson

12th Sunday of Pentecost

August 23, 2009

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Joan Peterson (OSL)
Rachel Roggenbuck (Melo)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand if you are able)* ELW p 116

GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW # 807

GREETING & KYRIE ELW p 203

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sit
HYMN "Listen, God Is Calling" ELW # 513

WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on

that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand if you are able)*

ELW p 205

THE GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Peterson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW #484

HOLY BAPTISM

Wyatt James Myrfield, son of Kelly Myrfield and Jeremy Solvik. Wyatt's sponsors are Brittany Bommersbach, Tommy O'Keefe, Todd and Julie Dahlman.

Leo Marvin Johnson, son of Justin and Allison Johnson. Leo's sponsors are Vanessa Chandler and Chris and Amanda Walker.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

(Please stand if you are able)

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

ELW #686

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

BLESSING

P: Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

ELW #890

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sunday Worship Times:
OSL 9:00am
Melo 10:30 am

Participants for Today's Worship, August 23

Acolytes: Allyson Hebert
Ushers: Mike and Cameron DuBore, Mike Roggenbuck
Lector: Nathan Roggenbuck
Nursery: Please Attend Your Own Children
Coffee Hosts: Dorothy Johnson
Melo Custodian: Steve Hamrick (Green)

August 16	
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
47	\$1,873.00

Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, August 30

Acolytes: Keaton and Colton Laymon
Ushers: Mike Roggenbuck
Lector: Nathan Roggenbuck
Nursery: Please Attend Your Own Children
Coffee Hosts: Rachel Roggenbuck
Melo Custodian: Steve Hamrick (Green)

This week in the Parish

Monday, August 24- Worship & Evangelism Meeting 6:30pm
OSL Council Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday, August 25- Quilting 1:00pm
Wednesday, August 26- Pumpkin Patch Meeting 5:30pm
Saturday, August 29- Hamrick/Cobb Wedding 5:00pm at Melo
Next Sunday, August 30- Holy Communion
OSL worship 9:00am
Melo worship 10:30am

Prayer list

Those in need: LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar, Catie Blanchard, Joe Yeado, Jeanette Olson, Emilie Holland, Joel Flaten, Cassandra Johnson-Blackbird, Rena Peterson

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Aug. 23, 2009

Holy One, you formed the church
to announce the words of eternal life to the world.
Equip the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
which concludes its Churchwide Assembly today
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Gather the church together into one body
for the sake of our shared mission to tell of the love of God.
Filled with your Word, turn the church inside out
so that we might use our hands to do God's work in the world.
God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Announcements

New this week

**Please sign your name in the pew registration folder and pass it to the person sitting next to you.
Please list everyone in your family who is worshiping with us today.**

The Agassiz Swedish Heritage Society will have a Pea Soup Supper Friday, September 11th at 5:30pm in Thief River Falls at the Heritage Community Center. Eric Bergeson will provide the entertainment. Reservations at \$8.00 and must be made by September 7th to Marilyn Mattson.

F.R.O.G.S. will begin on September 16th from 5:30-6:30pm and meet every Wednesday following at the Methodist church basement. All kids grades K-6th are welcome. Free faith fun for all kids! Stories, snacks, songs, crafts and games!

Zion Lutheran Church, Viking, will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, August 23rd from 5-7pm. Free will offering. Proceeds to go to the handicap fund.

Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Would you take additional courses to expand your knowledge, or go to a class to improve your cooking? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend and expand the potential of your relationship! Visit www.godlovesmarriage.org or call 800-235-1010 for more information. The next weekends in MN are Oct. 16-18 in Duluth and Nov. 20-22 in Brooklyn Center.

Quilting Day- Tuesday, August 25th 1:00pm at OSL.

A theme is still needed for 125th!

What is being sought is a theme to guide thoughts and preparations for this celebration (the theme for the centennial in 1985 was "On Our Way Rejoicing"). Any who have an idea for a theme are invited to submit it/them to the church office. The congregation will be asked to pick which on the three will be the theme for the celebration.