



**... LET THEM LABOR AND
WORK HONESTLY WITH
THEIR OWN HANDS**

EPHESIANS 4:28, 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

10th Sunday of Pentecost

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Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Joan Peterson (OSL)
DeeDee Carlson (Melo)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able

GATHERING SONGS

“He Is Exalted”

Insert

“There Is a Redeemer”

“Spirit of the Living God”

GREETING

P: The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: **Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

ELW #512

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

1 Kinds 19:4-8

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand if you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P The gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

“Called to be Imitators, Not Imitation”

Pastor Peterson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Sing Out, Earth and Skies”

Insert

APOSTLES' 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**

Sit

OFFERING

(Please stand if you are able)

OFFERATORY “Create In Me A Clean Heart” Insert

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Begin and conclude the prayers by singing ELW #752)*

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 “We Will Glorify” Insert

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Participants for Today's Worship, August 9

Acolytes: Julia Goroski
Ushers: Mike & Cameron DuBore and Nick Johnson
Lector: Maddie DuBore
Nursery: Please Attend Your Own Children
Coffee Hosts: Betty DuBore and Jeanne Johnson
Melo Custodian: Robert Hamrick (Green)

Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, August 16

Acolytes: Jon O'Keefe and Justin Haugtvedt
Ushers: David Duckstad and Mike Roggenbuck
Lector: Nathan Roggenbuck
Nursery: Please Attend Your Own Children
Coffee Hosts: Bev Duckstad
Melo Custodian: Robert Hamrick (Green)

August 2
Attendance Offering
Worship at the Fair

This week in the Parish

Monday August 10- Youth and Family Committee Meeting 7:00pm
Next Sunday, August 16- **Holy Communion**
OSL Worship 9:00am
Melo Worship 10:30am

Prayer list

Those in need: LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar, Catie Blanchard, Joe Yeado, Jeannette Olson, Emilie Holland, Joel Flaten

Those who mourn: The Family of Lola Hedlund. The Family of Ordean Christianson- Leanne Novacek's Father.

Sunday, August 9, 2009

TIME AFTER PENTECOST—LECTIONARY 19

The Great I AM

When God called Moses to set the people free, Moses asked him, "Who will I say has sent me to free them?" God told him to say, "*I AM* has sent me to you" (Exod. 3:14). It was a distinct title that no one else claimed: *I AM* identified God just as our names identify us.

Today in our gospel text Jesus amazes his dissenters by identifying himself by the same name.

"*I am* the bread of life" (John 6:35). It is the first of many times in John's gospel in which Jesus identifies himself with God's own self-description. It seems audacious! The crowd disputes among themselves. "How can he claim to be bread which brings life forever and has come down from heaven? How dare he?"

Jesus again affirms that they (and we) do not choose God; God chooses them. God comes to us through Jesus and draws us into relationship. This claim of Jesus rattles our reasoning, because we humans always want to believe that we are the ones who decide our own future. We persist in claiming that if we behave in particular ways, God will bless us. But here, Jesus reminds us, it is God who gives life.

As we observe this dialogue from the sidelines of modernity, we are confronted with how Jesus calls us to respond to God's gift of relationship, which comes in baptism. When we have heard and learned of the miraculous invitation of God to eternal life, we have the opportunity to say "yes." We can let go of our need for reason and proof and welcome Jesus, or we can be like the crowd, grumbling and arguing about whether a man can give his flesh for others to eat. We can go our own way, questioning the great *I AM*, or we can respond to our baptism with joy and commitment: "God, here I am."

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Week of August 9

(Reflecting on readings and prayer for Sunday, August 23)

Word

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

- What are the gods that compete for your life and the lives of our communities? What are some of the ways that "you and your household" serve the Lord? How has God supported, sustained and nourished you in this service?
- What are some of the spiritual battles or struggles in your life? What do you need from God to stand against these things?
- What unique or shared tools has God given you, your congregation and this church for declaring that Jesus is the "Holy One of God"? What impedes that proclamation? What frees it?

Prayer

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.

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.

There will be a WELCA meeting Wednesday, August 19th at 7:30pm at OSL.

Grace United Methodist will hold a Noon Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, August 12th from 11:30-1:00. Have lunch with a friend!

Sonja Anderson will share how the tragedy of suicide tried to destroy her family and how, with the help of the Lord, their lives were healed and restored. Saturday, August 15th at the Warren Community Center, refreshments will be served at 9am and meeting will start at 9:30am.

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.

Please note the earlier date: the deadline for the September newsletter is Monday, August 17th.