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the ground ....”

Mark 4:26, 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.*

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*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

**Service of the Word**

**GATHERING SONGS**      **“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**      **WOV #767**  
                                 **“Shall We Gather at the River”**      **WOV #690**

**GREETING**      **WOV p. 46**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SONG**      **“You Have Come Down to the Lake Shore”**      **WOV #784**

**FIRST READING**      **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**      **Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

**SECOND READING**      **2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that

you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 4:26-34**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Dave**

## **SONG**

**"Listen, God Is Calling"**

**WOV #712**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**WOV p. 49**

## **PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**WOV p. 51**

**THE PRAYERS** (*Begin and end the prayers with WOV #775 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*)

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BLESSING**

**WOV p. 53**

## **SENDING SONG**

**"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"**

**WOV #781**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

Monday June 15- Thursday June 18- Vacation Bible School 5-8pm

Next Sunday, June 21-

**Summer Worship Schedule Starts**

**Holy Communion**

**OSL Worship 9:00am**

**Melo Worship 10:30am (Naming of Names)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vacation Bible School for grades K-6 will be June 15-18<sup>th</sup>. Supper will start at 5:00pm in the basement and VBS is from 5:30-8pm.**

The Cloggers will be at the WAO High School Auditorium TODAY, Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.00. Kim DeMars will perform during intermission, coffee and bars will be served after in the cafeteria.

Noon Salad Luncheon will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 17 from 11:30-1:00pm. Salads, garlic toast, desseert and beverage for \$5.50. There will also be perennial flowers for sale.

Agassiz Swedish Heritage Society will hold its annual Midsummer Festival Wednesday, June 24 in the Lancaster City Park. Activites begin with coffee and goodies provided by members at 2pm followed by decorating the maypole with flowers and greens about 2:30pm. Concluding the afternoon, everyone is invited to Sion Lutheran Church in Lancaster for its annual Swedish Smorgasborg which begins at 4:30pm.

The Warren Evangelical Covenant Church is having an exciting ONE DAY V.B.S. BASH on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-8pm. (If you can't be there right at 4pm, come when you can!) Supper will be provided. This is for everyone age 4yrs thri 6<sup>th</sup> grade, bring a friend! There will be outdorr games, crafts, food, music, stories. For more information please contact Amy Swanson at 745-6086.

Warren Aglow will host Ruth LaFontaine on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Warren Community Center with refreshements starting at 9am. Ruth is a two-time cancer survivor and her goal in life is to draw people to our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have borrowed anything from the church please return it ASAP. There are 2 crock pots, cookie sheets, and other items missing from the church. If you borrow an item, please sign it out on the sheet on the janitor door and then sign it back in when returned. THANK YOU!

*Congratulations to Justin and Allison Johnson on the birth of Leo Marvin. There will be a baby shower open house in their honor on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm at the EGF Campbell Library, 422 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, EGF. They are registered at Target. Everyone is Welcome!*

**Lessons for June 21**  
Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

<u>June 7</u>	
<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
\$2,885.00	62

**Prayer list**  
**Those in need:** Mitchel Benson, LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar, Vicki Polchow, Catie Blanchard, Larry Johnson, Joe Yeado, Emilie Holland, Jeanette Olson, Carla Carlson