

**“If any want to become
my followers, let them
deny themselves and
take up their
cross and
follow me.”**

Mark 8:34, 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

15th Sunday of Pentecost

September 13, 2009

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Joan Peterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able

GATHERING SONGS

"I Love You, Lord"

Insert

"Follow Me"

"Open Our Eyes"

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"The Church Song"

Insert

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalms 116:1-9

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

THE SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand if you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Pastor Peterson

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: The life-giving God, who sets us free in Christ, encourage you with the presence of the Holy Spirit and + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN
#671

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Melo Fall Dinner, Craft and Bake Sale
TODAY, Sunday September 13th
11:00am-1:00pm

Menu: Roast Pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, buns, dessert.
Crafts and baked goods will be available to purchase during the dinner.



Sunday, September 13, 2009

TIME AFTER PENTECOST—LECTIONARY 24

Courage to Leave

He pulled his Mercedes up to his parking spot and, still talking on his cell phone, he hurried into the church. He was late for a meeting with the contractors who were going to be putting another new addition onto the worship space. In the fifteen years he had been the pastor of this church it had grown immensely. People enjoyed his sermons, liked the upscale neighborhood where the church was located, and were intrigued by the many ministries offered by this young congregation.

When he started out there, he was the only pastor—in fact, the only staff at all. He juggled assembling the bulletin for Sunday, answering the phone, doing all the visitation, leading every meeting, in addition to all the preaching and teaching. He did it all and did it well. Today there is a staff of thirty people, including five pastors.

This church has no debt and more than enough money to start new programs at any time. New members join every month. The pastor is respected in the community. Yes, he's built a very good life there. This ministry has been good to him. Nice house, nice car, nice salary, nice church.

But he's leaving soon. He's not leaving because he doesn't love it there—he does. He's not leaving because his ministry has grown stale—it hasn't.

He's leaving because he's a little too comfortable, and he knows it. He's leaving because he knows that having the courage to leave all that has become so familiar and easy might be just what he needs to grow, to ignite his passion for the gospel again, to uncover more of what he might offer this hurting world. He's leaving because of what he heard in these words: "For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?" (Mark 8:36).

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

Participants for Today's Worship, September 13

Acolytes: Casey Conely
Ushers: Mike Miller and Elva Bustrack
Lector: Mike Miller
Nursery: Please Attend Your Own Children
Coffee Hosts: Donna Miller and Elva Bustrack
Melo Custodian: Wayne Hamrick (Green)

Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, September 20

Acolytes: Cody and Cortney Kostrzewski
Ushers: Willis and Janice Grochow
Lector: Ben Estabrook
Nursery: Please Attend Your Own Children
Coffee Hosts: Jancie Grochow and Dawn Haugtvedt
Melo Custodian: John Johnson (Green)

<u>September 6</u>	
Attendance	Offering
30	\$1,455.00

This week in the Parish

TODAY-

Monday September 14-

Tuesday, September 15-

Wednesday, September 16-

Next Sunday, September 20-

Melo Fall Dinner, Craft and Bake Sale 11-1pm

Education Committee Meeting 6:00pm

Youth and Family Committee Meeting 7:00pm

ODC Bible Study 9:00am

Quilting 1:00pm

8th & 9th Grade Confirmation 5:30pm

Holy Communion

Worship Times Change

Melo Worship 9:00am

Bible Study 9:30am

Sunday School 9:30am

OSL Worship 10:45am

11th Grade Confirmation Meeting with Mentors 11:45am

Prayer list

Those in need: LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar, Catie Blanchard, Joe Yeado, Jeannette Olson, Emilie Holland, Joel Flaten, Rena Peterson, Sandy Hapka, Marlene Owens, Bryan Thygeson

Those who mourn: The Family of Nancy Mattson's nephew

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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 worshipping with us today.*

Parents and community members are invited to the Warren Alvarado Oslo High School auditorium on Wednesday Sept. 16 at 7 pm to hear nationally known speaker Jeff Yalden. Mr. Yalden's program focuses on helping young people see the power of attitude, character, responsibility and integrity in their lives and how as parents and caring adults we can encourage our young people to make wise and healthy choices. Refreshments will be served following his presentation. His visit is being sponsored by the Safe Communities Coalition of Warren, Alvarado, and Oslo, and the Drug Free Communities and 21st Century Learning Center grants at the school.

A Pro-Life evening is planned for Warren and the surrounding area on September 17th from 7-9pm at the Good Sam Apts. Community Room at 434 S. McKinley St. Bill Poehler, MCCL Communications Director will be the speaker.

Nazareth Lutheran Church of Holt will hold their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, September 20th from 12-2:30pm.

Menu: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, lefse, romegrot, carrots, buns, cranberries, pickles, dessert, and beverage.

Bloods is a valuable natural resource within each of us. By donating blood we can share our joy in life and God's love with others. Blood, like love, is for sharing. Please donate at the Warren Community Blood Drive on Thursday, September 24th at the Am. Legion. Please call Betty at 745-4454 for an appointment.

The Tour de Forks Louise Eberwein Bike Ride and Sharon Lambeth Memorial 5K walk/run is scheduled for TODAY, September 13, 2009 at Lincoln Drive Park in Grand Forks. Registration is from 12-1:30pm with event starting at 1:30pm. All proceeds from the event will go to support Altru Breast Cancer Coalition. For more info contact Nancy Klatt at 701-780-1060.

Altru Home Services is currently recruiting hospice volunteers to provide support to terminally ill patients and their family members during the end of life stage. Training will be held on September 25-26 from 9am-5pm at the North Valley Health Center conference room. To register or for more information contact Sue Fisk at 701-780-1450

St. Paul's Lutheran Church presents Pat Surface and the Boundary Water Boys Canoe Grass Band Saturday, September 26th at 7pm at St. Paul's in Crookston. Refreshments to follow, Free will offering, All are welcome!

Attention all girls in grades K-12. *Girl Scout Idol* will take place on Thursday, September 17th from 6:30-8:30pm at Sharon Lutheran in GF. Sing Karaoke like a star, have Glam Girl photos taken and sign up for girl scouts. *Girls Rock the Park* will be held September 26th from 1-4pm at University Park in Grand Forks. You are invited to Rock the Park with Girl Scouts, celebrate community heroes and explore new friendships. You do not need to be a girl scout member to attend!

5-10 lay leaders are needed from OSL and Melo to take part in a ***Matters of the Heart*** conversation on October 25th from 2-4pm in Stephen. These conversations will be honest, strategic, helpful and energizing. They will focus on the mission of the congregation and synod, exploring how financial stewardship is integral to that mission. If interested in attending, please contact the office or Pastor Dave.

Family Caregivers Concerns Group will meet September 14, 2009 at the Good Sam Apts. Community Room from 10-11am.