

**SUNDAY- JUNE 9, 2024 -9:00 AM**



**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love  
with all people.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 9, 2024 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM  
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

**PRELUDE** Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

**WELCOMING WORD** *A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: #414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**L** - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C - Amen.**

**L** - Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

God, our provider, help us,

**C - It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

**L** - Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C - Amen**

## GREETING

**L:** 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.**

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 *“Glory to God in the Highest...”*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: All-powerful God,

**C: in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING - Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— “I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak,<sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

<sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.<sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond a measure,<sup>8</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## **+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)**

**(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 3,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." <sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Intern Zach Smirris

## **+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

*Sing a New World into Being (Insert)*

(Sung to the tune of "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

## **+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105**

**OFFERING -**

**OFFERTORY #186 "Create in me...."**

## **THE PRAYERS** (pg. 143)

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words:

“Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**”)

**+THE LORD’S PRAYER** (pg. 145) (right hand column)

## **SENDING**

## **COMMUNITY WORD**

### **+BLESSING**

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

**C: Amen.**

### **+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

**#705 God of Grace and God of Glory**

### **+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God’s grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ’s love, we welcome you.*

***We at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb have made a commitment to live out our Welcome Statement. During Pride Month we will be including a weekly hymn that acknowledges our welcome, acceptance and support of the LGBTQ+ community.***

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2024

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

**Monday,** Psalm 74, Plea for Help

**Tuesday,** Acts 11:19-39; 13:1-3, The Church in Antioch

**Wednesday,** Luke 11:14-28, Jesus and Beelzebul

**Thursday,** Psalm 92, 1-4, 12-15, Thanksgiving for Vindication

**Friday,** Hebrews 11:4-7, The Examples of Abel, Enoch, and Noah

**Saturday,** Mark 4:1-20, The Parable of the Sower

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**“And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.” – Mark 3:25**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

- Both Adam and Eve quickly blame others for their disobedience. How quick are we to do the same? (Gen. 3)
- Paul writes of his inner nature being renewed. Can we aid or assist the process? Why? (2 Cor 4:13-5:1)
- Once a house is divided, is there any road back to unity and peace? How could that happen? (Mark 3:20-35)

**PRAY:** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**BLESS:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. Amen.