

“STILL LIVING IN A TENT”

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:2 “Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.”

Note for Thursday. We welcome the Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his wife Jen-Yi “Irene” who are visiting us today. The Lord assigned them to do ministry in Taiwan, where Pastor Paul serves as Theological Educator and teaches at the Chinese Lutheran Seminary. May the Lord bless them in all their travel and work while among us.

INTRODUCTION – God has it all planned out for us. When the mortal has been swallowed up by life, we will be moving into a new home for our soul – the spiritual body built not by human hands, but by the Creator himself. We live by faith, not by sight. We focus on what is promised in the word of God. As for the groaning, it is part of the human experience.

- 1 – Groaning is part of life.
- 2 – It was not always this way.
- 3 – Groaning is a consequence of sin.
- 4 – Christ takes sin away and promises a new dwelling.
- 5 – The Great Chapter on the Resurrection.
- 6 – The task may call for sacrifices.
- 7 – The task may be dangerous.

CONCLUSION – In his very first sermon Jesus warned us that the task might be hard and even provoke the scorn of the world. “Rejoice and be glad,” he said, “because great is your reward in heaven.” We do it all to honor Jesus and for the sake of others. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
***The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit
after Its Own Kind***

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are *"able to hear it,"* that is, *"to his own disciples,"* who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters *"seed on the ground,"* which *"sprouts and grows"* unto life, even as *"he sleeps and rises"* (Mark 4:26–27). *"On the mountain height of Israel,"* He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes *"a noble cedar."* Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which *"every kind of bird"* will dwell, and in which *"birds of every sort will nest"* (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we *"groan, being burdened"* (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake *"died and was raised"* (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, *"we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens"* (2 Cor. 5:1).

CHURCH INFORMATION

Both, Our D.C.E. Jaime Greene and our Pre-school Directress Jennifer Leiness have completed 15 years in the Ministry. We rejoice gratefully with them at this milestone in their lives. And thank the Lord for giving them to Blessed Savior Lutheran Church. The Lord has endowed Jaime and Jennifer with many unique and special gifts, especially the spirit of servanthood. May the Holy Spirit guide them in the years to come.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: We are preparing for our annual Guidebook Directory to be published again, and we need your updated information! If your address, phone number, email address, etc. has changed, please contact the church office to update it. If you have adult children who are members, we would like to update their information as well. There are information forms available in the monthly church newsletter, or on the table in the Narthex.

SPECIAL MISSIONS: For our second quarter missions, our Special Mission offering will support A Place of Refuge Ministries. APOR is a network of volunteers and staff who are committed to life and to caring for women facing crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin.

WOMENS MINISTRIES: The ladies that sew pillowcase dresses have brought smiles to the faces of some little girls in Haiti. See the bulletin board for the letter of thanks and picture of the girls modeling their dresses provided to us by The Attic Work Shop. A mid-season delivery of 31 more dresses and also 46 quilts, was taken to The Attic. They will box and ship our donations to where they are most needed.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING: If you are currently finishing up grades 7-11 and are interested in attending the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering next summer in Houston, TX, please make plans to attend a planning meeting on Sunday, June 27 at 5pm. We'll discuss fundraisers and options for travel, as well as answer any questions you may have regarding the trip.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Turn all those books you're reading into a chance to win some great prizes! You can kick off your program by grabbing a flyer and a free CPH book from the table in the Narthex. This program is open to kids, youth, and adults, and is great to do with your grandkids too! For more information or to sign up for CPH's reading program, check out cph.org/reads.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT: Save the date for our all-church fun night on Friday, June 18th at 7pm. We'll be showing a family friendly outdoor movie, so bring your lawn chairs, snacks and drinks. Hint: We know you'll think our movie is "incredible"!

YOUTH GROUP: All those who are entering 6th grade-completed 12 grade are invited to join us for youth group on Sunday, June 27 from 6-8pm. Watch the Youth Newsletter and your email for more information.

CLASSROOM AIDE NEEDED: Our 3K class is looking for a classroom aide for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. We are looking for a nurturing, kid-loving, reliable individual to serve in this position. This is a paid position, and the hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. if you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS SIGN-UP: If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com, or call 262-786-6465.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Arliss Judy Adeline Laverne Karen

John Holley Nancy Ralph Beth

The Altar flowers are sponsored by Gary & Kathy Hintz in celebration of their 55th Anniversary.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR June 13 - 20

Sun	8:00 am	Worship & Communion	Last Week's Offerings: \$16,570 Needed Weekly: \$11,800 Attendance: 173 YouTube Attendance: 56
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion	
Mon		Scrip Orders Due	
Tue	6:30 pm	Board & Committees	
	7:30 pm	Church Council	
Thur	9:00 am	Youth Service Event	
	7:00 pm	Worship	
Fri	7:00 pm	Family Fun Night	
Sun	8:00 am	Worship	
	9:30 am	Worship	
Happy Father's Day			