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For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 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.

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. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4:26-34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 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.”

The Use of Parables

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! *We continue to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, Christ’s gift into our lives that we may share the love of Jesus. If you are a first time visitor, please let an usher know as we have a special gift for you! We would also like to invite you to sign our guest book (and/or a lime green slip found in the pew) and we hope you worship with us again. And Pastor Mary Kaye would love to meet you, too!!*

CARS FOR CHRIST...A new ministry has started at Bethesda Lutheran Church. In short, they take repairable cars, fix them up, and donate them to people in need. But they need your help! They need repairable cars! Why donate? Helping low income families, save time retiring your vehicle, go green by recycling, free pick up—they do all the work, & TAX DEDUCTABLE! Call 715-755-2562 if you have a car to donate!!!

THANK YOU to all who donated baked goods & came to the Bake & Plant Sale! Despite the much needed rain, we had a great turnout!

WANT TO FIND what the collaborative is up to? Feel free to join any of the meetings on the calendar! Ask PMK if you want more info!

QUILTERS meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am. No experience needed! We invite you to join us!

LAYETTES are needed! Also needed are new or gently used receiving blankets, sleepers, and onesies for infants & up to 3 months.

FAMILY PATHWAYS..... continues to welcome donations of all kinds. Any boxed or canned food items or household items can be put in the bin in the church entryway if you’d like to donate!!!!

COUNCIL MEMBERS		Next Council Meeting July 8th At 10:45am
Don Hansen	Duane Olson	
Joe Landgreen	Gayle Langer	
Wendy Szczepanski	Rose Anderson	
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley		

CALENDAR

(www.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun June 17 (Pr. Hours:7:30a-3p)

9a - Worship

Mission Trip Team Blessing

Mon June 18 (Pr. Hours:3:30p-8p)

4p - First Communion Class

Tues June 19 (Pr. Hours:9a-10:30a)

9a - Staff Meeting

Wed June 20 (Pr. Hours:5p-7:30p)

5:30p - Collaborative Meeting

@ Zion, Chisago City

Thurs June 21 (Pr. Hours: 7-8:30p)

7p - Anti-Racism & Multicultural work group meeting at Christ Lutheran on Capital Hill—others welcome!

Sun June 24 (Pr. Hours:8a-1p)

9a - Worship

10:15a - Annual Meeting

If you'd like to request a pastoral visit, please talk to Pastor Mary Kaye today to schedule a time and day that works for you.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES—A set of First Holy Communion classes is currently scheduled for 4-6pm on Monday, June 18, and 4-6pm on Monday, June 25. Please come to both! Children of any age are welcome, (under 5 years, with one adult/parent/godparent for every child; 5-12 years, 1 grownup type for every 1-3 children,) youth 12 & up may come alone or with a grown up; adults, too! First communion classes are usually scheduled when a family asks about how their children may prepare/participate. *We invite others to join us, because that's fun! But if you can't come at those times, call or email Pr. Mary Kaye, and she'll schedule times that will work for you - promise!*

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!

**ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday,
June 24th at 10:15am!**

**WEDNESDAYS 10:30am-
11:30am**—You are invited to a small group Book Study! We are studying the book Surprise Me, A 30-Day Faith Experiment by Terry Esau at the Lodge, (1051 Mulberry St.), in Taylors Falls from 10:30—11:30am on Wednesdays July 11th, & July 18th. If you'd like a book, let PMK know, or stop into the church office, and Angie will get you one.

TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS starts up again on Tuesday, June 26th starting at the Baptist Church. There are pamphlets available located at the usher stand on the bulletin board! Our church hosts July 17, 19, 24 & 26; if you are interested in volunteering your time, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board!

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Israel Exalted at Last

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.

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.

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.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 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— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 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.