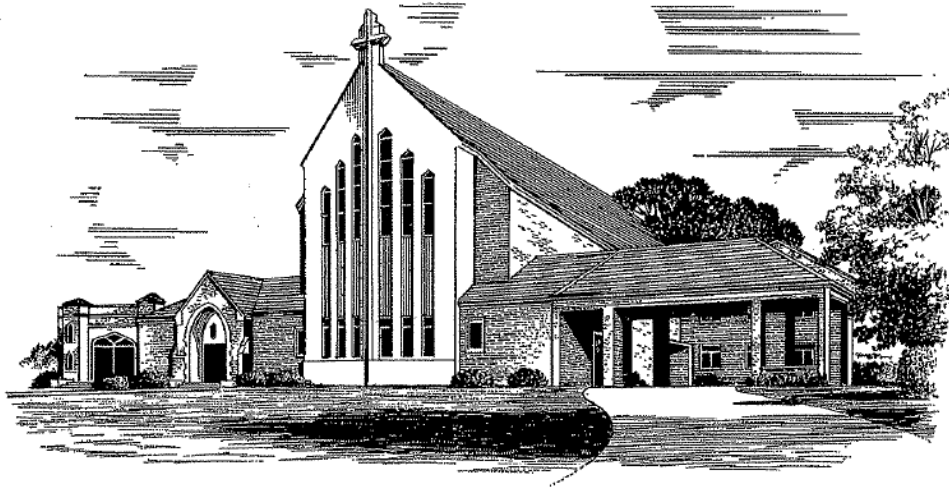


# Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"When I was in want...my needs were supplied  
by the people who came from Macedonia."  
II Corinthians 11:9*

**Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 14, 2009  
10:30 Worship Service**

# MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

Vision: That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

- *Invest in youth and family life.*
- *Support and develop education programs.*
- *Build community by developing strong Christian fellowship.*
- *Improve communication including the effective use of technology.*

- *Think beyond ourselves to be involved in local synodical and churchwide programs.*
- *Strengthen and develop programs to attract others to Christ.*

- *Increase cooperation and mission opportunities with Lutheran Retirement Ministries.*
- *Encourage an attitude that promotes the development of new ministries.*
- *Identify and use the talents of the congregation to meet the needs of the church and community.*

# Sunday, June 14, 2009

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

### Holy Communion

Setting One – 10:30 (ELW)

#### INTRODUCTION

*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.*

***Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, theologian, died around 379***

*The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.*

*P = Pastor*

*C = Congregation*

*A = Assistant*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please prepare yourself for worship during the Prelude)*

**PRELUDE**

*Trumpet in Dialogue*

L. N. Clerambault

**Stand**

**GATHERING SONG**

*This Is My Father's World*

**ELW 824** *(Red Hymnal)*

#### GREETING

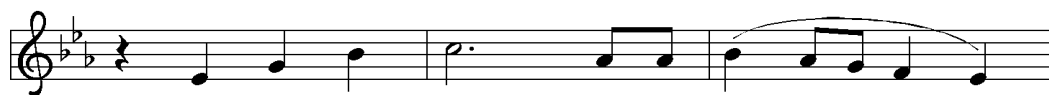
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

#### The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

- † Pray daily
- † Worship weekly
- † Read the Bible daily
- † Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- † Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- † Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



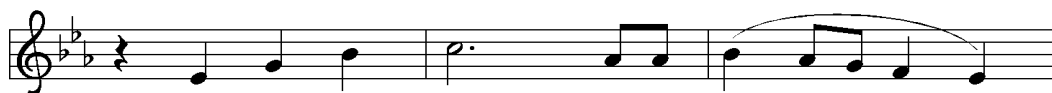
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**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.

**C** Amen

TEMPLE TALK

Mr. Frank Rhue

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

**A**     A reading from Ezekiel chapter seventeen.

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>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.

**A**     Word of God, word of life.

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**     *2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17*

**A**     A reading from 2 Corinthians chapter five.

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>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>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!

**A** Word of God, word of life.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### GOSPEL *Mark 4:26-34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

<sup>26</sup>He also 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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**ELW 679** *(Red Hymnal)*

**SERMON**

**“THE MYSTERY OF GOD’S GROWTH”**

Text: Mark 4:26–34

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C** 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,  
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.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Toccata in e minor*

by Johann Pachelbel

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (stz. 1 & 4) **ELW 404** *(Red Hymnal)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** O God, let your church be like a great tree, giving shade and shelter to all who seek respite. Under its branches let the world rest in your grace. God of mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** You have made us caretakers of the land, air, and water you created. Turn us from our patterns of

careless and neglectful stewardship of your creation, and make us wise and mindful caretakers. God of mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**A**      You sow seeds for faith like a careful gardener. Just as sown seeds take root and grow, sow seeds of justice and peace in our troubled world. God of mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**A**      Your word nourishes like bread. Help us to hear the stories of faith, to make them our own and to share them with others. God of mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**A**      You are the source of life and health. We pray for those who are ill this day (*especially*). Surround them with care and bring them to wholeness and healing. God of mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**A**      We give you thanks for faithful witnesses who have prepared the way (*especially Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Macrina, whom we commemorate today*). God of mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**P**      Loving God, you are near to us when we cry out to you. Into your embrace we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

**C**      **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C**      **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 Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* **ELW 551** (*Red Hymnal*)

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* setting by Bognar/Frahm



**Welcome friends!** We appreciate each worshiper who has come to praise our Lord. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit's presence and be filled with love for one another.

**Visitors!** We are delighted you are with us. Please give us your name, address and phone number on a Welcome Card in the pew pocket or in the Friendship Register.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary by Martha and Don West.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Judy Collier, Jimmy Combs, Linda Hardt, Buddy Kircus, Megan McDermott, David Millspaugh, Vernon Paul, Helen Strange. The family of Guenter Schlabach. (*Prayer requests should be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.*)

During our 8:15 service this morning Keira Lynn Lenfert, infant daughter of Nathan and Kelly was baptized. Keira was born on September 17, 2008 in Greensboro. Her God-parents are Winsome Lenfert and Lee Wester.

**Loaves and Fishes** – For the month of June please bring canned fruit, instant potatoes, powered milk and raisins.

Today is **World Hunger Sunday!** Please place your contribution in the World Hunger envelope, make your check payable to Macedonia Lutheran Church, mark that it is for World Hunger and place in the offering plate.

Tonight is Macedonia's turn for the **Night Shelter**. The meal will be provided by Church Council.

All articles for the **July newsletter** are due to the church office tomorrow, June 15.

The **WELCA Bible Study** will be on Tuesday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m. A new study is beginning entitled, Mary: A Woman for all Seasons.

The **Luther League** (grades 6-12) will meet on Sunday, June 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Menz home, 7011 Windsor Way, Elon, for a pool party.

***A trip to Rome is being planned and we need your help.*** This year's VBS will be centered in the marketplace of Rome. We are planning to go back in time to the days of Paul and the Underground Church. Please consider taking the week long trip or even a one or two day excursion with us as a volunteer. Go to Macedonia's website at [www.Macedonialutheran.com](http://www.Macedonialutheran.com) to sign up or contact Stephanie Braxton at 584-8951 or Amanda Cary at 229-0188 for all the details.

## ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

### Today (6/14)

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY  
NIGHT SHELTER - CHURCH COUNCIL

- 8:15 Worship/Communion
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship

BOY'S CHOIR SUMMER CAMP  
MONDAY—FRIDAY (8:00 a.m. - Noon)

### Monday

- 9:00 Good Shepherd Kitchen

### Tuesday

- 9:00 WELCA Bible Study
- 2:00 Blood Drive
- 7:30 Christian Education Committee

### Wednesday

- 8:00 N & N's
- 7:30 Chancel Choir

### Thursday

- 7:00 Boy Scouts District Roundtable

### Saturday

- 8:37 Church Yard Work
- 10:00 Chrismon Workshop

### Sunday (6/21)

- FATHER'S DAY
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
  - 9:30 Sunday School
  - 10:30 Worship/Communion
  - 3:00 Confirmands & Pastor leave for  
Camp Agape (June 21 - 26)
  - 6:00 Circle #7

Offerings: (6/7) General: \$7,235.98 Capital: \$587.21

Piano Fund : \$5,127.75 **Goal is \$22,000.00**

Sunday Attendance (6/7) SS: 52 (8:15): 31 (10:30): 159

# THE FLEA IS HERE! THE FLEA IS HERE!

Don't Miss the Largest

Charitable Flea Market Anywhere!

## HOSPICE OF ALAMANCE-CASWELL

### 20th Annual Gigantic Flea

When:	Sunday	June 14	Closed
	Monday	June 15	8:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	June 16	8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday	June 17	Closed - restocking
	Thursday	June 18	Closed - restocking
	Friday	June 19 (new)	8:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.
	Saturday	June 20 (new)	8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.

Where: The former NIKE II Building of the Western Electric Building, 204 Graham-Hopedale Rd., Burlington, NC 27215

Imagine 100,000 sq. ft. of merchandise - sorted, cleaned and all at bargain - basement prices!

Shop the flea to benefit

***Hospice Home,***

*"The Home that Love Built"*

Want to help at the flea ?

Call Martha & Don West (336) 570-8552 and volunteer!!

## SEEDS AND TREES

In 1976 Bangladesh was being strangled in the grip of famine. Economics professor Muhammad Yunus visited the village of Jopra, one of the hardest-hit communities. There he met a group of impoverished basket weavers. Yunus took \$27 out of his own pocket and lent it to those forty-two women. With that seed money, the women bought straw to weave baskets and seats for stools. They were able to sell their baskets and stools, repay the loan, and develop an ongoing business.



That seed of an idea to give "micro-loans" to the poverty-stricken grew into the Grameen ("village") Bank. These small loans allow the poor to invest in supplies, trades, or services to earn their livelihood. Since then, Yunus and the Grameen Bank have granted micro-loans to more than seven million poor people—people who have no collateral and who usually cannot read or write. The repayment rate has been 98 percent. This is not charity; it is an investment in people who have never had an opportunity to live into their potential and experience decent lives.

That seed of change grew like the tree of life in Jesus' parable (Mark 4:31-32). The poorest of the poor have flocked to Yunus and the Grameen Bank for protection and hope. Ninety-six percent of the loans have gone to women, victims of repressive social and economic conditions. The seed money gives them wings to fly, a voice to sing, and a safe place to care for their young.

Yunus, "Banker to the Poor," received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his work to eliminate poverty. He has expressed the hope that someday people will go to museums to see what poverty was like.

In the coming week, where can we plant the tiny seed of our faith to grow a tree of life for someone else? How much hope could \$27 buy?

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### June 14, 2009 - Second Sunday After Pentecost

Monday	Psalm 52, Ezekiel 31:1-12, Galatians 6:11-18
Tuesday	Psalm 52, Jeremiah 21:11-14, Revelation 21:22-22:5
Wednesday	Psalm 52, Jeremiah 22:1-9, Luke 6:43-45
Thursday	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, Job 29:1-20, Acts 20:1-16
Friday	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, Job 29:21-30:15, Acts 21:1-16
Saturday	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, Job 37:1-13, Luke 21:25-28
Sunday	Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41



*Attention Macedonians*  
Something special is coming,  
and it's going to be **GREAT!**

**July 13 - 17**

from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** each day  
Please save the date, for our:

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2009**

### **Adults and Teens - WE NEED YOU!**

Please volunteer today to help with this fun and faith-filled week. Some of the positions available are: Group leaders and assistants (*to supervise and escort groups of children to activities*), help with decorations, AND leaders and/or assistants for: Snacks, Games, Music, Crafts, Science, and Storytelling.

**\*\*Remember—Even if you're not available for the whole week,  
we'd still love to have your help!**

**If you can help in any way or want more information,  
please contact Stephanie Braxton at 584-8951 or Amanda Cary at 229-0188.**

## **Agapé Day Camp** This is a great Bible Camp

experience for your children right here at Macedonia. We meet Monday—Friday, August 3—August 7, 2009 for six hours each day, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

We have four trained college summer counselors coming to us from Camp Agapé, Fuquay-Varina. Twin Lakes Community and their executive director, Charles Harris, is helping us house these young people all week.

This day camp is for campers who will be rising 1st—5th graders. Our campers will be involved in skits, games, songs, crafts, nature activities, BIBLE studies, and much more fun. The cost for the week per camper is \$85.00. If money is an issue for any family, contact Pastor Rust for camper scholarships. We want all children to be able to attend this wonderful Day Camp. We have room for 20 campers. Forms are available in the church office. Sign up now!

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Director of Church Music.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers .....	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15) .....	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30) .....	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus .....	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir .....	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent .....	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer .....	Jeffrey Walker
Acolytes .....	Paige Claypool, Zander Peter
Children's Message.....	Richard Johnson
Lay Reader .....	(8:15) Cheryl English. .... (10:30) Sharon Walker
Communion Assistant .....	(8:15) Greg Myers
Greeters .....	Barbara Lilienthal, Beverly Hiller, Wanda Moore, Estelle Garrison
Nursery Attendants .....	Beth Van Fleet, Megan McDermott
Ushers .....	Don Matkins - Chief, Jim Graves - Ass't, ..... Fred Black, Robert Miller, Grover Moore, Pat Murphy, Bryan Pennington, Wayne Bozeman
Sound System.....	Dennis White
Dust Covers .....	Julie Myers, Jane Moore

## Lutheran Retirement Ministries/Twin Lakes Community

Executive Director, TLC .....	Charles R. Harris
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