

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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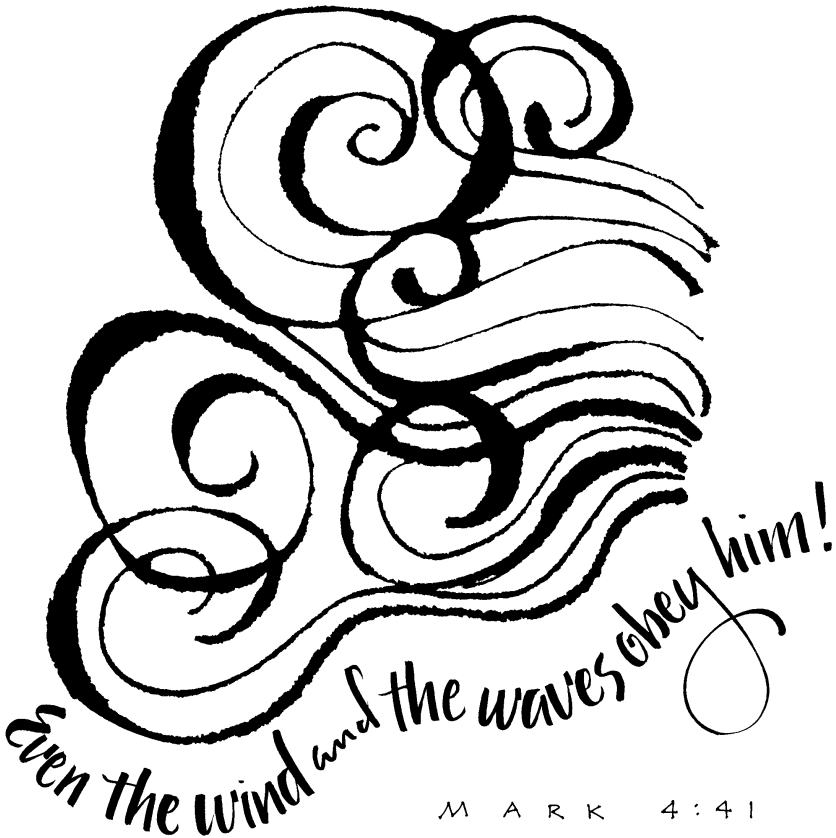
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June 21, 2009

**Proclaiming GRACE**  
**God's Riches At Christ's Expense**  
**Est. January 3, 1956**

*Welcome in the Name of Jesus, the Messiah of God! Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

+ Please stand as you are able for these parts of the service

**PRESERVICE MUSIC AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME WITH JOY AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RINGING OF THE BELLS**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**    *“Calm to the Waves”*                      **RWSB # 263**

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.  
Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”  
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.  
In stillness, hear his voice.

+ **CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS/RECONCILIATION**

L In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.    **C       Amen.**

L Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**ALL** Holy and gracious God,  
**we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will.**

**We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C **Amen.**

L The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*(All may greet one another saying: Peace be with you.)*

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

L *Alleluia.* Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. *Alleluia.* (2 Cor. 6:2)

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**  
**WOV # 789 “Now the Feast and Celebration”**

*Refrain*

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love and freedom: Praise and glory forevermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and  
united us To be one great people of God. *Refrain*

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.

*Refrain*

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L May we pray.

L O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm.

**C By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **A READING from Job 38**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped!'"

**A READING from 2 Corinthians 6**

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Halle, halle, halle- lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle- lu-jah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

+      **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 4**

*Response*

**C      Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

<sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

L      The Gospel of the Lord.      **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Leggo Talks About A Terrible Storm*

**HYMN FOR THE DAY**      *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

**LSB # 717**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the rest-less wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep

Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Our people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus ever-more shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

**MESSAGE**

“A Father's Love”

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

L Renouncing all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises, let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

**+ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Response:*

**P** God of mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**THE OFFERING IS GATHERED AS THE LORD'S TABLE IS  
PREPARED**

*In this simple gesture of thanksgiving, we acknowledge God as the  
Giver and look forward in joyful anticipation to receiving the great  
gift of his Son in bread broken and cup shared.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

**L** Holy God, you open the doors of heaven, giving us every

generous and perfect gift from above.

**C** **Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+** **SERVICE OF COMMUNION IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**L/** Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C/** **And also to you.**

**L/** When our congregation gathers for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remember that "in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Through this consecrated bread and wine, we are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

**C/** **Amen.**

**L/** Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6: 35) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All/** **Our Father, who art in heaven, ....**

**L/** As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

**C/** **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*What is this Bread? What is this Wine?* At Messiah Lutheran Church, the Holy Supper of our Lord is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that we receive “the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.” Our Lord welcomes to His table those who have faith in these words, “given for you” and “shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin.” Please extend hand out to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Pastor follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing “that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Join in singing the following selections from various resources:*

### LBW #496 “AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS”

Around you, O Lord Jesus, Your own you gather still  
To share the feast you give us With grace our lives to fill  
You say to us so lovingly, “Take eat! This is my body!  
Take, drink! This is my blood!”  
We hear your invitation, And heed, O Lord, your call;  
Your word of consolation Is spoken here to all.  
It draws us to your loving heart; It brings to us your blessing,  
Which never will depart.

We are your own forever; Until our final breath  
We will be true and never In joy, in grief, in death  
Depart from you, for you are still Among your people dwelling,  
As you have said you will.

### LBW #346

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;

When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my help-less estate  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul.

+ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L/ Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven,  
your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have  
received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide  
in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of  
his endless life, now and forever.

C/ **Amen.**

L/ Let us bless the Lord.

C/ **Thanks be to God.**

L/ The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to  
everlasting life.

C/ **Amen.**

+ **SENDING**

**WOV # 721**

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

"I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

+ **DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !!!

You're invited to the fellowship hall for some refreshments  
served by LWML Div 1.

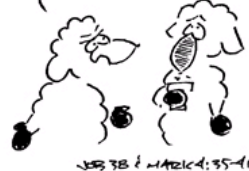
GOD'S A LITTLE HARSH THIS WEEK. "WHERE WERE YOU?" TO JOB. & THEN JESUS IS ALL "WHERE'S YOUR COURAGE?" TO THE DISCIPLES...



WELL, THEY'RE GOOD QUESTIONS. WILL WE TRUST GOD FOR LIFE, EVEN AGAINST THE EVIDENCE?



SURE! - BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO GET ALL HUFFY ABOUT IT!



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# MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.  
*Announcements and news for the week of June 21 - June 28, 2009*  
EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY	Sunday Classes on break until Aug. 9 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	am
	Father's Day brunch hosted by LWML 1		
WEDNESDAY	Fellowship Hall reserved by the Girl Scouts	10 am – 3	pm
THURSDAY	Craft Group	9:00	am
	Lifelifter	11:00	am
	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
SATURDAY	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Sunday Classes on break until Aug 9 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	am
	Rev. Dr. Robert Lutz, guest pastor		

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO OFFERING ... "God's Love, Our Response"

2009 Budget Goal	\$ 134,486.00
Goal per week	\$ 2,586.00
2009 Goal to Date	\$ 62,070.00
Offerings for 2009 Budget – as of 06/14	\$ 66,113.00
Offering Last Sunday 06/14	\$ 2,152.00
Weekly average for 23 week	\$ 2,874.00
Designated Offerings:	
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Organ Fund	\$ 0.00
Pine Tree House Fund	\$ 0.00

*"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" Matthew 5: 16*

## Guardian Bank Loan as of 5/21/09 on Pinetree House Property

Current Balance \$81,679.77      Monthly payment \$386.85 interest only  
Non-designated donations for Pinetree House are used toward monthly payment of interest and principle.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS are a gift and a warm reminder of God's love to bloom where you are planted from Bob and Angie Gannon in honor of Matth's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on 6/17.** *Thanks for the gift of flowers to enhance our worship, and to glorify the Lord our God and Savior. To order flowers, please use the registry located on the stand in the hallway toward the fellowship hall.*

**DISASTER RELIEF FUND** *“This is to acknowledge receipt of the \$6000 contribution to the First Baptist Church Disaster Relief Fund. We want you to know that your thoughtfulness and consideration will continue to be appreciated by the people in Lowndes County.” Sincerely, Mac Weaver FBC*

**WE ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER Acts 2: 42**

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Chuck Kluball (6/22); Cory Hubbard (6/26). Missed *on this list?*  
*Please leave a note in the church office with name and birth date.*

**ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES** deployed: Ryan McLean on deployment from MAFB; Brian Sparks (Navy, VA) Cheston Morgan, Verla George’s grandson in the Army. Tim Tweeter on deployment from MAFB, Keith Missildine, basic training Great Lakes Naval Station.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING PATIENTS/SHUT-INS**

Mike Lagioia, Friendship Home  
 Charles Kluball, Friendship Home  
 Steve Keller, chronic kidney stones  
 Vi & Clarence Heidemann, homebound

**NEW JOYS & ON-GOING CONCERNS:**

Agnes Churillo, friend of Silke& Patrick Deeley, joined the Saints Triumphant.  
 Mildred Evans, foot in cast and back surgery Friday at Shands in Gainesville, FL.  
 Courtney and Jesse Sheeley upon the birth of a girl , Ashlyn Marie, 7 # 13oz., 21”, on June 17

**LIST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Name	Concern/joy	Requested by	Relationship
June Orrison	cancer	Gloria Cook	cousin
Belinda Judy	brain tumor	Dorothy Hauge	friend
Virginia Anderson	Alzheimer’s	Betty Zipperer	sister
Mary Bennett	kidney removed	Susan Keller	friend
Roy McDanielle	lung disease	Duane Hauge	friend
Ricky Harrell	needs kidney transplant	Erin Jansen	uncle
Elizabeth Rabon	cancer	Erin Jansen	grandmother
Linda Brightwell	cancer	Tina Wright	friend/co-worker
Diane McNamara	breast cancer	Pat Simpson	niece
Maebeth Gerisch	nursing home care	Ed Gerisch	wife
Melanie McDonald	brain seizures	Mary Kichen	cousin
Vickie Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	mother
Bobby Joe Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	step-father
Alyssia Ventura	problems with MS	Silke/PatrickDeeley	daughter
Jake Tillman’s grandson	(12) leukemia	Don Sullins	friend
John Harris	multiple health concerns	Jan Bristow	friend
Christopher Stone	pt recovery	Pat Simpson	grandson
Richard Mikolajczyk	heart problems	Susan Keller	brother
Sally Carson	tests	Jack/Joanne Hostetler	daughter
Ella Derr		John Mitchell	friend
Nicole	cancer	Linda/Gary Klement	friend
Mitchell Davis	SGMC	wife and mother	
Mike Ellis	diagnosed with leukemia	Bo Miller	friend
Bud Wiegand	suffered from a fall	Buddy Wiegand	father
Joan Adams	post surgery complications	Ellen /John Mitchell	friend
Wally	stage 4 cancer	Linda/Gary Klement	friend
C J Smith	lung cancer	Norene Olsen	uncle
Amy Willis	recovering from back surgery	Deanese/Jeff Willis	daughter-in-law

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

Organ/Piano	Kay Vincent
Choir Director	Marjorie Fix
Leader/Communion Assistants	John and Ellen Mitchell
Message	Bo Miller
Children's Message	Cindy Sweeney, Tage France
Acolyte	Rhys Spencer
Greeters	Verna and Hobe Hodge
Nursery	Pat Simpson
Ushers	Dick Rockey, Jeff Willis
	Bill and Karin Boles
Altar preparation/Chancel care	Pat Simpson
Sound tech	Volunteer
Custodians	Bob & Valerie Behnke
Altar linen	Fran Sparks
Flower service	Helen Whitten
Flower beds	Whitten family
Grass cutting	Fred Daniels 245-0483
Floor Maintenance Smith's Janitorials	Laverne Smith 229 387-6060
Church Council.....	
Kay Vincent, president	Sandy Adams, v- pres/secretary
Gary Klement,co- financial secretary	Lisa Tinney, co-financial secretary
Kathy Lane, treasurer	Jeff Moxley, stewardship
Cindy Mitchell, Christian E	Bo Miller, property
Jolleen Christians, evangelism	John Mitchell, worship
	Dana Black, youth

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO SERVICE

	June 28	July 5 patriotic	July 12
<b>Reader:</b>	E Sheeley	J Welch	C Pieplow
<b>Com Assist:</b>	K Sheeley	L Welch	J Sparks
<b>Acolyte:</b>	A Sweeney	volunteer	volunteer
<b>Chancel:</b>	N Atkins	C Pieplow	J Jansen
<b>Nursery:</b>	D Willis	C Pieplow	J Hostetler
<b>Greeters:</b>	B Zipperer	D Rockey	C Pieplow
	F Sparks	D Rockey	E Mitchell
<b>Ushers:</b>	J Hostetler	E Sheeley	G Klement
	J Hostetler	J Sheeley	G Vincent
	V Behnke	B Miller	L Tinney

**GRACE AND PEACE BE YOURS FROM PR. RICHARD**

"Thanks so much for allowing our PALS cluster group to meet in your fellowship house the last weekend in May. The accommodations were perfect for our group's needs. We appreciate you providing a place where these young pastors can talk about the challenges of ministry and the transition from seminary to parish. ... God's blessings." Pastor Alan Stuckmeyer, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Gainesville, FL., PALS facilitator + + + Cyndy & I are in Texas gathering this week with family (18 of us) on the Guadalupe River near New Braunfels, TX.

**Swamped**

There is a beautiful, simple French prayer that translated into English implores: "Holy God, protect me. The ocean is so big and my boat is so small."

The world is big and overwhelming. The material possessions we gather around us for protection are clearly inadequate and often add to the problem. We are bombarded by information. We shiver at the word "terrorism," because we have seen what it can do. We are accessible to others every minute of the day because of the cell phones we carry and the computers that lure us with "You've got mail!" Finding an escape, finding peace, is becoming more and more challenging. Where is the cushion in the bottom of our boats where we can lay our heads and sleep in full faith of God's presence and protection?

Instead we panic. Then Jesus commands the storm, his disciples, and us: "Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:39). Suddenly, all around us is "a dead calm." Well, if there is anything that frightens us more than stormy seas, it is a dead calm. Now what? How am I supposed to sail my little boat with no wind?

We've all said it. Someone asks us politely how life is going. We roll our eyes and sigh, "I'm swamped!" Being swamped is proof that we are important, indispensable. Our time is precious. Our calendars are full. The socially acceptable response to that is a matching eye roll and sigh, "I know what you mean." The caring response can be, "Tell me. What is it that is swamping you?" What is battering your little boat?

We can be that cushion of faith and caring for others. We can say, "Peace, my friend. Be still. God loves and protects you. I am here to bail water with you."

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