

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the month of June will soon be here, I would like to share with you the gospel passages for the upcoming worship services. (For a complete listing of scripture passages for this month, please see the May/June newsletter.)

The gospel passage for the Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 6, is Mark 3:20-35. Children with Story Bibles can read "Introduction to the New Testament," to learn more about Jesus, the disciples, and the early church. It is found on pages 182-183.

The gospel passage for Sunday, June 13, is Mark 4:26-34. Children with Story Bibles can read "Joanna and Susanna Help Jesus" (Luke 8:1-3) and "The Sower" (Luke 8:4-15). The two stories create a parallel passage, or a similar passage, to our gospel text for today. (The full parallel passage is Luke 8:1-18). The two stories can be found in the Story Bible on pages 238-239 and 209-210.

On Sunday, June 13, all persons who attend churches in the La Crosse Area Synod will be able to watch the Synod Assembly Worship Service, and/or view the video/read the manuscript of the sermon. The St. Paul's assembly will gather in the sanctuary to watch the service. Interim Chris Boerger will be preaching. An additional video will also be available to "give context to not only the assembly and assembly theme, but also to Bishop Boerger's sermon." (Letter to pastors, church leaders and office staff, La Crosse Area Synod email, May 25, 2021.) The videos will be posted on the Synod Assembly web site and the Synod Facebook page.

The gospel passage for Sunday, June 20, is Mark 4:35-41. Children with Story Bibles can read, "Calming the Storm." This is a story taken from a portion of the parallel passage (Luke 8:22-25). It is found on pages 266-267. (The full parallel passage is Luke 8:19-39).

The gospel passage for Sunday, June 27, is Mark 5:21-43. Children with Story Bibles can read, "Jesus Heals a Woman and a Girl," which is from the parallel passage, Luke 8:40-56. It is found on pages 252-253.

As summer begins, let us remember that God does not take a vacation. If you are visiting family or friends, be sure to include Sunday worship in your plans! If you are in the Wilton-area, please join us each Sunday for worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy