

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (ESV)

2 And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' 5 And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (ESV)

12 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 5 On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— 6 though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of

my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6:1-13 (ESV)

6 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. 7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



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2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life. The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: "Thus says the Lord GOD," whether the people "hear or refuse to hear" (Ezek. 2:4-5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus "went about among the villages teaching" (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, "many who heard him were astonished," marveling at His wisdom and at the "mighty works done by his hands," and yet "they took offense at him" (Mark 6:2-3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His "authority over the unclean spirits" (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, "cast out many demons" and heal the sick (Mark 6:12-13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God's grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ "is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:8-9).

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Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 65 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,128~ Received for the Lord's Work \$2,569 = Loose Plate \$64, Envelopes \$2,015, Mission \$190, Maintenance \$300; Cap Prj. \$20; \$15 in memory of Don Tessin & Betty Rood.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Jul 13-Antonio Flores, Matthew Grossman; Jul 14- Keith Kreger, Mark Staley, Lloyd Zastrow, Jr.; Jul 15- Dave Little, Colin Richnak; Jul 16- JoAnn Frost; Jul 17- Shanntelle Knapik, Ashley Rich; Jul 19- Michelle Osmond.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me." Jeremiah 9:23-24a."

Resources for Rachel ~ Thanks to all who donated in support of Missionary Rachel Meyer. A total of \$302 was collected. Follow her on Face book "Missionary Meyer in Uganda".

Vacation ~ Please note that Pastor Hauser will be on vacation from July 14 through August 5. If you have a pastoral emergency please call St. Peter Lutheran at 642-8188. We will welcome Pastor Martin Hagenow on Sunday, July 15 & 22; Pastor Richard Mundt on July 29; and Pastor Roger Stauffer on August 5.

Job Opportunity ~ Valley Lutheran High School is accepting applications for the position of part-time Communications Assistant. This individual will work closely with the Executive Director, Development Director, and Director of Student Recruitment in communicating the School's mission to its constituencies. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who is strong in written communication skills, familiar with InDesign and Office software applications, social media, and supportive of the mission of Valley Lutheran High School. The position is for 15 hours per week with a flexible work schedule. Interested applicants may send a resume' with cover letter by July 31 to Dr. John Brandt, Executive Director, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw MI 48603 or by email to (jbrandt@vlhs.com). For more information contact John Brandt (989-790-1676, jbrandt@vlhs.com)