



## NOTES FROM PASTOR JIM, YOUR TRANSITION PASTOR – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

*In this column for these next 3 Sundays, I will continue sharing some personal news, reflections about this time of transition we are in, and highlighting what is and will be happening in our congregational life during these days.*

- Beginning with today's worship, the **Gospel texts for each Sunday for the next 8 weeks are taken from the Gospel of Mark**. We call this "Year B" in the 3-year Revised Common Lectionary or the Year of Mark. The Sunday readings will follow consecutively from this Gospel. I encourage you this week to set aside 45-60 minutes to read through the entire Gospel of Mark, preferably all at one sitting, so that you have the broader context in mind when you come to worship and listen to all the individual stories. We are, after all, Jesus people. Refreshing our memories with the entire Jesus' story in one Gospel strikes me as a good thing to do from time to time.
- With today's worship we move to **Setting Ten in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book**. This Setting uses a number of familiar hymn tunes for the liturgical pieces in the service (i.e. Kyrie, Cantic of Praise, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Agnus Dei). In all we have ten settings in the ELW for the Holy Communion celebration we engage in each week. Each setting contains options in the liturgy—pieces of liturgy that are intended to be used each week and then some options that MAY be included. We will not use all the options each week. Instead we will vary it a little each week, all around the basic structure of the liturgy—GATHERING, WORD, MEAL, SENDING.
- Here are some reminders about the **Special Congregation Meeting taking place at 10:45 a.m. today:**
  - 1) Be sure you sign in on the tablet circulating in the room so we have a written record of all attendees.
  - 2) One item, and one item only, is on the agenda—voting on the recommendation of the Call Committee to call Eric Youngdahl to be the next pastor at House of Prayer.
  - 3) The Call Committee will put the motion on the floor, anyone can second it, discussion, if any, follows, and then the Chair will call for the vote.
  - 4) Voting will be by paper ballot. A two thirds affirmative vote is needed to extend the Call to Pastor Youngdahl.
- If you have not done so already, check out the **article in the June Messenger about the Distinct Abilities Preschool (DAAP)**. I was encouraged and inspired. This congregation has every right to be proud of hosting this very special preschool in its building. The article was a God Sighting for me.
- I am paying attention these days to the **Rev. William Barber and the Poor People's Campaign** he is co-chairing. Google it. He sounds like a modern day prophet that we followers of Jesus ought to be listening to these days. **THE THIRD RECONSTRUCTION** is a recent book he has written.