



“. . . the kingdom of God . . . is like a mustard seed . . . the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 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.” – Mark 4:30, 31, 32

Prelude

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

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Welcome ~ Announcements ~ Sharing of Peace

Gathering Songs

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church we need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released the hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church we pray revive this earth

(Chorus) Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire win this nation back
Change the atmosphere build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church we are the hope on earth (Chorus)

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Greater

Bring your tired and bring your shame bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name you will always be much more to me

Every day I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm not right
But that's alright

(Chorus) 'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world
In the world in the world
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world

Bring your doubts and bring your fears bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here you are holy righteous and redeemed

And every time I fall there'll be those who will call me a mistake
Well that's ok (Chorus)

There'll be days I lose the battle Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war
I am learning to run freely understanding just how He sees me
And it makes me love Him more and more (Repeat)

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world
In the world in the world
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world

There'll be days I lose the battle Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war
I am learning to run freely understanding just how He sees me
And it makes me love Him more and more
My God is greater than he who is living in the world

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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God, our provider,

People: **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

People: **Amen.**

Song of Reflection

Holy Water

God I'm on my knees again God I'm begging please again
I need You oh I need You
Walking down these desert roads water for my thirsty soul
I need You oh I need You

(Chorus) Your forgiveness is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears like holy water on my skin

Dead man walking slave to sin I wanna know about being born again
I need You oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside take me under baptize
I need You oh God I need You oh (Chorus)

I don't wanna abuse Your grace God I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change (3x)

Your forgiveness is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears like holy water

Your forgiveness is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears like holy water on my skin
Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water

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Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel:

Mark 4:26-34, page 815

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.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Bill Boelter

Message Response

Word of God Speak

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayers

Invitation to Communion ~ Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Song

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

(Chorus) And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land (Chorus)

We will work with each other we will work side by side
We will work with each other we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride (Chorus)

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one (Chorus)

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Closing Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Pastor: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

And All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely when you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy to be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on but thank God it's all you need

(Chorus) And all the people said amen whoa and all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends and all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all (Chorus)

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God (Chorus)

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OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 13-19, 2021

WOW! What an awesome week we had at Vacation Bible School. This year we were at Big Fish Bay and it was an adventure! We were able to be together, sing, dance, run, learn about water safety, complete arts & crafts projects, and make new friends, all while learning about God's love.

Monday Pastor Kris told us the story of Jonah and the whale. He reminded us that God didn't give up on Jonah because God loved him, just like God won't give up on us because he loves us!

Tuesday we moved inside because Monday night's thunderstorm left Big Fish Bay a little soggy. The timing was fitting, as Pastor Tiffany told us the story of Noah's Ark. She reminded us that after the flood there was a rainbow that appeared. We know that the rainbow is a sign of God's love for us and for all of creation. ☒

Wednesday morning Pastor Bill shared the story of the fish and the coin from Matthew 17:24-27, reminding us to trust Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior who teaches us about God's love.

Thursday Pastor Kris was back again, this time telling us fishing stories (hard to believe for anyone who knows him). He told us about the time the disciples were fishing and they weren't catching anything but then Jesus told them to cast their net to the other side of the boat and to fish for people. These stories help to remind us that there is room for everyone and there is enough of God's love to go around.

Our 2021 Big Fish Bay Crew



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 9 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary,
10 a.m. radio broadcast on WDAY 970 AM, and
online anytime at olivet.org
Wednesdays: 5:45 p.m. in the outdoor worship area

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor Kris Gorden
Pastor Bill Boelter
Pastor Tiffany Sundeen
Music Marlys Herring
Music Sarah Morrau

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OFFICE HOURS Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon

News & Events



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to ensure we had a successful week of VBS!

Group leaders: Jenica Boelter, Posseh Kargbo, Addie Raum, Danielle McCoy, Brea Buzick, Avery Lundblad, Bailey Skarphol, Aiden Lundblad, Brynn Adsero, Abby Leinen, Kaia Davidson, Mylee Briggs, Grace Ryland, Brooklyn Altendorf, Yombo Conteh, Shannon Herman, Mette Krogstad, Autumn Boelter, Sala Urugazi, Carmen Keller, Eli Heyer, Mylee Briggs, Nevaeha Briggs, and Jonah Heyer

Recreation crew: Tyler Wright, Jazlyn Heilman, Layla Burgard, Grant Schluchter, Colby Ebeling, Mason Nester, and Ava Klein

Craft crew: Aubrie Heyer, Emma Burgard, Jill Foote, Elanor Lindquist, Lauren Schluchter, Nola Storm, Matthew Foote, and Tami Nester

VBS band: Jenica Boelter, Addie Raum, Danielle McCoy, Tyler Wright, Kris Gorden, Eli Heyer, and Marlys Herring

Lesson Leaders: Pastor Kris Gorden, Pastor Tiffany Sundeen, and Pastor Bill Boelter

Photographer: Jeanette Boelter

Videographer & Sound Director: Eric Heyer

Registration & Check-in: Amber Carroll and Sarah Lundblad

Health & Storytime: Bev Gravidahl and Sandy Wohlfeil

A special thank you to our fearless captain, Michelle Elness, and her deckhand, Bob Elness, for the many hours of planning, building, and setup/prep work that go into this week. We appreciate all you do for our youth!

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

STATISTICS FOR EVENTS & GIFTS MADE BETWEEN MAY 1-31, 2021

MEMBER DEATHS

May 3, 2021: Eleanor Infeld

MEMORIALS

Thank you to those who gave in honor or memory of their family and friends.

PARISH HEALTH

- **Eleanor Infeld:** Kathy Braaten
- **Lynn Brown:** Kathy Braaten

RADIO

- **Amie Dexter:** Mary Anne Laidlaw
- **Eleanor Infeld:** Don & Sheri Young, Dorothy Nystul, LuElla Kleingartner, Ray & Lois Shannon, Roger & Carol Young
- **Our friends who have lost loved ones:** Jeff & Kaley Mari

OLIVET FOOD PANTRY

- **Amie Dexter:** Natalie Toppen

QUILTERS

- **Eleanor Infeld:** Garry & Kay Bakken

BILL'S BIBLE STUDY

- **Eleanor Infeld:** Robert & Gloria Danielson

#SPREADTHELOVE FOOD DRIVE

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
~Ephesians 2:10

Since 2017, Olivet has done the good work of feeding people through our food pantry partnership with the Great Plains Food Bank. When the pandemic forced closures, our Olivet Food Pantry also closed. Although we were still able to help others through donating our goods to other pantries throughout the past year, we are eager to restart our operations here at Olivet in the fall. **Beginning September 20, we will reopen the Olivet Food Pantry** under new leadership. Our operations will be slightly different with guests driving up to get a box instead of visiting our pantry in the basement. This will make the ministry more efficient so we can serve more families in our community.

It is through the uplifting generosity of our Olivet family that we have been able to serve as many families as we have over the years. **We are ready to accept new donations to start the process of restocking our shelves and are asking for your help once again.** We have our blue Gate City Bank bags and a printed wish list ready for you to stop by and pick up outside the church office. Fill the reusable bag with your donations and drop them off at the church.

We are also looking for more volunteers to assist with a variety of needs associated with running the food pantry. Please contact Roger Larson via email if you are able to help: roger@gygtechnologies.com

It is through the support and generosity of our congregation that we are able to serve others as Jesus challenges us to do. **Thank you for making Olivet a place where people in our community find food and comfort.**

Wish List:

- Cereals - popular brands
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Laundry detergent
- Bar soap
- Ketchup
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Tomato Products
- Sugar (4 lb or smaller)
- Flour (5 lb)

Last Tuesday, we sent home bags with our VBS kids and invited them to participate in filling our food pantry. Their quick response to answering our call was amazing! They gave us an excellent jump start on filling our shelves. Thank you Big Fish Bay Crew and families for your support. You have set an excellent example for the rest of our congregation!



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER EVENTS

Every other week during the summer months we offer a youth event for middle school or high school students. Some weeks we are playing yard games, having bonfires, or enjoying an outdoor movie night at church. Other times will be out on the town - attending a Redhawks game, riding go-karts or playing mini-golf at Thunder Road or rollerblading and longboarding around Lindenwood. No matter where we end up, we know it will be a good time!

For our Wednesday evening events, we encourage you to join us for worship as a family, then send us off to continue the fun! Keep an eye on your email, Facebook, and our website for more information!

SAVE THE DATES

of August 11-12 because those days are going to be packed full of fun as we head to Minneapolis and hit up Valley Fair, a Twins Game, and volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. This two day trip is for all youth who have completed 5th-12th grade. You won't want to miss this one!

LAWNMOWER & MOWER DECK FOR SALE

2007 LawnBoy ZTR rider. 42" cutting width, Honda 2 cyl. Engine. New battery and new rear tires. Well maintained. Asking \$700.00.

54" John Deere Tri-cycle mower deck. Asking \$200.00.

Sale preference will be to an Olivet member with a reasonable offer. Your offer has to be received at the Olivet office by noon on June 24, 2021. If you have questions or would like a demo, contact Bob Elness at 701.235.6603.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Hey Olivet members - are you ready for some good old-fashioned family fun? If so, then we invite you to join us for a night at the RedHawks. Olivet has reserved a block of seats for the **7:02 p.m. game on Monday, June 21.**

Each ticket is \$7 and includes a reserved seat, hot dog, chips, and soda. We have just over 20 tickets remaining, so call the church office or [click here](#) reserve your ticket today!

WORSHIP BY THE LAKE

New this year - host a "worship by the lake." Not only do you get to stay at the lake, but you get to worship with your friends and family and one of our pastors will come to you! Whether you choose to host lakeside, on your lawn, boat, or in your home or garage, we know this will be a fun way to worship together.

What you do:

- Fill out the form at Olivet.org
- Start a list of people you will invite
- Find a few chairs
- Sit back, relax, and wait for us to come to you for worship!

What we do:

- Confirm the details of your hosted worship
- Design and print invites for you to distribute to friends, family, and neighbors
- Provide the message, the pastor, and the opportunity for you to worship

WOMEN'S SUMMER CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Join our Olivet pastors as we gather from **9-11 a.m. on June 16, July 21, and August 18 for the Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!) Bible Study.** In this three session summer series we will look at wisdom, truth and hope and how God's amazing activity continues to unfold in our lives.

The study information can be found in the Gather magazine, online at gathermagazine.org or you can pick up all materials in the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Tiffany Sundeen at tsundeen@olivet.org or 701.235.6603.

FROSTFIRE & JASPER'S, HERE WE COME!

Save the Dates - Pastor Bill is hitting the road to catch a few shows and he wants you to join him!

Wednesday, July 14 we are headed to FrostFire Theatre in Wahalla to take in "The Marvelous Wonderettes" and Thursday, August 19 we will be at it again as we make our way to Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids to see "Happy Together, Singing the Songs of the 60s." Stay tuned for additional information in coming weeks, including trip cost, departure and return times, and show details.