

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES CENTER
Oregon, Illinois

THE KING PROCLAIMS HIS KINGDOM
Retreat for Families from
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Marion, Illinois

May 3-4, 1996

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
M O R N I N G		8:00 Breakfast Worship 10:00 Story Telling for Adults "Improviseational Sermon" "Simple Story" "Point and Plot" Ant Study for Children
A F T E R N O O N		12:00 Lunch 1:00 Story Telling for Adults "Person and Plot" "Telling the Story" Stress/Challenge for Children 2:30 Hug A Tree 4:00 Stress/Challenge for Everyone 4:30 Clean up/Pack up
E V E N I N G	7:30 Arrival Get Acquainted "Paul' Stories" Evening Worship Snacks?	5:00 Supper 6:00 Sharing of Stories 7:00 Eucharist 7:30 Departure

Leaders: Pastors Paul Schwartzkopf & Jack Swanson

CHRIST PROCLAIMS THE KINGDOM OF GOD
THROUGH
PREACHING AND TEACHING
HEALING
FORGIVING AND LOVING
DOING GOOD AND MAKING GOOD.

Psalm 97

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let the many coastlands be glad!
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righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
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and consumes his adversaries on every side.
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the earth sees and trembles.
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- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
- 7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.
- 9 For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
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and give thanks to his holy name!

Mark 1:9-2:12

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;* with you I am well pleased."

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

40 A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." 41 Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" 42 Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, 44 saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 45 But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

2 1 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. 3 Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? 10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the paralytic-- 11 "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." 12 And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Luke 4:16-21

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because he has anointed me
 to bring good news to the poor.
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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Psalm 98

- 1 O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.
- 2 The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
- 8 Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
- 9 at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- 4 Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- 9 Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.