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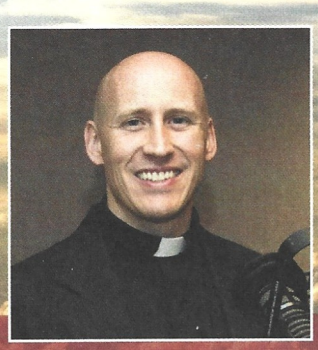

WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

A word of encouragement from Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of ***The Lutheran Hour®***

God designed you to move. We move from one town to another. We move through seasons of adventure and trial. A move may require saying goodbye, letting go of familiarity, or purging what we don't need. We adapt and grow.

God also created us for movement *in faith* toward Him and in love toward others. He's called us to journey toward trusting our Creator, following His lead, loving like He loves. And He uses His Word as the vehicle to take us to His intended destination.

Where God's Word is present, it reduces our misplaced self-confidence to ashes.

In the wilderness, God made His Word visible to the Israelites. He told Moses to set up a tabernacle, a dwelling place for God, wherever the people camped. Above this tabernacle, a pillar—cloud by day, fire by night—reached from heaven to earth. God also made faith dynamics visible in the sacrifices He instituted through Moses.

By making His Word visible, God purged the people. He prepared them so He could *move* them, away from dead-end faith in themselves, toward faith in God and love for neighbor.

Which brings us to His Son, Jesus.

The Bible tells us, *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us"* (John 1:14 ESV). Literally, it means He "pitched His tent." He set up His tabernacle among us. In Jesus, God's Word became visible because He loves us, which He proved by giving His life on the cross.

Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice to purge us of our misplaced faith in self. He rose from the dead to move us into camp with His people. And by His Spirit in us, He follows us, fills us, and moves us forward—through the wilderness and to the Promised Land of His New Creation.

Today, God still makes His Word visible in the community of people who camp around His living Word, Jesus. He is visible in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and in the water of Baptism. He is present in all creation, but He wants us to see Him in the community called the church.

Life is full of movement, but we are in the right place. In this life, we are "at home" wherever God's Word is at work in us, moving us deeper in faith. God Himself moved to make this home for us. He moved in fire, cloud, tabernacle—and greater yet, in His personal Word, Jesus.

We're still en route … and yet, we're home already in Him.

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