

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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Great Commission

INTRODUCTION

No one can make anyone follow Jesus. What the disciples receive is the word from the living Christ that continues to beckon them to follow. What the disciples have is the word from the living Christ that beckons others to follow. His promise is that "I am with you always, to the close of the age." True authority is what gives people the confidence to follow. And this is what Jesus says about himself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" #579 ELW
(Verses 1-4 Please Stand on the Last Verse)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

Here local bodies of water may be named.

All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of action,

you sent your disciples into the world preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16-20

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 40:9-10

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

¹⁰I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #547 ELW

Please stand if able

APOSTLE'S 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 OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Breathe life and peace into your creation. Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging winds. Bless environmentalists, engineers, and legislators who work to curb pollution and to ensure clean air for us and for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give to all government leaders a renewed spirit of humility and servanthood, following the example of Christ, our leader, savior, and ruler. Uphold cease-fires, treaties, and all agreements and agencies that further the cause of peace on earth (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the resurrection of the wounded Christ, draw near to those wounded in body or spirit. Liberate all who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Restore faith to the despairing and hope to the suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protect and provide for all whom you send out in mission across the world. Empower global mission organizations and partners who provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all the saints who believed in you and who now enjoy eternal life in your name (*especially*). Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.

Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.

Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast. All are welcome! (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Send Me, Oh Lord”

#809 ELW

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones

Ushers: 8:30am – Judy Wozney & Shirley Moe

10:00am – Darrell Kelly

Hospitality: Penny Sjoquist, Karen & Rich Carron

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019: 8:30 am 98 10:00 am 72

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

April 29, 2019 – May 5, 2019

Sunday	4/28	9:45 am	Drawing for Hardanger
		2:00-4:00	Junk Bingo
Monday	4/29	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/30	12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	5/1	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		1:00-2:30pm	Food Safety Classes
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/2	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:00 am	Worship & Music Meeting (Beanery, Aitkin)
		12:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	5/3	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	5/5	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew.

CHOIR PRACTICE Choir practice has started on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in singing with the choir can just come to practice. Everyone is welcome.

MEMORY GARDEN we are taking paver orders until Mother's Day. You may order an engraved paver to honor anyone special (living or deceased.) A large paver is \$35; a small paver \$25. Order forms can be found in the narthex. Return completed forms to Val Benton or place in the office Memory Garden mailbox.

JELLY MAKING The date for our annual jelly making has been set for Mon., May 6th at 8 AM. Please come and join in the fun. No experience needed. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall. The jelly will be sold at the veggie stand this summer. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund. Donations are very welcome. Items needed:

Sugar ----- 150 lbs.

Strawberry jello -----14 (3oz) boxes

Sure Jell ----- about 14 boxes

Regular mouth lids & rings----8 boxes

Also need lots of jars, so bring in your empties. If you have rhubarb or hot peppers in your freezer from last year we could use that also. **All donations need to be in by April 30th so we can go shopping for the remaining items needed.** Thank you to everyone that helps out.

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Purchasing a \$1 chance this month to win a 35 inch by 11 inch Hardanger table runner. The winner will be drawn today during Fellowship hour after the first worship service. We hope you participate each month for a chance to win a different prize each month. Thank you for your support. *Need not be present to win.*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY During the month of May we are collecting school supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers, scissors, pencil pouches, small tablets, and construction paper. Plastic shoe boxes with covers are also needed. The boxes will be packed in by VBS kids in June. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

MALMO AREA LIONS are looking for gently used stuffed animals for the annual community picnic on June 19th, 2019.

CENTENNIAL JAM is on sale today for \$5/jar in the fellowship hall after worship. All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

SPRING LADIES LUNCHEON Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at Malmo Evangelical Free Church. Noon-2:00pm. RSVP by May 2nd – leave voice message at 320 684-2201 or email: malmoefc@frontier.com. All ladies invited and bring a friend. See post on bulletin board.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to all of the women for helping to make the Heartland Spring Gathering a great success and a special day. So many hands went into making Wednesday memorable.

INGRIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RUSSIA There is a letter from the Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia on the church's web site: <http://blcmalmo.org/2019/04/24/ingrian-lutheran-church-of-russia/> It tells both of the struggles and joys that the Lutheran church is facing. Please keep them in your prayers.

VBS INVITES KIDS to discover that God is good even when life gets wild. They will learn about animals and life in Africa. Vacation Bible School will be held June 17-21 for ages 4-12. 6th graders and older are welcome as helpers. Please invite your grand, great grand or neighbor kids to join us for the week. If they have attended in the past the registration form will be mailed to them. On line registration will also be available at <http://blcmalmo.org/2019/04/26/vacation-bible-school-2019/>. Please consider joining the fun that week by volunteering to help in any way you feel comfortable. Contact Joanne Stueven or Dianne Jones.

BINGO! today at 2:00pm. Welcome Back Snowbirds! Join in on the Centennial Celebration by meeting up with some Snow Birds to play bingo. Bring an appetizer/hors d'oeuvres to share. We will supply beverages. Free will donation. All proceeds go towards our Centennial Celebration in August.